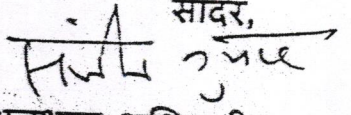


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To

The Directors/Project Directors of ICAR Research
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Subject: Recruitment of Senior Technical Officers(STOs)(T-6) at ICAR Headquarters & Institutes /Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB)- reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to Council's letter No. TS 19(11)/2010-Estt. IV(ii) dated 07.09.2018 conveying the decision of the Hon'ble Governing Body of the Council taken in its 244th meeting held on 27.06.2018, declaring the STOs/SMSs as two distinct PAN-ICAR cadres and prescribing centralized recruitment of STOs/SMSs (DR vacancies) through ARS Examination conducted by ASRB. It was also conveyed to all ICAR institutes *inter-alia* that the candidates appearing for the ARS Examination will have an option of choosing services as per merit and preference.

Now, the minimum qualification for the recruitment to the post of Scientists in ICAR has been revised from Master's degree in the relevant subject to Ph.D. degree in the relevant subject vide ICAR's OM No. 8(1)/2019-Pers.IV dated 12.02.2019. However, the qualifications for the post of STO/SMS remains as a Post Graduation (a Master's degree) in relevant field in the concerned functional group [as prescribed in ICAR's letter no. 19(10)/2004-Estt. IV dated 24.2.2006].

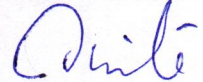
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In view of the above, the Hon'ble Governing Body of the Council in its 249th meeting held on 03.02.2020 considered and approved the proposal to de-link the recruitment of STOs/SMSs from ARS Examination and to recruit STOs/SMSs through the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB). The scheme of examination shall be as under :

- i. The candidates applying for a STO/SMS vacancy shall have to opt for the examination for one of the NET disciplines.
- ii. The candidates securing minimum qualifying marks shall be shortlisted for viva-voce in the ratio of 1: 5 for each vacancy. The viva-voce will be of 30 marks. The marks scored in viva-voce shall be added to the marks scored in the NET Examination to arrive at the final merit for each post.
- iii. Separate question paper will be got prepared for those functional groups under the Technical Service Rules for which there is no discipline under NET and the examination can be held along with NET examination.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Sunita Sharma)
Deputy Secretary(TS)

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