

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Government of India has decided to setup the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) vide its Order No. 9-2/2005-RFS-IV dated 3.11.2006. The Authority is a two tier structure. The first tier is the Governing Board headed by Union Minister of Agriculture and the second tier is the Executive Committee headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will be supported by five Technical Experts. The Authority will be serviced by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

In order to ensure the widest possible choice for selecting the CEO and the Technical Experts it has been decided by the Search Committee that a cross section of Departments, Organizations and Authorities should be approached to seek nominations of candidates for these posts. Accordingly it is requested that you may kindly send nominations together with bio-data and other relevant information for these posts.

The requirements for the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Technical Experts and other service conditions are as below.

1. Chief Executive Officer: (Pay Scale: Rs. 26000/- Per Month)

i. Academic Qualifications: Post-graduate degree preferably in science or technology. Ph.D and higher degrees will be an advantage.

ii. Experience

(i) The Chief Executive Officer shall be a person of outstanding caliber and eminence with rich field experience and administrative acumen. Expertise in the areas of policy planning implementation, participatory management, natural resources management including land and water management, soil conservation, livestock, dairy and fisheries development including other allied sectors is desirable.

(ii) More than 16 years of experience in senior positions in the area of research / development administration.

(iii) CEO should be a person who is capable of creating a comprehensive vision and encouraging innovation. He should be able to mobilize the team and get them to deliver in accordance with pre-determined milestones and outcomes. In order to achieve this, he should, in addition to having knowledge of the various facets of natural resources management, be able to inspire the team and possess the ability to network with Ministries / Govt. Departments and other Agencies who will be involved in achieving the objectives of the National Rainfed Area Authority.

Other terms and conditions:-

(i) The CEO shall hold office for a term of five years or upto the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier.

(ii) The CEO shall be in the rank and pay scale of Secretary to the Government of India in line with the status accorded to the Chief Executive Officers of similarly placed organizations e.g. Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and the National Wasteland Development Board. Appointment as CEO shall be made either on deputation or on contract basis.

(iii) If a person who is not a government servant is appointed as CEO, such appointment will be made on contract basis.

(iv) In the case of an outstanding person, conditions regarding qualifications and experience can be relaxed.

Salary, allowances, conditions of service, leave pension, provident fund etc. of the CEO:

The CEO shall be entitled to such salary, allowances, leave, pension, provident fund and other prerequisites as are admissible to equivalent posts in the Government of India.

The candidate selected for the CEO of NRAA should preferably have 5 year term of service. Hence, those who would be less than 60 years of age as on 31st March, 2007 may be given preference.

2. Technical Experts: - (Pay Scale: Rs. 22400-525-24500/- or Rs. 18400-500-22400/- Per Month)

There will be five Technical Experts in the fields of Water Management; Agriculture / Horticulture; Animal Husbandry and Fisheries; Forestry and Watershed Development. The Technical Experts will be appointed in the rank equivalent of Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary to the Government of India and extended the corresponding scale of pay and allowances.

Age:- The candidate should hold the office for a term of five years or upto the age of 65 years whichever is earlier. Those candidates who are less than 60 years age as on 31st March, 2007 may be given preference.

Other requirements for Technical Experts are as below

1. Technical Expert (Water Management)

Academic Qualification – Minimum M.Sc./M.Tech. or equivalent with good academic records. Higher qualification, such as, Ph.D etc. will be preferred.

Experience - The candidate should have at least ten years experience in a senior position in the field of water management.

Fields of specialization – Enhancing water productivity, improving water use efficiency in varying quality water, recycling of industrial and domestic affluent, ground water utilization, economic evaluation of water use and systems of application.

2. Technical Expert (Agriculture/ Horticulture)

Academic Qualification – Minimum M.Sc. in the fields of Agriculture / Horticulture with good academic records. Higher qualification, such as, Ph.D with good grades and added qualifications will be preferred.

Experience - The candidate should have at least ten years field / research experience in a senior position in the field of Dryland Agriculture / Horticulture.

Fields of Specialization – Experience in assessment, management and mitigation of droughts, climatic and other associated risks. He should have an expert knowledge of crop husbandry, crop specific technologies and horticultural practices.

3. Technical Expert (Animal Husbandry and Fisheries)

Academic Qualification – Minimum M.Sc. in the fields of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and equivalent with good academic records. Higher qualification, such as, Ph.D with good grades and added qualifications will be preferred.

Experience - The candidate should have at least ten years field / research experience in a senior position in the field of Livestock or Fishery production in rainfed eco-system.

Fields of Specialization – Experience in Livestock generation and conservation, dairying, promoting milk co-operatives and rearing of small ruminants especially by the landless, small and marginal farmers and women, pastures and common property management.

4. Technical Expert (Forestry) –

Academic Qualification – Minimum M.Sc. in the field of Forestry with good academic records. Higher qualification, such as, Ph.D with good grades and added qualifications will be preferred.

Experience - The candidate should have at least ten years field / research experience in a senior position in the field of Forestry including generation and management of bio-mass.

Fields of Specialization – Experience in management of biomass, bio-fuels, fuel wood, industrial plantation, medicinal plants, range lands, grasses, feed and fodder production, joint forest management, minor forest produce, in-situ rainwater conservation and management.

5. Technical Expert (Watershed Development) –

Academic Qualification - M.Sc. / M.Tech in soil, agronomy, soil physics, soil and water conservation engineering and equivalent. Ph.D and higher qualifications will be preferred.

Experience - The candidate should have at least ten years field / research experience in a senior position in the field of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management.

Field of Specialization – Experience in mobilization of communities, capacity building, participatory rural appraisals, alternative institutions, conservation of water, soil and vegetation, water harvesting, recycling and equitable distribution, devising activities for asset less, landless, women.

Nominations / applications of suitable candidates along with their bio-data may be sent to the address of Joint Secretary (RFS), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 155, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110001. The last date for receipt of application / nomination is 31st January, 2007.

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Distribution:

1. Present and former Director Generals of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Director General, CSIR.

