



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Agriculture Department - Establishment – Temporary promotion to the post of Agricultural Officers – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (ESTT-A) DEPARTMENT
G.O (Rt) No.1246/12/AD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12.6.2012.

- Read :-
1. G.O (MS) No.285/89/AD dated 13.11.1989.
 2. G.O (MS) No.7/80/AD dated 8.1.1980.
 3. G.O (MS) No.15/89/AD dated 16.1.1989.
 4. G.O (MS) No.291/99/AD dated 12.10.1999.
 5. G. O (Rt) No. 1342/08/AD dated 10.7.2008.
 6. Representation dated nil submitted by Sunil Varghese, Smt.Vijayalakshmi, Sreedevi V.M. Etc. and Agricultural Officers' Rank Holders Association.
 7. Letter No.SB (1) 26167/2011 dated 4.8.2011 from Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.
 8. Interim Order dated 5.4.2011 in W.P (C) No.10924/2011 filed by Shri.Joshy Paul and other.
 9. W.P (C) No.23905/2011 filed by Shri.Jibi PR and another.

ORDER

As per Government Orders read as 1st to 5th paper above, Government had fixed method and qualification for appointment to the post of Agricultural Officers. Accordingly, 85% vacancies of Agricultural Officers are to be filled by direct recruitment, 13% from Agricultural Assistants having 10 years service and passed suitability test conducted by Kerala Public Service Commission and remaining 2% from Agricultural Assistants having Bsc degree in Agriculture and 3 years' service.

Now as per representation read as 6th paper above, it has been requested to fill the vacancies of Agricultural Officers remaining unfilled under 13% quota under which no qualified hands are available from 2% quota or from Kerala Public Service Commission Rank List.

As per letter read as 7th paper above, the Director of Agriculture has reported that as per the existing staff pattern, the quota fixed for 2% B.Sc degree holders is 24 and the actual number in position is 24. The 25 vacancies remaining unfilled is under the 13% quota under which no qualified hands are available. As per the Select List, under 2% quota for 2010, 9 Agricultural Assistants having B.Sc degree are waiting for promotion for want of vacancies under 2% exclusively reserved for them. No select list is prepared for 2011, as there were no anticipated vacancies for 2011 under 2% quota.

Government have examined the matter in detail. It is seen the Agriculture Department is facing severe scarcity of Agricultural Officers. 25 posts of agricultural Officers belonging to the candidates under 13% quota are remaining vacant due to non-availability of qualified hands under the quota. It is highly essential to fill these vacancies to sort out the man power requirement of the Department. The vacancies to be filled by promotion/transfer appointment cannot be filled by appointment from a valid PSC rank list, unless it is so provided in the Special Rules/Executive orders, even though eligible candidates in the feeder category are not available.

In the circumstances in order to solve the crucial administrative difficulties faced by the Department due to scarcity of Agricultural Officers, Government are pleased to order that the vacancies available in 13% quota will be filled from qualified Agricultural Assistants having B.Sc degree in Agriculture and having 3 years service by temporary appointment under Rule 9 (a) i, Part II, KS&SSRs and remaining vacancies, if any, through Employment Exchange, subject to the condition that these candidates will be reverted back as and when eligible hands under 13% quota become available for promotion. It is also ordered that these temporary appointments are subject to decisions in Writ Petition read as 8th and 9th paper above, pending before Hon'ble High Court.

(By order of the Governor),
S.Rajan,
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

To

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (A&E)/ (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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Section Officer.