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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE
Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-I, Pusa, New Delhi-110012

F.No. 1(4)/2023-Exam Dated the 14th March, 2023

COMBINED NOTIFICATION FOR NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET)- 2023, SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALIST (SMS) (T-6) & SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER (STO) (T-6) EXAMINATION - 2023

The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold a combined examination for NET-2023, Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) (T-6) and Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) Examination-2023 in Online computer based (CBT) mode in a staggered slot-wise examination format as per the Rules and Schemes of Examination indicated in this notification as at Section (A), (B) and (C) respectively. Candidates are advised to read the notification carefully before filling the Online Application Form wherein Section (A), Section (B) and Section (C) contain the specific details with respect to NET-2023, SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) respectively.

IMPORTANT DATES*:

Submission of online application starts on	22nd March 2023 (10:00 AM)
Last date and time for submission of online application form	10th April 2023 (05:00 PM)
Dates of online (CBT) examination for NET-2023, SMS (T-6) & STO (T-6)	26th April - 30th April 2023

* subject to change

2. CENTRES:-

The Centres where the combined Examination will be conducted in Online Computer Based Test (CBT) mode are mentioned in **Annexure-II.** The Centres and date(s) of holding the examination as mentioned above could be changed at the discretion of ASRB. Candidates must select the centres of examination carefully while submitting their online application for the examination. No request for change of centre shall be entertained at later stage. There may be more than one venue at any/ all centres depending upon the number of candidates registered for the examination.

3. APPLICATION FEE: -

S. No.	Category of candidate	For NET (₹)	For SMS (T-6) (₹)	For STO (T-6) (₹)
1	Unreserved (UR)	1000/-	500/-	500/-
2	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC)	500/-	500/-	500/-
3	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / Women	250/-	NIL/-	NIL/-

As the candidates can exercise their option for being considered either for NET or SMS or STO or any combination of the three, the application fee shall be paid by the candidates depending upon the option they exercised.

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Transaction charges for Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI payment, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

The fee must be paid through *Bharatkosh* (bharatkosh.gov.in)as per instruction given in Annexure-I as well as the online application form available on the website: http://www.asrb.org.in only. Mere payment of fees in *Bharatkosh* without successful submission of application form (till the last date and time for submission of online application form) will not be considered. Neither such fee would be refunded nor kept in reserve for any other examination/ purpose.

4. HOW TO APPLY:-

A candidate seeking admission to the examination must apply online in the prescribed Application Form available on the website: http://www.asrb.org.in. Important Instructions to the candidates for filling online application are given in **Annexure-I**.

Candidate must read the provisions, contained in this Notification carefully and shall abide by the same. Candidate must fulfil all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications, etc. prescribed for admission to the examination.

The online Application filling process will be opened from **1000 Hrs on 22.03.2023 till 1700 Hrs on 10.04.2023** after which the link will automatically get disabled.

The candidates are not required to attach copy of any of the documents /certificates in support of their candidature at the time of submission of online application. The candidates in their own interest must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the examination. In the event of ineligibility being detected by the Board at any stage, including after declaration of result, their candidature shall be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.

As NET Certificate would be issued to the qualified candidates through DigiLocker app only, due care should be taken by the candidates to fill up their online application form. No request for change in any field i.e., Centre of Examination, Discipline, Name, Father's Name, Date of Birth, Gender, E-mail Id, Mobile No., Phone No., Category, Medium of Examination etc. will be considered under any circumstances. Candidates are, therefore, advised to be very careful while filling up their application forms.

5. IMPORTANT NOTES:-

i. **Candidates must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination such as the qualification, discipline, age, category, etc. Their admission to the examination will be purely provisional. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfil all eligibility conditions; their candidature will be cancelled/ rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited. The verification of the eligibility of the candidates for SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) with respect to the documents submitted by them will be done before the conduct of interviews. The Board shall summarily reject the candidature of the candidate, if he/she does not fulfil the eligibility conditions.**

ii. Candidates seeking reservation/ relaxation benefits available for SC/ ST/ OBC/ EWS/ PwBD must ensure that they are entitled to such reservation/ relaxation as per eligibility prescribed in the Rules/ Notice. They should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim as stipulated in the Rules/ Notice for such benefits, and these certificates should be issued not later than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

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iii. The candidates are not required to attach any certificates/marksheets with the online application form. **The candidates of SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) who qualify the online CBT examination will be required to submit (upload) self-attested copies of documents/certificates in support of their candidature during the dates which would be announced at the time of declaration of the results of the online (CBT) examination, failing which they would not be allowed to appear in the interview. A link will be provided on ASRB's website for the candidates to upload the requisite documents.**

iv. In cases, where any certificates/documents submitted by the candidates in support of their eligibility as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, are not found as per prescribed formats, such candidates will not be given the opportunity to submit such certificates at a later date and consequently their eligibility will be scrutinized only as per the available documents/certificates. Accordingly, **the candidates are advised to ensure, while submitting the documents, that all the certificates/ documents are in the respective prescribed format as given in the Appendix-I, II, III, IV and V. The documents/certificates in any language other than the Hindi or English will not be accepted**. In such cases, the candidates must submit either the certificates/documents in Hindi/English or its translated copy duly attested by Notary Public.

v. Candidates already in the Service of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Central/State Government/Scientific Institutions/Universities, whether in a permanent or a temporary capacity or as a work charged employee, other than a casual or daily rated employee, are required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the examination. However, a candidate seeking age relaxation on account of being ICAR Employee must attach a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-V** from the concerned ICAR's Institute at the time of submission of documents/certificates. Candidates should obtain permission/NOC from his/her employer immediately while applying and keep it for future requirements.

vi. **OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website** www.ncbc.nic.in**) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.**

vii. In case the claim of candidates regarding Age, Educational Qualifications, Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Scheduled Caste(SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / being ICAR employee is found to be incorrect, it may render them liable to be disqualified by the Board / ICAR and their candidature will stand cancelled.

viii. No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he/she holds a certificate of admission for the examination. After downloading the Admission Certificate, check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of Controller of Examinations, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to netsmssto@asrb.org.in.

ix. No request for withdrawal of candidature/application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained.

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x. The Admission Certificates would be made downloadable from the website: http://www.asrb.org.in only about one week prior to the date of examination. Candidates are requested to visit the website: www.asrb.org.in regularly for updates. No other form of communication will be used for issue of admission certificates.

xi. Only such EWS/SC/ST/OBC/PwBD candidates who are selected on the same general standard as applied to UR candidates shall be treated as own merit candidates. If any EWS/SC/ST/OBC and PwBD candidate qualify after getting any relaxation in age or qualifying marks than what is prescribed for Unreserved category candidates, then such EWS/ SC/ST/OBC/PwBD candidate shall be considered only against the reserved vacancies for the respective category and they shall not be considered for appointment against an unreserved vacancy.

xii. The Interview letters for interview of SMS (T-6) / STO (T-6) shall be sent through e-mail and all instructions/information thereof will be indicated therein. No hard copy / letter will be sent for this purpose.

xiii. The applicants are advised to regularly check the ASRB website and e-mail provided in the Application Form for update(s)/ information/ communication with regard to the Examination. They must check the spam/junk/inbox/trash folders also of their mailbox. They are also advised to save the e-mail netsmssto@asrb.org.in in contacts of their e-mail account so as the e-mails with attachments sent by this e-mail I.D. do not go to the spam folder.

xiv. The candidates are advised to regularly visit the ASRB's website: http://www.asrb.org.in. All the information related to the examination will be uploaded/ updated on this website only.

xv. Syllabus for NET is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB's website: https://www.asrb.org.in/9-syllabus/27-syllabus.

xvi. All communications in respect of an application made for this Examination should be addressed to the Examination Section, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to netsmssto@asrb.org.inand should invariably contain the following particulars:-

1. Name and year of Examination: Combined NET-2023, Subject Matter Specialist (T-6) and Senior Technical Officer (T-6) Examination-2023
2. Name of candidate (In full and in Capital letters)
3. Registration No.
4. Centre of Examination
5. Roll No. (If communicated)
6. E mail id (as indicated in the Application Form)
7. Telephone/Mobile number

Note: - Communication not containing the above particulars will not be attended to.

xvii. Please note that carrying Smart Mobile Phones/ pagers/ smart devices or any other communication device is absolutely prohibited in the Examination Centre premises. Any infringement of this instruction can lead to disqualification of the candidate concerned. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of these item(s) to the Examination venue since the provision for their safe keeping cannot be assured. The candidates are also advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Venue. The Board will not be responsible for any loss incurred due to non-adherence of these instructions.

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xviii. The online examination will be conducted in the designated Centres/cities at single or multiple venues. The questions of the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. in Hindi and English medium. The applicants will have to indicate their medium of Examination in the online application form itself. The answers to the questions are to be registered on the Computer itself during the Examination.

xix. The candidates will be at liberty to communicate in Hindi or English during the Interview for SMS (T-6)/ STO (T-6).

xx. In case of any discrepancy between English and Hindi versions of the Notification/ advertisement /information, the English version as available on the Website of the Board will be treated as final.

xxi. This notification is available on ASRB's Website: http://www.asrb.org.in

xxii. The candidates are required to bring along with them the original of the Photo Identity Card uploaded in the online application form and two photographs apart from the Admission Certificate to be issued by ASRB while coming for the Examination at all applicable stages (i.e. online CBT and interview). In case the candidate does not present the original Identity Card at the registration desk at the centre, he/she will not be allowed to take the examination/ Interview under any circumstances.

xxiii. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him/her for admission to the examination.

xxiv. All the relevant guidelines and instructions issued by MHA/ National Disaster Management Authority regarding COVID-19 shall be strictly followed.

xxv. A candidate who is or has been declared by the Board guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tempered with or of making statements which are incorrect or false or of suppressing material information or otherwise resorting to any other irregular or improper means for obtaining admission to the examination, or of using or attempting to use unfair means or of misbehaviour or misconduct in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution and disqualification from the examination concerned:

a) Be debarred permanently or for a specific period,
   - By the Board, from admission to any examination or appearance at an interview held by the Board for selection of candidates and
   - By the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Employment under them

b) Will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he/she is already in service under Government / Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities.

xxvi. The decision of the ASRB / ICAR in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination (s) and interview, allotment of examination centres, selection and allotment of posts to selected candidates will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

Sd/-

(RAKESH BHARDWAJ)
CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

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ANNEXURE-I

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

i. Candidates are required to apply online using the application form link available on the website: http://www.asrb.org.in only. No other mode of filling of application is allowed. They can exercise their option in the Application Form for being considered either for NET only, SMS (T-6) only, STO (T-6) only or any combination of the three; eligible candidates are hereby informed that the details they provide in the Online Application Form will be used for all future references and no modification thereto can be done subsequently. **Hence, they are advised to be very careful while filling the Application Form. They are, therefore, requested to thoroughly read this Notification before filling the online Application Form**.

ii. Candidates should submit only one application form and exercise their option for the examination therein. In case multiple applications are received from a candidate, the latest application will be considered, ignoring all earlier one(s) received; without refunding/ adjusting any Application Fee received for the other Applications.

iii. Candidates are required to complete the Application Form by filling all the parts for which they will be guided during the course of filling the Application Form.

iv. Candidates are required to keep ready the following relevant details /information / documents at the time of filling the online form:

a) Combined Notification for NET-2023, SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) Examination-2023.
b) Name (as recorded in Secondary level Examination certificate)
c) Father's name (as recorded in the Secondary level Examination certificate)
d) Complete Address for Correspondence
e) Complete Permanent Address
f) Matriculation or equivalent Certificate
g) Master's Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheets; if available.
h) Doctorate Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheet; if available.
i) Centre opted for Combined NET-2023, SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) Examination-2023
(Please check the examination centres in **Annexure – II** of this notification).
j) Scanned copy of recent passport size photograph taken against white background only, of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only with the face covering at least 2/3rd of the total space and taken without spectacles.
k) Scanned copy of signatures taken in Black/Blue ink on a white paper only of a maximum size of 80 KB in .jpg format only.
l) Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI details for online payment of fee.
m) Valid and active e-mail id.
n) The candidate should have details of one Photo ID viz. Aadhar Card/ Voter Card/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ Any other photo ID card issued by the State/ Central Government. The details of this photo ID will have to be provided by the candidate while filling up the online application form. The candidates will have to upload a scanned copy of the Photo ID whose details have been provided in the online application by him/her. This photo ID will be used for all future references and the candidate is advised to carry this ID while appearing for the examination at the opted/ allotted centre.

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v. The candidates are required to enter their valid and active e-mail id in the Application Form since all communication/information/update(s) for this Examination would be sent to this e-mail id only. In case, they do not have an e-mail id, they may obtain one from any of the e-mail service providers of the candidate's choice. Please note that entry of the e-mail id in the prescribed field in the Application Form is mandatory/ compulsory.

vi. For payment of Application Fee, please follow the following steps:

1.	Open the website https://Bharatkosh.gov.in/
2.	Click on '**Non-Registered Users**'
3.	Select '**Individual**' in depositor's category
4.	When searching in the purpose category, select Ministry as "**001-Agriculture**"
5.	To pay Fee for NET-2023, SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) Examination-2023, select the following against the PURPOSE option: 'Examination/ certificate fee for ARS/NET/STO/FAO/AO'
6.	Confirm 'PAO' is **000001 – PAO (Sectt)-I**
7.	Confirm 'DDO' is **216968 – Add. ASRB, Krishi Anusandhan Bhawan I**
8.	Fill amount and details about payment in remarks as per the following depending upon the combination selected in application form: (i) Fee for NET-2023 (ii) Fee for SMS-2023 (iii) Fee for STO-2023 (iv) Fee for NET-2023 & SMS-2023 (v) Fee for NET-2023 & STO-2023 (vi) Fee for SMS-2023& STO-2023 (vii) Fee for NET-2023, SMS-2023& STO-2023 ***[For Fee details, please refer to para 3 of the Notification (page 1-2)]***
9.	Enter Captcha and Press **Add**
10.	Go to *Next page* and fill depositors' details
11.	Make online payment through Debit/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI
12.	Print Receipt for payment
13.	Upload Receipt in the online application form, along with other requisite information

vii. The candidate should keep the scanned copy of his/her recent passport size photograph taken against a white background of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only (with the face covering at least 2/3rd of the total space for easy identification) and Scanned copy of his/her Signature (taken in blue/ black ink only on a white paper for prominence) of a maximum size of 80 KB in .jpg format only for uploading during the process of Application Form Submission. The candidates are strongly advised to ensure that the same is duly and clearly uploaded in the application form. They should use only clear scanned copies (and not blurred or hazy) since the application form may not be considered if these are not clear. The photograph and signature would be used to be put on the Admission Certificate and entry to the examination centre is subject to verification of the photograph & signature.

The scanned photograph and signature must be uploaded in .jpg format only. These would be required to be uploaded using the links that will be guided to in the course of applying. They may browse and select the location where the scanned photograph/ signature file has been saved, select it and click the upload button. Once uploaded, a

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message informing about the successful uploading of the Photograph/signature, as the case may be, will be displayed. In case, they want to use another photograph/signature (i.e., use any other photograph / signature), then select the edit button on the link and repeat the same process as before. Online Application Form will not be submitted unless the candidate has successfully uploaded photograph, signature and has paid the requisite applicable fee.

The candidate should retain a printed copy of the same photograph for use in the subsequent stages of the examination.

viii. Candidates are informed that there are provisions for editing at many stages. Once the complete process of filling up the information in the Application Form, the Photograph and Signature is completed, the candidate can view the entire Application Form together with the photograph and signature and can still edit at this point to make / incorporate any change/ editing in any field of the Application Form. However, once the payment detail has been uploaded, there is no possibility of making any modification/editing whatsoever in the application form.

ix. Once the payment detail is entered and submitted, a message informing the successful submission of Application Form will be displayed on the screen. In case, this does not appear, the process needs to be repeated, since it signifies/implies that the Application Form has not been successfully uploaded/ submitted.

x. Candidates are strongly advised to keep a print or soft copy of the completed Application Form for any future reference.

xi. Mere successful submission of the Application Form and/or issuance of Admission Certificate does not automatically ensure admission to the Examination. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil any of the eligibility condition(s) or has given wrong/incorrect/misleading/false information, either intentionally or otherwise error of omission or commission, his/her candidature will be cancelled/rejected and fee paid will be forfeited and any action as deemed fit by the Board shall be taken in this regard.

xii. The online application form is spread over number of parts. Candidates will receive an e-mail/SMS on successful registration in Part-I, i.e., basic data regarding their Name, Father's Name, E-mail Id, Date of Birth etc. after which all the stages of the application form are to be completed and final submission done. Mere registration by completing Part-I of the application form does not signify successful completion of the submission process.

xiii. Fees once submitted in *Bharatkosh* shall not be refunded at any cost and will not be kept in reserve for any other examination/ purpose.

xiv. For any clarification /assistance, candidate may call Ph. No. 011-25846166/ 25848172 (Extn. 202) during 0930 hrs to 1700 hrs (Monday to Friday, except Gazetted Holiday(s)) or e-mail to netsmssto@asrb.org.in.

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ANNEXURE – II

CENTRES FOR NET-2023,SMS (T-6)& STO (T-6) EXAMINATION-2023

Centre Code	Centre	State/ UT	Centre Code	Centre	State/ UT
1.	Anand/ Vadodara	Gujarat	23.	Jorhat	Assam
2.	Barapani/ Shillong	Meghalaya	24.	Karnal	Haryana
3.	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	25.	Kochi	Kerala
4.	Barrackpore/ Kolkata	West Bengal	26.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Bengaluru	Karnataka	27.	Ludhiana	Punjab
6.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	28.	Mangaluru	Karnataka
7.	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	29.	Mumbai	Maharashtra
8.	Chandigarh/ Mohali	Chandigarh	30.	Nagpur	Maharashtra
9.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	31.	Patna	Bihar
10.	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	32.	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
11.	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	33.	Puducherry	Puducherry
12.	Delhi	Delhi	34.	Pune	Maharashtra
13.	Dharwad	Karnataka	35.	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
14.	Gangtok	Sikkim	36.	Rajkot	Gujarat
15.	Guwahati	Assam	37.	Ranchi	Jharkhand
16.	Hyderabad	Telangana	38.	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
17.	Imphal	Manipur	39.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
18.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh	40.	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
19.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	41.	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
20.	Jaipur	Rajasthan	42.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
21.	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir	43.	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
22.	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	44.	Udaipur	Rajasthan

The Board may engage any number of venues for the examination at the above mentioned centres.

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SECTION – (A)

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET)

National Eligibility Test (NET) is a qualifying examination for determining eligibility for the position of Lecturer/Assistant Professor in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other Agricultural Universities (AUs). The candidates desirous for appearing in this examination shall be required to take online (CBT) NET-2023 Examination. Candidates clearing the National Eligibility Test will be eligible to apply for the post of Lecturers or Assistant Professors in the SAUs/AUs.

NET certificates will be issued by the ASRB to the qualified candidates in digital format through DigiLocker app to enable them to apply against vacancies to be notified or advertised by the State Agricultural Universities/other Agricultural Universities. SAUs/AUs will satisfy themselves with regard to fulfilment of all prescribed eligibility condition/ criterion for requisite posts of Lecturers/Assistant Professors including authenticity of the NET Certificate in the possession of the candidates.

2. RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of NET Examination are given in **Annexure-III**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

3. PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the respective Discipline and specialization completed on or before **30.09.2023**from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI). The list of Disciplines and its prescribed educational qualifications are as given in **Annexure– V**.

4. AGE LMIT

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01.01.2023.** There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

5. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS

There is no restriction on number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test.

6. PLAN OF EXAMINATION

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **Annexure - IV.**

7. SYLLABUS:

Syllabus for NET is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB's website: https://www.asrb.org.in/9-syllabus/27-syllabus.

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ANNEXURE - III

RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR NET - 2023

The rules for the National Eligibility Test Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY**:

A candidate must be either:-

(i) a citizen of India, or
(ii) a citizen of Nepal, or
(iii) a citizen of Bhutan, or
(iv) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
(v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:**

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01.01.2023.** There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned Discipline and specialization completed on or before **30.09.2023**from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI).

4. **FEE:**

The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

Sl. No.	Category of candidate	₹
1	Unreserved (UR)	1000/-
2	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)	500/-
3	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ PwBD /Women	250/-

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.

Transaction charges for Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

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NOTE: Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – I**. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC)-Non Creamy Layer must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/ considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) must possess medical certificate as per disability in the prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – IV**. Otherwise their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

6. ASRB shall issue the NET Certificates in digital format through DigiLocker app based on information such as the qualifications, category, etc. given by the candidates in their online application form. Relaxation in qualifying standards, fee, etc. is also given on the basis of such information. It is the responsibility of the recruiting organization to verify the original certificates including prescribed qualification in the relevant discipline of NET, caste / Physically Challenged Certificate (if applicable), Character & Antecedents, etc. of the candidate at the time of consideration of his/her candidature for appointment. The NET Certificate is liable to be withdrawn / cancelled if it comes to the notice of the Board at any stage that the candidate had fraudulently obtained the Certificate by furnishing wrong particulars in his/her online application.

7. **NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS:**

There is no restriction on number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test.

8. The date of declaration of result of NET Examination will be the date of qualifying NET Examination.

9. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

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10. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she holds a certificate of admission from the Board.

11. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his/ her candidature by any means may disqualify him/ her from admission to the examination.

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ANNEXURE – IV

PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR NET - 2023

There will be one paper of 150 marks consisting of 150 objective type multiple choice questions to be solved in 2 (Two) hours. Each question carries one mark. These 150 questions shall be derived from the respective discipline in which the candidate has opted to appear.

Minimum marks required for qualifying NET-2023

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
Un-reserved(UR)	75.0 (50%)
OBC/ EWS	67.5 (45%)
SC / ST/ PwBD	60.0 (40%)

1/3 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer in the NET-2023. There will be no rounding off of fractions of marks.

The Board reserves the right to fix/ revise the qualifying marks in any or all Disciplines at its discretion.

The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The questions in the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. Hindi and English medium. The answers to the questions are to be registered on the Computer itself during the Examination.

i. Candidates must mark the answer in their own hand. They will not be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them under any circumstances. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe shall be given with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netsmssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.

ii. The standard of paper will be that of a Master's degree of an Indian University in the relevant Discipline.

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ANNEXURE – V

DISCIPLINES AND THEIR APPROVED ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS FOR NET, SMS (T-6) & STO (T-6)

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility Qualifications
01	Agricultural Biotechnology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology &Bio-Technology/ Genetic Engineering/ Botany/ Plant Sciences/Life Sciences/Plant Physiology with specialization in Plant Biotechnology.
02	Agricultural Entomology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Sericulture/ Apiculture/ Plant Protection with specialization in Agricultural Entomology.
03	Agricultural Microbiology	Master's degree in Agricultural Microbiology /Microbiology/Plant Physiology.
04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Horticulture/Plant Physiology with specialization in Agricultural Botany/ Economic Botany/ Plant Genetic Resources.
05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Botany/ Plant Breeding or Genetics or Genetics and Plant Breeding/Plant Physiology/Plant Genetic Resources.
06	Nematology	Master's degree in Agriculture /Nematology/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Zoology/ Plant Protection with specialization in Nematology.
07	Plant Biochemistry	Master's degree in Plant Biochemistry/ Agricultural Biochemistry/ Biochemistry with specialization in plants.
08	Plant Pathology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Life Sciences/ Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Pathology/ Mycology.
09	Plant Physiology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Plant Physiology/ Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.
10	Seed Science & Technology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Seed Science/ Seed Technology or Seed Science and Technology/Plant Physiology.
11	Floriculture & Landscaping	Master's degree in Floriculture/ Agriculture or Horticulture /Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Floriculture and Landscaping/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
12	Fruit Science	Master's degree in Pomology/ Agriculture or Horticulture/Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Fruit Sciences/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
13	Spices, Plantation & Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Botany /Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Spices/ Plantation Crops and/ or in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
14	Vegetable Science	Master's degree in Olericulture/ Vegetable Sciences/ Agriculture or Horticulture/Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Vegetable Sciences/Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
15	Animal Biochemistry	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences/ Dairy/ Fisheries Science with specialization in Biochemistry.

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16	Animal Biotechnology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal/ Fisheries Science with specialization in Biotechnology.
17	Animal Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Genetics and Breeding.
18	Animal Nutrition	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Nutrition.
19	Animal Physiology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Physiology.
20	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology.
21	Dairy Chemistry	Master's degree in Dairy Chemistry/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Chemistry.
22	Dairy Microbiology	Master's degree in Dairy Microbiology/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Microbiology.
23	Dairy Technology	Master's degree in Dairy Technology or Dairy Science/ Animal Products Technology/Food Technology with specialization in Dairy Technology.
24	Livestock Product Technology	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Products Technology.
25	Livestock Production Management	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Production Management/ Animal Husbandry.
26	Poultry Science	Master's degree in Poultry Sciences/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Poultry Sciences.
27	Veterinary Medicine	Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Preventive Medicine/ Veterinary Clinical Medicine.
28	Veterinary Microbiology	Master's degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Microbiology/ Bacteriology/ Virology/ Mycology/ Immunology.
29	Veterinary Parasitology	Master's degree in Veterinary Parasitology.
30	Veterinary Pathology	Master's degree in Veterinary Pathology.
31	Veterinary Pharmacology	Master's degree in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology/Veterinary Pharmacology.
32	Veterinary Public Health	Master's degree in Veterinary Public Health/ Epidemiology.
33	Veterinary Surgery	Master's degree in Veterinary Surgery/Veterinary Anatomy.
34	Aquaculture	Master's degree in Aquaculture/ Fishery Sciences/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Mariculture/ Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Ecology/ Inland Aquaculture.
35	Fisheries Resource Management	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/Fisheries Resource Management/ Marine Biology/Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Biology/Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/ Fish Population Dynamics/ Fishery Hydrography/ Ecosystem Management/ Aquatic Ecology.
36	Fish Processing Technology	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/ Fish Processing Technology/Post Harvest Technology/ Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fish Harvest and Processing.

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37	Fish Nutrition	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Fish Nutrition and Fish Physiology/ Feed Technology/ Fish Nutrition and Biochemistry.
38	Fish Health	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Health/ Fish Pathology and Microbiology.
39	Fish Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Genetics and Breeding/ Fish Biotechnology.
40	Agricultural Chemicals	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Chemicals/ Organic Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemicals.
41	Agricultural Meteorology	Master's degree in Agricultural Meteorology/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Agricultural Meteorology.
42	Agroforestry	Master's degree in Agroforestry Or Master's degree in Forestry or Agronomy or Horticulture or Botany with specialization in Agroforestry.
43	Agronomy	Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Agronomy/Soil Water Management/ Conservation Agriculture/ Farming Systems Management/ Forage Production/ Water Science and Technology.
44	Environmental Science	Master's degree in Environmental Science/Agroforestry/ Agriculture Physics/ Agriculture with specialization in Environmental Science.
45	Soil Sciences	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Soil Sciences/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil and Water Conservation/ Soil Fertility/Soil Microbiology/ Soil Chemistry/ Water Science and Technology.
46	Agricultural Business Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing/ Business Management with specialization in Agricultural Business/ Fisheries Business Management.
47	Agricultural Economics	Master's degree in Agricultural Economics/ Dairy Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Fisheries Economics / Economics with specialization in Agriculture.
48	Agricultural Extension	Master's degree in Agricultural Extension/ Veterinary Extension/ Dairy Extension/ Fisheries Extension/ Home Science Extension/ Agriculture Communication in Agricultural Sciences/ Rural Development/ Rural Management.
49	Agricultural Statistics	Master's degree in Agricultural Statistics / Statistics / Mathematics with specialization in Statistics.
50	Home Science	Master's degree in Home Science with specialization in Family Resource Management/ Textile and Clothing/Child Development/ Foods and Nutrition.
51	Farm Machinery & Power	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power.

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52	Computer Applications & IT	Master's degree in Computer Application / Information Technology / Information Technology & Communication / Computer Science.
53	Land & Water Management Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Civil Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Hydrology/ Aquatic Engineering/Water Science and Technology.
54	Bioinformatics	Master's degree in Bioinformatics or in any basic science with specialization in Bioinformatics.
55	Food Technology	Master's degree in Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Post Harvest Technology.
56	Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Structures / Aquaculture Engineering. Or Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Process Engineering / Food Process Engineering / Dairy Engineering.
57	Veterinary Anatomy	Master's degree in Veterinary Anatomy.
58	Agricultural Physics	Master's degree in Agricultural Physics or Bio-physics or Remote Sensing & GIS or Agricultural Meteorology or Environmental Science or Geo-informatics. Or Master's degree in Soil Science with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil & Water Conservation.
59	Electronics & Instrumentation	Master's degree in Electronics Engineering or Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering or Electrical & Electronics Engineering or Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering or Instrumentation Engineering
60	Textile Manufacture & Technology	Master's degree in Textile Technology or Textile Engineering or Textile Chemistry or Technical Textiles or Textile Chemical Processing or Textile and Clothing or Fibre Science and Technology or Fashion Technology.

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SECTION (B)

SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALIST (SMS) (T-6)

SMS (T-6) Examination is a direct recruitment examination for the post of Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) (T-6) at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under the administrative control of ICAR. All those candidates desirous of appearing for this examination for recruitment to the post of SMS (T-6) are required to take the online (CBT) SMS (T-6) Examination and the Interview. Candidates declared successful in the online examination and interview will be recommended for appointment as Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) (T-6) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Pay Band – 3 of ₹ 15,600 – 39,100 with GP of ₹ 5400/- (revised Pay Level 10 - ₹ 56,100 – 1,77,500 of the 7th CPC), based on their choice of 'Location of KVK with Institute' opted while filling the online application.

Only those candidates, who qualify the online (CBT) examination for SMS (T-6) as per prescribed standards, will be shortlisted for Interview in the ratio of 1:5 i.e. 5 candidates for one post, in order of merit.

2. VACANCIES FOR SMS (T-6)

The number of vacancies for the posts of Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) (T-6) are given in **Annexure-VI.**

Preference of 'Location of KVK with Institute' may be indicated in the online application form. The preference, once submitted, shall not be changed under any circumstances.

3. RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of SMS (T-6) Examination are given in **Annexure -VII**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

4. PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure-V and VI,** completed on or before **10.04.2023**. For details, please refer to Rules of the Examination given in **Annexure-VII**.

5. AGE LMIT:-

A candidate seeking admission to the SMS (T-6) Examination-2023 must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years** as on**10.04.2023.** Age relaxation is admissible to the various categories as per Rules of the Examination as given in **Annexure– VII**.

6. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **Annexure- VIII.**

7. SYLLABUS:

Syllabus for SMS (T-6) is common with that of NET Disciplines, which is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB's website: http://asrb.org.in/9-syllabus/27-syllabus.

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ANNEXURE-VI

Vacancy detail for SMS (T-6) along with the Location of KVK with Institute and corresponding NET Discipline (Qualification as per Annexure-V)

S. No.	Location of KVK with Institute	Details under the Functional Group FFT	Vacancy	NET Discipline with NET Code
1	Kasaragod Kerala (CPCRI)	SMS (Livestock Production Management)	1 (ST)	Livestock Production Management (25)
2	Kasaragod Kerala (CPCRI)	SMS (Agricultural Entomology)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
3	Kasaragod Kerala (CPCRI)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (SC)	Agronomy (43)
4	Panchmahal, Vejalpur, Godhra Gujarat (CIAH)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
5	Deoria Uttar Pradesh (IIVR)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
6	Deoria Uttar Pradesh (IIVR)	SMS (Animal Science/ Fisheries Science)	1 (UR)	Animal Biotechnology (16)
7	Bhadohi Uttar Pradesh (IIVR)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (SC)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
8	Bhadohi Uttar Pradesh (IIVR)	SMS (Soil Sciences)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
9	Kushinagar Uttar Pradesh (IIVR)	SMS (Soil Sciences)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
10	Kushinagar Uttar Pradesh (IIVR)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
11	Bhuj Rajasthan (CAZRI)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (OBC)	Home Science (50)
12	Bhuj Rajasthan (CAZRI)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
13	Bhuj Rajasthan (CAZRI)	SMS (Soil & Water Conservation)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
14	Pali Rajasthan (CAZRI)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (OBC)	Livestock Production Management (25)
15	KVK, Jodhpur (CAZRI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (EWS)	Plant Pathology (08)
16	KVK, Jodhpur (CAZRI)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (SC)	Fruit Science (12)
17	Hardoi-II Uttar Pradesh (CSSRI)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
18	Hardoi-II Uttar Pradesh (CSSRI)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
19	Hardoi-II Uttar Pradesh (CSSRI)	SMS (Fisheries)	1 (UR)	Fisheries Resource Management (35)
20	Baramulla Srinagar (CITH)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
21	Baramulla Srinagar (CITH)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
22	Baramulla Srinagar (CITH)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
23	Baramulla Srinagar (CITH)	SMS (Home Science/ Community Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
24	Baramulla Srinagar (CITH)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (OBC)	Nematology (06)
25	Gonikoppal Regional Station (IIHR, Bengaluru)	SMS (Soil Science)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)

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26	Gonikoppal Regional Station (IIHR, Bengaluru)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
27	KVK at IVRI, Izatnagar	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
28	KVK at IVRI, Izatnagar	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
29	Ernakulam (CMFRI)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (SC)	Home Science (50)
30	Ernakulam (CMFRI)	SMS (Soil Science)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
31	Lakshadweep (CMFRI)	SMS (Soil Science)	1 (SC)	Soil Sciences (45)
32	Lakshadweep (CMFRI)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (OBC)	Home Science (50)
33	Lakshadweep (CMFRI)	SMS (Fisheries)	1 (EWS)	Aquaculture (34)
34	Lakshadweep (CMFRI)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
35	Lakshadweep (CMFRI)	SMS (Vegetable Science)	1 (UR)	Vegetable Science (14)
36	Fazilka Punjab (CIPHET)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
37	Fazilka Punjab (CIPHET)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Farm Machinery & Power (51)
38	Fazilka Punjab (CIPHET)	SMS (Soil Science)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
39	Fazilka Punjab (CIPHET)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Fruit Science (12)
40	Fazilka Punjab (CIPHET)	SMS (Livestock Production Management)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
41	KVK at CIAE, Bhopal	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (OBC)	Agronomy (43)
42	KVK at CIAE, Bhopal	SMS (Livestock Production Management)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
43	KVK at CIAE, Bhopal	SMS (Soil Science)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
44	KVK at CIAE, Bhopal	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
45	KVK at CIAE, Bhopal	SMS (Agricultural Engineering)	1 (SC)	Farm Machinery & Power (51)
46	KVK at CIAE, Bhopal	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (ST)	Vegetable Science (14)
47	Sippighat, South Andaman Port Blair (CIARI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Plant Pathology (08)
48	Sippighat, South Andaman Port Blair (CIARI)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Spices, Plantation, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (13)
49	Nicobar (CIARI)	SMS (Fisheries)	1 (UR)	Aquaculture (34)
50	Nicobar (CIARI)	SMS (Agricultural Economics)	1 (OBC)	Agricultural Economics (47)
51	Nicobar (CIARI)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
52	Nicobar (CIARI)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (OBC)	Livestock Production Management (25)
53	Nicobar (CIARI)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Fruit Science (12)
54	Nicobar (CIARI)	SMS (Agricultural Engineering)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering (56)
55	Nimbudera, North & Middle Andaman (CIARI)	SMS (Fisheries)	1 (UR)	Aquaculture (34)
56	Nimbudera, North & Middle Andaman (CIARI)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (ST)	Agronomy (43)

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57	Nimbudera, North & Middle Andaman (CIARI)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
58	Nimbudera, North & Middle Andaman (CIARI)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (OBC)	Livestock Production Management (25)
59	Phek Nagaland (NRC on Mithun)	SMS (Agricultural Engineering)	1 (UR)	Land & Water Management Engineering (53)
60	Phek Nagaland (NRC on Mithun)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
61	Phek Nagaland (NRC on Mithun)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (OBC)	Vegetable Science (14)
62	Phek Nagaland (NRC on Mithun)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (EWS)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
63	Kafligair (Bageshwar) (VPKAS)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (OBC)	Agricultural Extension (48)
64	Kafligair (Bageshwar) (VPKAS)	SMS (Crop Production)	1 (ST)	Agronomy (43)
65	Kafligair (Bageshwar) (VPKAS)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (SC)	Home Science (50)
66	Chinyalisaur Uttarakashi (VPKAS)	SMS (Plant Breeding/ Seed Technology)	1 (OBC)	Genetics & Plant Breeding (05)
67	Chinyalisaur Uttarakashi (VPKAS)	SMS (Crop Protection)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
68	Chinyalisaur Uttarakashi (VPKAS)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
69	Chinyalisaur Uttarakashi (VPKAS)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
70	Santhpur, Cuttack (NRRI)	SMS Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
71	Santhpur, Cuttack (NRRI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
72	Koderma Jharkhand (NRRI)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
73	Koderma Jharkhand (NRRI)	SMS (Soil Science)	1 (UR)	Soil Sciences (45)
74	Koderma Jharkhand (NRRI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (SC)	Plant Pathology (08)
75	North 24 Parganas (additional) (CRIJAF)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
76	North 24 Parganas (additional) (CRIJAF)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Plant Pathology (08)
77	North 24 Parganas (additional) (CRIJAF)	SMS (Fisheries Science)	1 (OBC)	Aquaculture (34)
78	North 24 Parganas (additional) (CRIJAF)	SMS (Home Science/ Community Science)	1 (ST)	Home Science (50)
79	Bud Bud, Burdwan (CRIJAF)	SMS (Home Science/ Community Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
80	Bud Bud, Burdwan (CRIJAF)	SMS (Fisheries Science)	1 (UR)	Aquaculture (34)
81	Bud Bud, Burdwan (CRIJAF)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (EWS)	Livestock Production Management (25)
82	Bud Bud, Burdwan (CRIJAF)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (OBC)	Agricultural Extension (48)

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83	KVK North Goa (CCARI, Ela, Old Goa)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (EWS)	Agronomy (43)
84	KVK North Goa (CCARI, Ela, Old Goa)	SMS (Floriculture & Landscaping)	1 (OBC)	Floriculture & Landscaping (11)
85	Diyankel, Torpa, Khunti (IINRG)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
86	Diyankel, Torpa, Khunti (IINRG)	SMS (Agricultural Entomology)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
87	Diyankel, Torpa, Khunti (IINRG)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
88	Diyankel, Torpa, Khunti (IINRG)	SMS (Livestock Production Management)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
89	Diyankel, Torpa, Khunti (IINRG)	SMS (Land & Water Management Engineering)	1 (UR)	Land & Water Management Engineering (53)
90	Diyankel, Torpa, Khunti (IINRG)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (OBC)	Vegetable Science (14)
91	CRIDA, Hyderabad	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
92	CRIDA, Hyderabad	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
93	Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (EWS)	Home Science (50)
94	Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agriculture Engineering)	1 (UR)	Land & Water Management Engineering (53)
95	Longding, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Vegetable Science (14)
96	Longding, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (SC)	Agricultural Extension (48)
97	Longding, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (EWS)	Plant Pathology (08)
98	Longding, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agriculture Engineering)	1 (OBC)	Land & Water Management Engineering (53)
99	Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (SC)	Agronomy (43)
100	Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (OBC)	Vegetable Science (14)
101	Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
102	West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (EWS)	Agronomy (43)

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103	West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Fruit Science (12)
104	West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (SC)	Agricultural Extension (48)
105	Hailakandi, Assam (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (EWS)	Agronomy (43)
106	Hailakandi, Assam (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (SC)	Vegetable Science (14)
107	Hailakandi, Assam (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (PwBD) (deaf and hard of hearing)	Agricultural Extension (48)
108	Imphal West (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (SC)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
109	Ukhrul, Manipur (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (SC)	Agricultural Extension (48)
110	Ukhrul, Manipur (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Animal Science/ Fisheries Science)	1 (SC)	Aquaculture (34)
111	West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (EWS)	Agronomy (43)
112	West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (OBC)	Vegetable Science (14)
113	West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Animal Science/ Fisheries Science)	1 (UR)	Aquaculture (34)
114	Dimapur, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (EWS)	Fruit Science (12)
115	Dimapur, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (PwBD) (blindness and low vision)	Agricultural Extension (48)
116	Dimapur, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (SC)	Home Science (50)
117	Kiphere, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (SC)	Agronomy (43)
118	Kiphere, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (OBC)	Fruit Science (12)
119	Kiphere, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (EWS)	Agricultural Extension (48)
120	Kiphere, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (OBC)	Home Science (50)
121	Kiphere, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (EWS)	Plant Pathology (08)
122	Longleng, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (OBC)	Agronomy (43)
123	Longleng, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (SC)	Fruit Science (12)

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124	Longleng, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (EWS)	Home Science (50)
125	Longleng, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Extension (48)
126	Longleng, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (OBC)	Plant Pathology (08)
127	Peren, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
128	Peren, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (PwBD) (locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy)	Fruit Science (12)
129	Peren, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agriculture Engineering)	1 (EWS)	Land & Water Management Engineering (53)
130	Wokha, Nagaland (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (SC)	Home Science (50)
131	East Sikkim (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (SC)	Livestock Production Management (25)
132	East Sikkim (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (EWS)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
133	South Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (SC)	Vegetable Science (14)
134	South Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (PwBD) (autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness)	Agronomy (43)
135	South Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (UR)	Plant Pathology (08)
136	West Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (PwBD) (deaf and hard of hearing)	Vegetable Science (14)
137	West Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
138	West Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (OBC)	Home Science (50)
139	West Tripura (ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam)	SMS (Plant Protection/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Nematology)	1 (SC)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
140	Malda, West Bengal (CISH)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Fruit Science (12)
141	Malda, West Bengal (CISH)	SMS (Plant Pathology)	1 (UR)	Plant Pathology (08)

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142	Malda, West Bengal (CISH)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
143	Malda, West Bengal (CISH)	SMS (Livestock Production Management)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
144	Malda, West Bengal (CISH)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (OBC)	Agronomy (43)
145	Dudhnoi, Goalpara, Assam (NRC on Pig)	SMS (Fisheries Resource Management)	1 (SC)	Fisheries Resource Management (35)
146	KVK at NDRI, Karnal	SMS (Fisheries Science)	1 (UR)	Fish Genetics & Breeding (39)
147	KVK at NDRI, Karnal	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
148	Kalyani, Nadia Distt West Bengal (NDRI)	SMS (Agronomy)	1 (UR)	Agronomy (43)
149	Kalyani, Nadia Distt West Bengal (NDRI)	SMS (Livestock Production)	1 (OBC)	Livestock Production Management (25)
150	Kalyani, Nadia Distt West Bengal (NDRI)	SMS (Agricultural Extension)	1 (OBC)	Agricultural Extension (48)
151	Kalyani, Nadia Distt West Bengal (NDRI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (EWS)	Plant Pathology (08)
152	Kandukur, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Crop Production)	1 (OBC)	Agronomy (43)
153	Kandukur, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Plant Pathology (08)
154	Kandukur, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
155	Kandukur, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Horticulture)	1 (UR)	Fruit Science (12)
156	Kandukur, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Animal Husbandry)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
157	Kandukur, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Agriculture Engineering)	1 (UR)	Farm Machinery & Power (51)
158	Kalavacherla, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Crop Production)	1 (OBC)	Agronomy (43)
159	Kalavacherla, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Plant Protection)	1 (UR)	Agricultural Entomology (02)
160	Kalavacherla, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Home Science)	1 (UR)	Home Science (50)
161	Kalavacherla, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Animal Husbandry)	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (25)
162	Kalavacherla, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (CTRI)	SMS (Fisheries)	1 (SC)	Aquaculture (34)
163	KVK, Shikhopur (IARI, New Delhi)	SMS (Animal Science)	1 (UR)	Veterinary Pathology (30)

Note: Physically handicapped (PwBD) candidate is eligible to apply against the abovementioned posts.

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ANNEXURE - VII

RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALIST (SMS)(T-6)

The rules for the Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) (T-6) Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY**:

A candidate must be either:-

(i) a citizen of India, or
(ii) a citizen of Nepal, or
(iii) a citizen of Bhutan, or
(iv) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
(v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:-**

A candidate seeking admission to the SMS (T-6) Examination must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years** as on **10.04.2023.** There will be no age-limit for the employees of ICAR.

The upper age limit prescribed above will also be relaxable:-

(i) Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.

(ii) Upto a maximum of 3 years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates, i.e. Non-creamy layer.

(iii) For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) candidates, the upper age limit will be relaxable upto a maximum of 10 years. Candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC who are also covered under the PwBD category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both of their respective categories.

(iv) Up to a maximum of five years if a candidate had ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st day of December, 1989.

(v) To other bonafide displaced persons/repatriates of Indian origin / Defence Services Personnel/Border Security Force Personnel etc. as per the existing instructions of the Government of India on the subject.

(vi) In terms of ICAR's Circular No. 19(25)/2011-E.IV dated 12.12.2011 & 24.01.2012, all the RAs/ SRFs who have been engaged on contractual basis in different Institutes as on date are eligible for relaxation in the upper age limit to the extent of their spell they were actually engaged as RAs/ SRFs in different ICAR projects (subject to a maximum of 16 years 3 months). Such engagement should be continuous without a break of more than six months for getting engaged in other projects of the ICAR.

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3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure-V and VI,** completed on or before **10.04.2023**from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI).

In the case of ex-servicemen, the equivalence for their qualification will be decided in consultation with the Director-General of the Resettlement, Ministry of Defence.

4. **FEE:-**

The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

Sl. No.	Category of candidate	₹
1	Unreserved (UR)	500/-
2	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC)	500/-
3	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) /Women	NIL

Transaction charges for Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

NOTE: Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – I**. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC)-Non Creamy Layer must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/ considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) must possess medical certificate as per disability in the prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

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Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – IV**. Otherwise their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

6. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

7. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she holds a certificate of admission issued by the Board.

8. A candidate must be in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defects likely to interfere with the discharge of his duties as an officer of the service. A candidate, who after such physical examination as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research may prescribe, is found not to satisfy these requirements will not be appointed. Candidates selected by the Board may be required to undergo physical examination. Candidates will be required to pay the fee for the Medical Examination as prescribed by the Government of India for such category of the posts.

9. There would be a provision of reserve panel having validity period of 18 months from the date of issue of the final result.

10. ***No person:-***
    (a) Who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or
    (b) Who, having a spouse living has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the service.

    Provided that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, may, if satisfied that such a marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

11. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his/ her candidature by any means may disqualify him/ her from admission to the examination.

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ANNEXURE – VIII

PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR SMS (T-6)

Online competitive examination (Computer Based Test) followed by Interview shall be conducted as per the following plan of examination:-

		Examination	Max. Marks	Duration
1.	(a)	SMS (T-6) Examination (Objective Type)	150	2 hours
	(b)	Interview	30	

2. (a) **SMS (T-6) Examination:-**

The examination for SMS (T-6) shall have one paper of 150 marks with all multiple choice objective questions to be attempted in 2 hours (Two hours), from the respective disciplines opted by the candidate. The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The questions of the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. Hindi and English medium. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.

1/3 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer in the examination (Objective Type). There will be no rounding off of fractions of marks.

The candidates who obtain following minimum qualifying marks in the online (CBT) examination shall be called for interview in the ratio of 1:5 for each post of SMS (T-6). However, the Board reserves the right to fix/ revise the qualifying marks and ratio in any or all disciplines at its discretion.

Minimum marks required for qualifying SMS (T-6) Examination –2023:

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
Un-reserved (UR)	75.0 (50%)
OBC/ EWS	67.5 (45%)
SC / ST/ PwBD	60.0 (40%)

Candidates must mark the answer in their own hand. They will not be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them under any circumstances. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe shall be given with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netsmssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.

(b) **Interview for SMS (T-6):-**

The candidates will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased experts in the respective disciplines, who will have before them a record of his/her career. The object of the interview is to assess his/her suitability for the post for which he/she has competed. The interview is intended to supplement the written examination for testing the general and specialized knowledge and abilities of the candidate. The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/her own state or country, but also in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

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The technique of the interview is not that of strict cross-examination, but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation intended to reveal the candidate's mental qualities and his/her grasp of problems. The Board will pay special attention to assess the intellectual curiosity, critical powers of assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, the ability for social cohesion, integrity of character, initiative and capacity for leadership and scientific research.

3. **Examination Procedure**:-

(i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for UR posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved in respective category in a particular discipline.

(ii) After the Interview, candidates who obtain minimum aggregate marks in the online (CBT) examination and Interview as fixed by the Board shall be arranged in order of merit to be recommended for appointment in accordance with the number of vacancies intimated by the Council as well as the preference of 'Location of KVK with institute' opted by the candidates.

(iii) Based on the merit, the candidates belonging to reserved categories i.e. EWS/SC/ST/OBC/PwBD are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age or qualifying marks has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age or relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them.

(iv) **Rules for Tie-Breaker**:- Wherever two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in online objective type examination + Interview) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules:

(a) Candidate securing more marks in the online objective type examination will be ranked higher.
(b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) above are equal, the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher.

(v) Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or the Scheduled Tribes (ST) may be recommended by the Board by a relaxed standard to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the relevant instructions on the subject and also subject to the fitness of these candidates for appointment to the Subject Matter Specialist post, irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.

(vi) There is no provision of re-evaluation and therefore, no request for re-evaluation will be entertained. The Board will not enter into any correspondence in this regard.

(vii) The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Board and the Board will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.

(viii) Recommendation of candidates by the Board will not be binding unless the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post.

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SECTION (C)

SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER (STO) (T-6)

STO (T-6) Examination is a direct recruitment examination for the post of Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) at ICAR Hqrs and its Research Institutes. All those candidates desirous of appearing for this examination for recruitment to the post of STO (T-6) are required to take the online (CBT) STO (T-6) Examination and the Interview. Candidates declared successful in the online examination and interview will be recommended for appointment as Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Pay Band – 3 of ₹ 15,600 – 39,100 with GP of ₹ 5400/- (revised Pay Level 10 - ₹ 56,100 – 1,77,500 of the 7th CPC), based on the Institute of their choice opted while filling the online application.

Only those candidates, who qualify the online (CBT) examination for STO (T-6) as per prescribed standards, will be shortlisted for Interview in the ratio of 1:5 i.e. 5 candidates for one post, in order of merit.

2. VACANCIES FOR STO (T-6)

The number of vacancies for the posts of Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) are given in **Annexure -IX.**

Preference of Institutes may be indicated in the online application form. The preference, once submitted, shall not be changed under any circumstances.

3. RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of STO (T-6) Examination are given in **Annexure - X**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

4. PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure -V and IX,** completed on or before **10.04.2023**. For details, please refer to Rules of the Examination given in **Annexure -X**.

5. AGE LMIT:-

A candidate seeking admission to the STO (T-6) Examination must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years** as on**10.04.2023.** Age relaxation is admissible to the various categories as per Rules of the Examination as given in **Annexure – X**.

6. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **Annexure - XI.**

7. SYLLABUS:

Syllabus for STO (T-6) is common with that of NET Disciplines, which is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB's website: http://asrb.org.in/9-syllabus/27-syllabus.

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ANNEXURE-IX

Vacancy detail for STO (T-6) along with the Institute and corresponding NET Discipline (Qualification as per Annexure-V)

S. No.	Institute and Location	Functional Group	Vacancy	NET Discipline& Code
1.	IARI, New Delhi	Field/Farm Technician	1(SC)	Genetics and Plant Breeding (Code 5)
2.	CIFT, Kochi	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Fisheries Resource Management (Code 35)
3.	CIFT, Kochi	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Computer Applications and IT (Code 52)
4.	CIRC, Meerut	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (Code 20)
5.	CITH, Srinagar	Field/Farm Technician	1(UR)	Fruit Science (Code 12)
6.	CIARI, Port Blair	Field/Farm Technician	1(UR)	Plant Biochemistry (Code 7)
7.	CIARI, Port Blair	Workshop & Engineering	1(UR)	Electronics & Instrumentation (Code 59)
8.	CPCRI, Kasargod	Field/Farm Technician	1(EWS)	Agronomy (Code 43)
9.	IIFSR, Modipuram	Field/Farm Technician	1(UR)	Agronomy (Code 43)
10.	SBI, Coimbatore	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Soil Science (Code 45)
11.	NRRI, Cuttack	Workshop & Engineering	1(SC)	Farm Machinery & Power (Code 51)
12.	NRRI, Cuttack	Field/Farm Technician	1(OBC)	Agronomy (Code 43)
13.	NDRI, Karnal	Field/Farm Technician	1 (OBC)	Dairy Technology (Code 23)
14.	CIAE, Bhopal	Workshop Technician	1 (OBC)	Farm Machinery & Power (Code 51)
15.	CSWRI, Avikanagar	Field/Farm Technician	1 (UR)	Livestock Production Management (Code 25)
16.	CSWRI, Avikanagar	Field/Farm Technician	1 (OBC)	Livestock Production Management (Code 25)
17.	CSWRI, Avikanagar	Field/Farm Technician	1 (OBC)	Veterinary Medicine (Code 27)
18.	CSWRI, Avikanagar	Field/Farm Technician	1 (ST)	Agronomy (Code 43)
19.	CITH, Srinagar	Field/Farm Technician	1 (UR)	Fruit Science (Code 12)
20.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Laboratory Technician	1(EWS)	Veterinary Microbiology (Code 28)
21.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Veterinary Microbiology (Code 28)
22.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Computer Application & IT (52)
23.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Laboratory Technician	1(OBC)	Veterinary Pathology (30)
24.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Dairy Technology (23)

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25.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Field/Farm Technician	1(OBC)	Veterinary Medicine (27)
26.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Field/Farm Technician	1(UR)	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (20)
27.	IVRI, Izatnagar	Field/Farm Technician	1(SC)	Livestock Production Management (25)
28.	NDRI, Karnal	Workshop Technician	2(UR)	Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering (56)
29.	NDRI, Karnal	Field/Farm Technician	1(UR)	Dairy Chemistry (21)
30.	NDRI, Karnal	Field/Farm Technician	1(SC)	Dairy Microbiology (22)
31.	NDRI, Karnal	Laboratory Technician	1(UR)	Dairy Technology (23)
		Total:	**32**	

Note: Physically handicapped (PwBD) candidate can apply for all technical posts across all the functional groups.

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ANNEXURE - X

RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER (STO)(T-6)

The rules for the Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY**:

A candidate must be either:-

(i) a citizen of India, or
(ii) a citizen of Nepal, or
(iii) a citizen of Bhutan, or
(iv) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
(v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:-**

A candidate seeking admission to the STO (T-6) Examination must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years** as on**10.04.2023.** There will be no age-limit for the employees of ICAR.

The upper age limit prescribed above will also be relaxable:-

(i) Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.

(ii) Upto a maximum of 3 years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates, i.e. Non-creamy layer.

(iii) For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) candidates, the upper age limit will be relaxable upto a maximum of 10 years. Candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC who are also covered under the PwBD category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both of their respective categories.

(iv) Up to a maximum of five years if a candidate had ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st day of December, 1989.

(v) To other bonafide displaced persons/repatriates of Indian origin / Defence Services Personnel/Border Security Force Personnel etc. as per the existing instructions of the Government of India on the subject.

(vi) In terms of ICAR's Circular No. 19(25)/2011-E.IV dated 12.12.2011 & 24.01.2012, all the RAs/ SRFs who have been engaged on contractual basis in different Institutes as on date are eligible for relaxation in the upper age limit to the extent of their spell they were actually engaged as RAs/ SRFs in different ICAR projects (subject to a maximum of 16 years 3 months). Such engagement should be continuous without a break of more than six months for getting engaged in other projects of the ICAR

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3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure-V and IX**, completed on or before **10.04.2023**from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI).

In the case of ex-servicemen, the equivalence for their qualification will be decided in consultation with the Director-General of the Resettlement, Ministry of Defence.

4. **FEE:-**

The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

Sl. No.	Category of candidate	₹
1	Unreserved (UR)	500/-
2	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)	500/-
3	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) /Women	NIL

Transaction charges for Debit Card/Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

NOTE: Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – I**. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC)-Non Creamy Layer must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/ considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) must possess medical certificate as per disability in the prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

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Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – IV**. Otherwise their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

6. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

7. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she holds a certificate of admission issued by the Board.

8. A candidate must be in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defects likely to interfere with the discharge of his duties as an officer of the service. A candidate, who after such physical examination as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research may prescribe, is found not to satisfy these requirements will not be appointed. Candidates selected by the Board may be required to undergo physical examination. Candidates will be required to pay the fee for the Medical Examination as prescribed by the Government of India for such category of the posts.

9. There would be a provision of reserve panel having validity period of 18 months from the date of issue of the final result.

10. ***No person:-***
    (a) Who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or
    (b) Who, having a spouse living has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the service.

    Provided that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, may, if satisfied that such a marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

11. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his/ her candidature by any means may disqualify him/ her from admission to the examination.

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ANNEXURE – XI

PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR STO (T-6)

Online competitive examination (Computer Based Test) followed by Interview shall be conducted as per the following plan of examination:-

		Examination	Max. Marks	Duration
1.	(a)	STO (T-6) Examination (Objective Type)	150	2 hours
	(b)	Interview	30	

2. (a) **STO (T-6) Examination:-**

The examination for STO (T-6) shall have one paper of 150 marks with all multiple choice objective questions to be attempted in 2 hours (Two hours), from the respective disciplines opted by the candidate. The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The questions of the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. Hindi and English medium. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.

1/3 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer in the examination (Objective Type). There will be no rounding off of fractions of marks.

The candidates who obtain following minimum qualifying marks in the online (CBT) examination shall be called for interview in the ratio of 1:5 for each post of STO (T-6). However, the Board reserves the right to fix/ revise the qualifying marks and ratio in any or all disciplines at its discretion.

Minimum marks required for qualifying STO (T-6) Examination – 2023:

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
Un-reserved (UR)	75.0 (50%)
OBC/ EWS	67.5 (45%)
SC / ST/ PwBD	60.0 (40%)

Candidates must mark the answer in their own hand. They will not be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them under any circumstances. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe shall be given with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netsmssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.

(b) **Interview for STO (T-6):-**

The candidates will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased experts in the respective disciplines, who will have before them a record of his/her career. The object of the interview is to assess his/her suitability for the post for which he/she has competed. The interview is intended to supplement the written examination for testing the general and specialized knowledge and abilities of the candidate. The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/her own state or country, but also in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

The technique of the interview is not that of strict cross-examination, but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation intended to reveal the candidate's mental qualities and his/her grasp of problems. The Board will pay special attention to assess the

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intellectual curiosity, critical powers of assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, the ability for social cohesion, integrity of character, initiative and capacity for leadership and scientific research.

3. **Examination Procedure**:-

(i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for UR posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved in respective category in a particular discipline.

(ii) After the Interview, candidates who obtain minimum aggregate marks in the online (CBT) examination and Interview as fixed by the Board shall be arranged in order of merit to be recommended for appointment in accordance with the number of vacancies intimated by the Council as well as the preference of institute opted by the candidates.

(iii) Based on the merit, the candidates belonging to reserved categories i.e. EWS/SC/ST/OBC/PwBD are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age or qualifying marks has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age or relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them.

(iv) **Rules for Tie-Breaker**:- Wherever two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in online objective type examination + Interview) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules:

(a) Candidate securing more marks in the online objective type examination will be ranked higher.
(b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) above are equal, the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher.

(v) Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or the Scheduled Tribes (ST) may be recommended by the Board by a relaxed standard to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the relevant instructions on the subject and also subject to the fitness of these candidates for appointment to the Senior Technical Officer post, irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.

(vi) There is no provision of re-evaluation and therefore, no request for re-evaluation will be entertained. The Board will not enter into any correspondence in this regard.

(vii) The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Board and the Board will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.

(viii) Recommendation of candidates by the Board will not be binding unless the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post.

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APPENDIX - I

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE RPODUCED BY SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

This is to certify that Shri/Shrimati/Kumari*_____ son/ daughter* of _____of village/town* _____ in District/ Division*_____ of the State/Union Territory* _____ belongs to the _____ caste/ tribe* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe* under:-

@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Union Territories Order, 1951
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Union Territories Order, 1951

[as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956; the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960, the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970, the North Eastern Area (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, the State of Mizoram Act, 1986, the State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986 and the Goa, Daman and Diu (Reorganisation) Act, 1987.]

@ The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956
@ The Constitution (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959, as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 1976
@ The Constitution (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962
@ The Constitution (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962
@ The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964
@ The Constitution (Uttar Pradesh) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1967
@ The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Castes Order, 1968
@ The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1968
@ The Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1970
@ The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978
@ The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978
@ The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1989
@ The Constitution (SC) Order (Amendment) Act, 1990
@ The Constitution (ST) Order (Amendment) Act, 1991
@ The Constitution (ST) Order (Second Amendment) Act, 1991
@ The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Act, 2002
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Second Amendment) Act, 2002

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%2. Applicable in the case of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes persons who have migrated from one State/ union Territory Administration to another.

This certificate is issued on the basis of the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Certificate issued to Shri/Shrimati*_____ father/mother* of Shri/Shrimati/Kumari*_____ of village/town* _____ in District/Division* _____ of the State/ Union Territory* _____ who belongs to the caste/ tribe* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe* in the State/ Union Territory* of _____ issued by the _____ dated _____

%3. Shri/Shrimati*/Kumari*_____ and/*or his/her* family ordinarily resides in village/town*_____ of _____ District/Division* of the State/ Union Territory* of _____

Signature_____
**Designation_____
(With Seal of Office)
State/ Union Territory

Place_____
Date_____

* Please delete the words which are not applicable.
@ Please quote specific Presidential Order.
% Delete the paragraph which is not applicable.

NOTE:- The term "ordinarily resides" used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

** List of authorities empowered to issue Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe Certificate:

(i) District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/^ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner.
^ (not below of the rank of 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate).
(ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate.
(iii) Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tehsildar.
(iv) Sub Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his/her family normally resides.
(v) Administrator/ Secretary to Administrator/ Development Officer (Lakshadweep).

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APPENDIX - II

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter of _____ of village/town _____ in District/Division _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ belongs to the _____ community which is recognized as a backward class under the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's Resolution No. _____ dated _____*. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ and/or his/her family ordinarily reside(s) in the _____ District/Division of the _____ State/Union Territory. This is also to certify that he/she does not belong to the persons/sections (Creamy layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8.9.1993**.

District Magistrate,
Deputy Commissioner etc.

Dated

SEAL

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*- The authority issuing the certificate may have to mention the details of Resolution of Government of India, in which the caste of the candidate is mentioned as OBC.
**- As amended from time to time.

Note:- The term "Ordinarily" used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

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APPENDIX - III

Form-V

Certificate of Disability
(In cases of amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs and in cases of blindness)
[See rule 18(1)]

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE)

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability

Certificate No. ……. Date: …….

This is to certify that I have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. _____ _____ son/wife/daughter of Shri _____ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) ___ ____ ____ Age_____ years, male/female _____ Registration No._____ permanent resident of House No. _____ Ward/Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ State _____, whose photograph is affixed above, and am satisfied that :

(A) he/she is a case of:

- locomotor disability
- dwarfism
- blindness

(Please tick as applicable)

(B) the diagnosis in his/her case is _____

(A) He/ She has _____%(in figure)_____ percent (in words) permanent Locomotor Disability/ dwarfism/ blindness in relation to his/her_____(part of body) as per guidelines (_____ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified).

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2. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

Nature of Document	Date of Issue	Details of authority issuing certificate

(Signature and Seal of Authorised Signatory of
notified Medical Authority)

Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued.

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Form-VI

Disability Certificate
(In case of multiple disabilities)
[See rule 18(1)]

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE)

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability

Certificate No. ……. Date: ……

This is to certify that we have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. _____ son/wife/daughter of Shri _____ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) ___ ____ ____ Age _____ years, male/female _____ Registration No._____ permanent resident of House No. _____ Ward/Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ State _____, whose photograph is affixed above, and are satisfied that:

(A) He/she is a Case of **Multiple Disability**. His/her extent of permanent physical impairment/disability has been evaluated as per guidelines (_____ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified) for the disabilities ticked below, and shown against the relevant disability in the table below:

S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
1.	Locomotor disability	@		
2.	Muscular Dystrophy			
3.	Leprosy cured			
4.	Dwarfism			
5.	Cerebral Palsy			

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S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
6.	Acid attack Victim			
7.	Low vision	#		
8.	Blindness	#		
9.	Deaf	£		
10.	Hard of hearing	£		
11.	Speech and Language disability			
12.	Intellectual Disability			
13.	Specific Learning Disability			
14.	Autism Spectrum Disorder			
15.	Mental-illness			
16.	Chronic Neurological Conditions			
17.	Multiple sclerosis			
18.	Parkinson's disease			
19.	Haemophilia			
20.	Thalassemia			
21.	Sickle Cell disease			

(B) In the light of the above, his /her over all permanent physical impairment as per guidelines (_____ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified), is as follows:-

In figures:- _____percent

In words:-_____ percent

2. This condition is progressive/ non-progressive/ likely to improve/ not likely to improve.

3. Reassessment of disability is:

(i) not necessary,

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Or

(ii) is recommended/ after _____years_____months, and therefore this certificate shall be valid till (DD / MM / YY) _____ _____ _____

@ e.g. Left/ right/ both arms/ legs

e.g. Single eye

£ e.g. Left/ right/ both ears

4. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

Nature of Document	Date of Issue	Details of authority issuing certificate

5. Signature and seal of the Medical Authority.

Name and seal of Member	Name and seal of Member	Name and seal of the Chairperson

Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued.

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Form-VII

Disability Certificate
(In cases other than those mentioned in Forms V and VI)
(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE)
[See rule 18(1)]

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability

Certificate No. …… Date: ……..

This is to certify that I have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. _____ son/wife/daughter of Shri _____ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) ___ ____ ____ Age _____ years, male/female _____ Registration No._____ permanent resident of House No. _____ Ward/Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ State _____, whose photograph is affixed above and am satisfied that he/she is a case of _____ disability. His/her extent of percentage physical impairment/disability has been evaluated as per guidelines (to be specified) and is shown against the relevant disability in the table below:-

S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
1.	Locomotor disability	@		
2.	Muscular Dystrophy			
3.	Leprosy cured			
4.	Cerebral Palsy			
5.	Acid attack Victim			
6.	Low vision	#		
7.	Deaf	£		
8.	Hard of hearing	£		

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S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
9.	Speech and Language disability			
10.	Intellectual Disability			
11.	Specific Learning Disability			
12.	Autism Spectrum Disorder			
13.	Mental-illness			
14.	Chronic Neurological Conditions			
15.	Multiple sclerosis			
16.	Parkinson's disease			
17.	Haemophilia			
18.	Thalassemia			
19.	Sickle Cell disease			

(Please strike out the disabilities which are not applicable.)

2. The above condition is progressive/ non-progressive/ likely to improve/ not likely to improve.

3. Reassessment of disability is :

(i) not necessary,

Or

(ii) is recommended/ after _____years_____ months, and therefore this certificate shall be valid till (DD / MM / YY) _____ _____ _____

@ - e.g. Left/ right/ both arms/ legs
# - e.g. Single eye/ both eyes
£ - e.g. Left/ right/ both ears

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4. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

Nature of Document	Date of Issue	Details of authority issuing certificate

(Authorised Signatory of notified Medical Authority)
(Name and Seal)

Countersigned
{Countersignature and seal of the
Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Superintendent/
Head of Government Hospital, in case the
certificate is issued by a medical
authority who is not a government
servant (with seal)}

Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued.

Note: In case this certificate is issued by a medical authority who is not a government servant, it shall be valid only if countersigned by the Chief Medical Officer of the District.

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide notification number 489, dated 15.06.2017.

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APPENDIX - IV

Government of _____
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. _____ Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter/wife of _____ permanent resident of _____, Village/Street _____ Post. Office _____ District _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ Pin Code _____ whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her 'family'** is below ₹ 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year _____. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets***:

I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
Ill. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the _____ caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List).

Signature with seal of Office _____
Name _____
Designation _____

Recent Passport size attested photograph of the applicant

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*__Note 1:__ Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

**__Note 2:__ The term '__Family__" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of I8 years

***__Note 3:__ The property held by a "Family' in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

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APPENDIX-V

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE

(On official Letter Head of the Institute)

It is certified that Sh./Smt./Km./Dr. _____(Name) is working as _____(Designation) in the ICAR Institute. His/her initial date of appointment in the Institute is _____. His/her Pay Level as per 7th CPC Pay Matrix is _____ (Pay Band₹_____). He/she is a Regular employee of this Institute.

This Institute has no objection to his/her applying for Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) (T-6) and/ or Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) Examination –2023conducted by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board.

( )
Competent Authority

NOTE: A copy of appointment letter, Joining Order and Official Identity Card may also be enclosed.