

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
(Natural Resource Management Division)

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**Subject: Filling up of two posts of Technical Experts (one each in area of Agriculture/Horticulture & Watershed Development) in National Rainfed Area Authority on deputation (including short term contract) basis-reg.**

National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) has been established by Government of India, as repository of knowledge and package of practices for enhancing productivity of dryland/rainfed area on sustainable basis. NRAA is an attached office of DAC & FW and is mandated for identification of best package of practices for rainfed agriculture available across different research organizations for development of rainfed most vulnerable districts; suggest area specific farming system particularly for these districts to achieve goal of making agriculture sustainable and profitable; piloting of such farming systems; assist states in revisiting the District Irrigation Plans (DIPs) and Annual Action Plans of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY); to set research agenda for development of new technology for emerging challenges in dryland/rainfed area; monitoring and evaluation of programme implementation and study of various agro-forestry models suitable to most vulnerable districts and recommending the most appropriate models for implementation.

2. The posts of two Technical Experts (one each in area of Agriculture/Horticulture & Watershed Development) are required to be filled up on deputation/short term contract basis. In order to ensure the best talent, it was decided that a cross section of concerned Departments, Organizations and Authorities should be approached to seek nomination of candidates for the posts. Accordingly it is requested to seek nominations/ applications along with their bio-data and other information for the said two posts of Technical Experts from officers of the concerned Central or State Governments, State Agricultural Universities or Research Institutes or Organizations.

3. The posts of Technical Experts are in Level of the Pay Matrix-15 {(Rs. 1,82,200-2,24,100)- Additional Secretary} for officials working as Joint Secretary or equivalent on regular basis in their parent department for about 5 years or in the Level of the Pay Matrix - 14 {(Rs. 1,44,200-2,18,200)- Joint Secretary} for officials working as Additional Commissioner/Director or equivalent on regular basis in their parent department for about 5 years. The academic qualification & experience etc. required for these two posts are as under:-

