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Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
( RFS Division )  
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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Government of India has setup the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) vide 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 the Union Minister of Agriculture and the second tier is the Executive Committee, headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is supported by five Technical Experts. The Authority is being serviced by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India and is located at New Delhi.

NRAA is looking for a highly qualified specialist for the post of Technical Expert (Agriculture/Horticulture). The details of the post are as below.

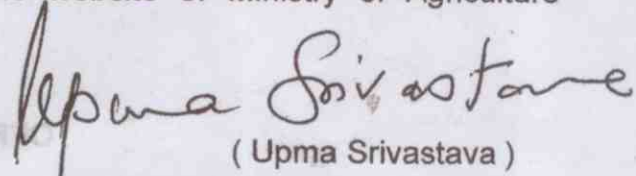
1. **Tenure** : The Technical Expert shall hold the office for a term of five years or upto the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier. Those candidates who are less than 60 years age may be given preference.
2. **Status and Pay Scale**: The post of Technical Expert is equivalent to the Additional Secretary or Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the rank and in the pay scale of Rs. 22400-525-24500/- or Rs. 18400-500-22400/- (Pre-revised).
3. **Academic Qualifications**: - 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. In the case of an outstanding person, conditions regarding qualifications and experience can be relaxed.
4. **Experience** - The candidate should have at least ten years field / research experience in a senior position in the field of Dryland Agriculture / Horticulture.
5. **Fields of Specialization** - Experience in assessment, management and mitigation of droughts, climatic and other associated risks. The candidate should have an expert knowledge on crop husbandry, crop specific technologies and horticultural practices.
6. **Salary, allowances, conditions of service, leave pension, provident fund etc. of the Technical Expert** : He/she 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. If, a non Government Servant is appointed as Technical Expert, such appointment will be made on contract basis.

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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 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

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( Upma Srivastava )

Joint Secretary to Govt. of India

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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.
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3. Director General of Re-settlement of the Armed Forces.
4. Chairman, NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development).
5. Secretaries, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water Resources, Environment and Forests, Panchayati Raj, Department of Agricultural Research & Education and Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
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