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**(INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH)**  
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**NOTIFICATION**

**ALL INDIA ONLINE PRELIMINARY COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO THE VACANT POSTS OF ASSISTANT AT ICAR HQ AND ITS RESEARCH INSTITUTES - 2011**

The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold an Online Competitive Preliminary Examination in July 2011 for recruitment to the posts of Assistants in the Pay Scale of Rs. 9300-34800 + Grade Pay of Rs. 4600 at ICAR HQ and Rs. 4200 at ICAR Research Institutes. The Preliminary Examination will be conducted online only. There will be a Main Examination also for those who will qualify the Online Preliminary Examination. Final list of successful candidates will be released only after the result of the Main Examination is announced and will be based on the marks obtained in the Main Examination only.

**2 VACANCIES: 258 (Vacancies are subject to change)**

The number of vacancies to be filled up is given below. **However, the vacancy position may change/increase. Please note that vacancies have already increased from 258 and now they are about 300. Revised vacancy list is under compilation and will be published shortly.**

S.No.	Name of the Institute	UR	SC	ST	OBC	PD	Total
1	CICR, Nagpur	4	-	-	1	1	6
2	CRIJAF, Kolkata	4	1	-	1	-	6
3	CRRI, Cuttack	5	1	-	2	-	8
4	CTRI, Rajamundry	3	-	-	-	-	3
5	DWR, Karnal	1	-	-	-	-	1
6	DMR, New Delhi	1	-	-	-	-	1
7	DOR, Hyderabad	1	-	-	-	-	1
8	DRR, Hyderabad	2	-	-	-	-	2
9	DSR, Mau	6	-	-	2	-	8
10	IARI, New Delhi	22	5	2	10	1	40
11	IGFRI, Jhansi	5	-	-	1	-	6
12	IIPR, Kanpur	1	-	-	-	-	1

13	NBAIM, Mau	2	-	-	1	-	3
14	NBPGR, New Delhi	4	-	-	1	-	5
15	NRCPB, New Delhi	3	-	-	-	-	3
16	DGR, Junagadh	1	-	-	-	-	1
17	DSR, Indore	3	-	-	-	-	3
18	SBI, Coimbatore	2	-	-	-	-	2
20	NBAII, Bangalore	2	-	-	-	-	2
21	IISR, Lucknow	2	-	-	-	-	2
22	CARI, Port Blair	1	-	-	-	-	1
23	CISH, Lucknow	2	1	-	-	-	3
24	CITH, Srinagar	1	-	-	-	-	1
25	CPCRI, Kasaragod	-	-	-	-	1	1
26	CPRI, Shimla	3	1	-	1	-	5
27	IIHR, Bangalore	1	-	-	-	-	1
28	IISR, Kozhikode	4	-	-	-	-	4
29	IIVR, Varanasi	1	-	-	-	-	1
30	NRC Banana, Tiruchirapalli	2	-	-	-	-	2
31	NRC Litchi, Muzaffarpur	1	-	-	-	-	1
32	NRC Oil Palm, Pedavegi	3	-	-	1	-	4
33	NRC Pomegranate, Solapur	1	-	-	-	-	1
34	NRC, SS, Ajmer	1	-	-	-	-	1
35	CAZRI, Jodhpur	-	-	-	-	1	1
36	CRIDA, Hyderabad	1	-	-	-	-	1
37	CSWCRTI, Dehradun	3	-	-	-	-	3
38	CSSRI, Karnal	5	-	-	-	-	5
39	ICAR Research Complex, NEH, Barapani	5	1	-	3	1	10
40	ICAR Research Complex, ER, Patna	1	-	-	-	-	1
41	ICAR Research Complex, Goa	-	-	-	-	1	1
42	IISS, Bhopal	1	-	-	-	-	1
43	NBSSLUP, Nagpur	3	-	-	1	-	4
44	NRC Agroforestry, Jhansi	1	-	-	-	-	1
45	NRC Weed Science, Jabalpur	-	-	-	1	-	1
46	NIASM, Baramati	2	-	-	-	-	2
47	CIRCOT, Mumbai	3	-	-	-	-	3
48	CIAE, Bhopal	2	-	-	-	-	2
49	CIPHET, Ludhiana	1	-	-	-	-	1
50	IINR&G, Ranchi	1	-	-	-	-	1
51	NIRJAFT, Kolkata	-	-	-	-	1	1
52	IASRI, New Delhi	2	-	-	1	-	3
53	NAARM, Hyderabad	2	-	-	-	-	2
54	NRCWA, Bhubaneswar	2	-	-	-	-	2
55	ZCU-I Ludhiana	1	-	-	-	-	1
56	ZCU Kanpur	1	-	-	-	-	1
57	ZCU –VIII, Bangalore	1	-	-	-	-	1
58	CIRB, Hisar	1	-	-	-	-	1
59	CIRG, Makhdoom	1	-	-	-	-	1
60	CSWRI, Avikanagar	5	-	-	1	-	6
61	IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly	2	-	-	-	-	2
62	NBAGR, Karnal	1	-	-	-	-	1

63	NDRI, Karnal	2	-	1	1	-	4
64	NIANP, Bangalore	1	-	-	-	-	1
65	NRC, Equines, Hisar	1	-	-	-	-	1
66	NRC, Meat, Hyderabad	-	-	-	1	-	1
67	NRC, Pig, Guwahati	2	-	-	-	-	2
68	NRC, Yak, Dirang, West Kameng	2	-	2	-	-	4
69	PD on Foot Mouth Disease, Mukteshwar	1	1	-	-	-	2
70	CIFRI, Barrackpore	2	-	-	1	-	3
71	CIBA, Chennai	1	-	-	-	-	1
72	CIFE, Mumbai	1	-	-	1	-	2
73	CIFT, Kochi	5	1	-	2	-	8
74	CIFA, Bhubaneswar	3	-	-	-	-	3
75	CMFRI, Kochi	10	-	-	-	-	10
76	ICAR Hqrs. New Delhi	14	3	3	6	-	26
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>258</b>

The candidate has to submit one application only irrespective of the place of the vacant posts at different places. However, the place of posting of the successful candidate will depend on ranking in the Main Examination and availability of vacancies. Postings will be finalized by the ASRB based on ranking of the candidates, availability of vacant posts and choice of Institutes made by the candidate, subject to verification of all original documents. Candidates may please note that their postings may be either at HQ of the Institute or at its sub-stations. They are liable to be transferred also from HQ of the Institutes or to its sub-stations by the concerned Director of the Institute.

(UR – Un-reserved, SC – Scheduled Castes, ST – Scheduled Tribes, OBC – Other Backward Classes, PD – Physically Disabled (Orthopedically Handicapped).

### 3. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-

Candidate must be a Graduate from a recognized University.

### 4. FOR DEPARTMENTAL CANDIDATES:-

All candidates in Indian Council of Agricultural Research Service/Govt. Service, whether in a permanent or temporary capacity or as work-charged employees, other than casual or daily rated employees, will be required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing to their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the examination.

Candidates should note that in case a communication is received from their employer by the Board withholding permission to the candidates applying for / appearing at the examination, their applications will be liable to be rejected / cancelled.

The decision of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

**5. Centres for Online Preliminary Examination:**

Candidates will have the option to choose **any three cities/towns** (in order of preference) as their examination center from the list given below:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Cities/Towns</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	Port Blair
2	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
3	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
4	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
5	Assam	Guwahati
6	Assam	Jorhat
7	Bihar	Patna
8	Bihar	Bhagalpur
9	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
10	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
11	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur
12	Daman & Diu	Daman
13	Goa	Panaji
14	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
15	Gujarat	Rajkot
16	Gujarat	Surat
17	Gujarat	Vadodara
18	Haryana	Gurgaon
19	Haryana	Faridabad
20	Haryana	Karnal
21	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
22	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
23	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
24	Jharkhand	Ranchi
25	Jharkhand	Jamshedpur
26	Jharkhand	Dhanbad
27	Karnataka	Bengaluru
28	Karnataka	Hubli
29	Karnataka	Mangalore
30	Karnataka	Mysore
31	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
32	Kerala	Kochi
33	Kerala	Kozhikode
34	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
35	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
36	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
37	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior
38	Maharashtra	Aurangabad
39	Maharashtra	Mumbai
40	Maharashtra	Pune
41	Maharashtra	Nagpur
42	Maharashtra	Nasik
43	Manipur	Imphal

44	Meghalaya	Shillong
45	National Capital Region	Delhi
46	National Capital Region	Noida
46	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
48	Orissa	Rourkela
49	Punjab	Ludhiana
50	Rajasthan	Kota
51	Rajasthan	Udaipur
52	Rajasthan	Jaipur
53	Rajasthan	Jodhpur
54	Sikkim	Gangtok
55	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
56	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
57	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
58	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
59	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
60	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
61	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi
62	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
63	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
64	West Bengal	Kolkata
65	West Bengal	Durgapur
66	West Bengal	Siliguri

**Candidate will have the option to choose the city/town for the Online Preliminary Examination at the time of submission of application. Once a choice is made, it is final and no change of centre will be possible.**

**Note : Choice of allotment of Center will depend on availability of seats and on First Come First Serve basis.**

**Centers of Main Examination : 10-15 major cities across India which will be notified after the Preliminary Examination.**

#### **6. AGE LIMIT:-**

A candidate must have attained the age of 20 years and must have not attained the age of 27 years as on **01.07.2011** i.e. s/he must have been born not later than **01.07.1991** and not earlier than **02.07.1984**. But the upper age limit is relaxable upto 45 years in the case of serving regular employees of ICAR in the administrative (ministerial) category. The upper age limits prescribed above will also be relaxable as follows:-

- i) Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.
- ii) Upto a maximum of three years in respect of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes.
- iii) For Physically Disabled 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 Physically Disabled category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both the 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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1980 to the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Save as provided above, the age limits prescribed can in no case be relaxed.**

**7. FEE:** The fee structure is as follows:

**A. Fee, if payment is made online: Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand only).**

For making Online payment, following options will be available on the Website:

- a. **Payment using the Debit Card.**
- b. **Payment using the Credit Card.**
- c. **Payment through Net Banking:** Payment can be made by choosing any of the Banks available on the examination website.
- d. **Payment through ICICI Bank Challan:** Under this method, the candidate will have the option to make cash payment at any of the branches of the ICICI Bank and obtain Challan details (Transaction ID, date of making payment and Branch name of the ICICI Bank) which will be required to complete the process of submission of online application. Additional Rs. 50 will be charged towards Bank charges by the ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank Challan available on Examination website only is to be used for making payment.

**B. Fee, if payment is made offline: Rs.1500/- (Rs. One Thousand Five Hundred only).**

For making Offline payment, following option will be available:

- a. **Payment through ICICI Bank Challan:** Under this method, the candidate will have the option to make cash payment at any of the branches of the ICICI Bank and send a copy as proof of payment along with offline application. The copy of the Bank Challan can be downloaded from the website after the registration of the candidate. Additional Rs. 50 will be charged towards Bank charges by the ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank Challan available on Examination website only is to be used for making payment.

**ALL FEMALE CANDIDATES AND CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTE/SCHEDULED TRIBE/PHYSICALLY DISABLED CATEGORIES ARE EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF ANY FEE. NO FEE EXEMPTION IS HOWEVER, AVAILABLE TO OBC CANDIDATES AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE PRESCRIBED FEE IN FULL.**

Physically Disabled persons are exempted from the payment of fee provided they are otherwise eligible for appointment to the Services/Posts to be filled on the results of this examination on the basis of the standards of medical fitness for these Services/Posts (including any concessions specifically extended to the Physically

Disabled) as applicable by the Government of India rules. A Physically Disabled candidate claiming fee concession will be required by the Board to submit along with their detailed application form, a certified copy of the certificate from a Government Hospital/Medical Board in support of his claim for being physically disabled.

**NOTE I:** Applications cannot be submitted online without making the payment except in the case of those who are exempted as per rules. Any false declaration made by the candidate for not making the payment will disqualify the candidate on subsequent verification and will be dealt with as per rules.

**NOTE II:** Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection. Candidates claiming fee remission/exemption on account of being SC/ST or Physically Disabled category should produce the supporting document at the time of verification of original documents by the ASRB. **CANDIDATES MAY PLEASE READ THE “REFUND POLICY” ON THE EXAMINATION WEBSITE.**

#### **8. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-**

The scheme and syllabus of the examination are given in the rules of the examination vide **Annexure I.**

#### **9. HOW TO APPLY:-**

A candidate applying for the Examination must register first on the examination website **www.icar-asrb.net** and then choose the option for submission of the application either “**online**” or “**offline**”. If s/he opts for “online” submission of application, s/he may follow the steps for submission of online applications available on the website including the payment using any of the online methods available on the website.

If the candidate opts for offline submission of application, s/he can download the application form and ICICI Bank Challan **but only after online registration** as it is mandatory even for offline application. This will generate a registration number for the candidate for submitting offline application. The candidate can then download the application form and fill up the details therein. The completed application form with payment proof (Copy of the ICICI Bank Challan downloaded from the examination website only for making payment) may be sent at the address given below:

**Controller of Online Examinations (AGE)  
Post Box No. 453, Basavangudi,  
Bangalore-560004**

Please note that application form and ICICI Bank Challan available on examination website **www.icar-asrb.net** only will be valid. Forms purchased from any other source/vendor will not be entertained at all.

**The envelope containing the application form and copy of the Bank Challan should be superscribed in bold letters as:**

**“Application for Online Examination (Prelim) for the post of ASSISTANT in ICAR – 2011”**

**10. CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:-**

- a) The completed offline application form must reach the Controller of Online Examination (AGE), Post Box No. 453, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004 on or before **15.06.2011**.

Applicants residing in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul & Spiti Districts and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba Distt. of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshdweep **or settled abroad**, may send the downloaded application form duly filled in along with proof of payment so as to reach the Controller of Online Examination (AGE), Post Box No. 453, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004 on or before the extended last date of **30.06.2011**. **The benefit of extended date will be available only in respect of offline applications received from the above mentioned areas/regions only and not for any other candidate who apply online. All online Registrations/Applications download will close on 15.6.2011 at 5.30 PM.**

- b) Candidates should clearly note that the Board will in no case be responsible for non-receipt of their application or any delay in receipt thereof on any account whatsoever. **No application, received after the prescribed closing date will be entertained under any circumstances and all the applications received by post after the prescribed date will be summarily rejected.**

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

**(I) Candidates are not required to send any document related to age, educational qualification, caste, fee exemption etc at the time of submitting “online” or “offline” application. These original documents will be verified only in case of successful candidates.**

**(II) Candidates must ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission to the examination will also, therefore, be purely provisional. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, or they have provided any false information, their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited.**

**(III) No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he holds an ADMIT CARD for the examination with details of candidate, venue, time and date. The Admit Card has to be downloaded from the website in the first week of July 2011 and if there is any discrepancy, the candidate must contact the Help Desk using the toll free number available on the website.**

**(IV) The candidates are advised to read the Notification for the Examination carefully before filling up the application form. Changes in the application form will not be possible under any circumstances after its submission either online or offline.**

(V) Candidates may refer to the website and look for **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** and their answers. However, all communications / queries relating to applications sent / submitted for this Examination should be addressed to the Help Desk available on the website.

(VI) Any change in postal address should be communicated to the Help Desk immediately. Although every effort to take account of such changes will be made but no responsibility in the matter will be accepted.

(VII) No request for withdrawal of candidature/application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained under any circumstances.

(VIII) Notification of the Examination will be available on the ICAR website [www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in) and ASRB website [www.asrb.org.in](http://www.asrb.org.in) and also on websites of various ICAR Institutes. However, applications, instructions and downloads will be available only at the examination website [www.icar-asrb.net](http://www.icar-asrb.net)

**RULES FOR ASSISTANTS EXAMINATION (Direct Recruitment)**

The Rules for the Assistants' Examination (Direct Recruitment) for the posts of Assistants to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) in 2011 for the purpose of filling up the posts of Assistants in the Pay Band-2, Rs. 9300-34800 + Rs. 4600 and Rs. 4200 Grade Pay falling under Direct Recruitment quota under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and at its Research Institutes are published for general information.

1. The number of vacancies to be filled on the basis of result of the examination is specified in the Notice issued by the ASRB. Reservations will be made for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes/ Physically Disabled in respect of the vacancies as may be fixed by ICAR in accordance with the Government of India instructions on this subject.

**Note:-I** Candidates who claim to belong to one of the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes must submit the requisite certificate (as per **Appendix – III**) when demanded. They will lose their candidature if they fail to submit the required documents when demanded.

**Note:-II** Candidates who wish to be considered against vacancies reserved for OBCs must submit requisite certificate (as per **Appendix - IV**) from the Competent Authority as mentioned therein when demanded. They will lose their candidature if they fail to submit the required documents when demanded.

**Note:-III** Physically Disabled candidates who are orthopedically handicapped and deaf are required to produce medical certificates in the prescribed form (**Appendix - V**) issued by the Competent Medical Authorities when demanded. They will lose their candidature if they fail to submit the required documents when demanded.

2. The examination will be conducted by the ASRB in the manner prescribed in **Appendix - I** to these rules.

The dates and places at which the examination will be held will be announced in the Examination website.

3. **A candidate must be either:-**

- (a) A citizen of India, or
- (b) A citizen of Nepal, or
- (c) A citizen of Bhutan, or
- (d) A Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
- (e) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, 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 (b), (c), (d) & (e) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Govt. of India.

A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to the examination but the offer of appointment may be given only after the necessary eligibility certificate has been issued to him by the Govt. of India.

**4. a) Age limits for this examination will be as under:-**

A candidate must have attained the age of 20 years and must have not attained the age of 27 years as on **01.07.2011** i.e. he / she must have been born not later than **01.07.1991** and not earlier than **02.07.1984**. But the upper age limit is also relaxable upto 45 years in the case of serving regular employees of ICAR in the administrative (ministerial) category.

b) The upper age limits prescribed above will be relaxable:-

- i) Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.
- ii) Upto a maximum of three years in respect of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes.
- iii) For Physically Disabled 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 Physically Disabled category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both the categories.
- iv) 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.

**Save as provided above, the age limits prescribed cannot be relaxed.**

**5. Educational & other qualifications for the post of Assistants:**

**Candidate must be a Graduate of a recognized University.** A candidate must hold a Degree of any of the Universities incorporated by an Act, of the Central or State Legislature in India or other Educational Institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or possesses an equivalent qualification.

**NOTE I:** Candidates possessing professional and technical qualifications which are recognized by Government as equivalent to professional and technical degree will also be eligible for admission to the examination.

**NOTE II:** Candidates who have appeared at an examination the passing of which would render them educationally qualified for the Council's examination, but have not been informed of the result and also the candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination will not be eligible for admission to this examination.

**NOTE III:** The candidate must possess original or provisional Bachelor Degree and for that the crucial cut-off date will be 01.07.2011.

6. All candidates in Indian Council of Agricultural Research Service/Govt. Service, whether in a permanent or in temporary capacity or as work-charged employees, other than casual or daily rated employees, will be required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the examination.

7. The decision of the ASRB as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

8. No candidates will be admitted to the examination unless he/she holds an ADMIT CARD issued by the ASRB through the Examination Website.

9. All candidates except those who are exempted by the existing rules, must pay the fee prescribed by the ASRB.

10. A candidate who is or has been declared by the ASRB to be guilty of:

- a) obtaining support for the candidature by any means, or
- b) impersonating, or
- c) procuring impersonation by any person, or
- d) submitting fabricated document or documents which have been tampered with, or
- e) making statements which are incorrect or false, or suppressing material information, or
- f) resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his candidature for the examination, or
- g) using unfair means during the examination, or
- h) writing irrelevant matter, including obscene language or pornographic matter, in the scrip(s), or
- i) misbehaving in any other manner in the examination hall, or
- j) harassing or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the ASRB for the conduct of examination, or
- k) attempting to commit or, as the case may be abetting the ASRB of all or any other acts specified in the foregoing clauses, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable:-
  - a) to be disqualified by the ASRB from the examination for which s/he is a candidate, or
  - b) to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:
    - i) by the ASRB from any examination or selection held by them;
    - ii) by the ICAR from any employment under them.

11. After the Main Examination, the names of the successful candidates will be arranged in the order of merit as disclosed by the aggregate marks awarded to each candidate in the Main Examination. Candidates will have to appear personally at HQ of ASRB, New Delhi for verification of their original documents related to age, educational qualifications, caste, fee exemption, etc. Candidates may exercise their options for the place of postings at that point of time. **However, postings will be finalized by the ASRB based on ranking of the candidates, availability of vacant posts and choice of Institutes made by the candidate.**

Provided that candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes may be appointed to the posts to the extent the number of vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes cannot be filled on the basis of the general standard as recommended by the ASRB, may be appointed by the relaxed standard to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota, subject to the fitness of the candidates for appointment to the posts, irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.

The candidates belonging to the Other Backward Classes, who are found to be qualified at the examination may be recommended for appointment by the ASRB, by going down the merit list for the OBC's to the extent of vacancies reserved for them subject to the fulfillment of the basic minimum standards prescribed by the ASRB.

Physically Disabled candidates who are found to be qualified at the examination may be recommended for appointment by the ASRB, by going down the merit list for the physically disabled to the extent of vacancies reserved for them subject to the fulfillment of the basic minimum standards prescribed by the ASRB.

12. The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the ASRB at their discretion and the ASRB will not enter into any correspondence with them regarding result.

13. Appointments will be made by the ICAR / concerned ICAR Institutes initially on probation for a period of two years. The period of probation may be extended, if considered necessary.

14. 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 service.

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

15. A candidate must be in possession of good mental and physical health and free from any other physical defects (save as prescribed for physically disabled candidates) likely to interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties as an officer of the service. A candidate who after such medical examination, as may be prescribed by the competent authority is found not to satisfy these requirements will not be appointed. Only such candidates as are likely to be considered for appointment will be medically examined.

16. Success at the examination confers no right to appointment, unless the Council is satisfied, after such enquiry as may be considered necessary, that the candidate having regard to this character and antecedents is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post.

17. Conditions of Service of Assistants at the ICAR Headquarters are briefly stated in **Appendix - II**.

**SCHEME OF EXAMINATION FOR ASSISTANTS (DR)**

**A. Preliminary Exam (Objective Type): Max Marks: 200 Time: 2 Hours**

<b>SECTION – A</b> English Comprehension	50	(No. of Questions - 25)
<b>SECTION – B</b> General Knowledge	50	(No. of Questions - 25)
<b>SECTION – C</b> General Mental Ability	50	(No. of Questions - 25)
<b>SECTION – D</b> Quantitative Analysis including Arithmetic	50	(No. of Questions - 25)

**NOTE:**

1. Total 100 (one hundred) questions will be there to be attempted online.
2. One mark will be deducted for two wrong answers.
3. All sections of the Question Paper for the Preliminary Examination will be set both in English and Hindi except Section – D, i.e., English Comprehension.

**B. Main Exam (Descriptive Type): Max Marks: 200 Time: 3 Hours**

(Main Examination will be taken only by candidates qualifying the Preliminary Examination)

<b>SECTION – A</b> Essay/Paragraphs	50
<b>SECTION – B</b> English Language & Comprehension	50
<b>SECTION – C</b> General Knowledge	50
<b>SECTION – D</b> Quantitative Analysis and General Mental Ability including Basic Arithmetic	50

## **SYLLABUS FOR ASSISTANTS' EXAMINATION (DR)**

### **PRELIMINARY ONLINE EXAMINATION**

#### **ENGLISH COMPREHENSION**

Candidates' ability to understand correct English, their basic comprehension and writing ability etc. would be tested.

#### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

Questions in this component will be aimed at testing the candidate's general awareness of the environment around him and its application to society. Questions will also be designed to test knowledge of current events and of such matters of everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspects as may be expected from an educated person. The test will also include questions relating to India and its neighboring countries especially pertaining to history, culture, geography, economic scene, general policy and scientific research etc. These questions will be such that they do not require a special study of any discipline.

#### **GENERAL MENTAL ABILITY**

It would include questions of both verbal and non verbal type. This component will include questions of analogies, similarities and differences, spatial visualization, spatial orientation, problem solving, analysis, judgment, decision making, visual memory, discrimination, observation, relationship concepts, arithmetic reasoning, verbal and figure classification, arithmetical number series, non-verbal series, coding and decoding, statement, conclusion, syllogistic reasoning etc.

#### **QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS INCLUDING ARITHMETIC**

The questions will be designed to test the ability of appropriate use of numbers and number sense of the candidate. This part will include questions on problems relating to number system, computation of whole numbers, decimals and fractions, relationships between numbers, fundamental arithmetical operations, percentage, ratio and proportion, averages, interest, profit and loss, discount, use of tables and graphs, mensuration, time and distance, ratio and time etc.

#### **NOTE:**

The Board has the discretion to fix different minimum qualifying standards in the papers of the Preliminary Examination taking into consideration among others, category-wise vacancies. The combined Preliminary Examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidate who are declared qualified for admission to the Main/Written examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit. Only such candidates who are declared by the Board to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination in a year will be eligible for admission to the Main Examination of that year provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

## MAIN EXAMINATION

The Main Examination will be subjective, descriptive and conventional type comprising only one composite paper in the form of Question/Answer Booklet. This will be for 3 hours duration carrying a total of 200 marks having parts covering questions on:

- I Essay/Paragraphs
- II English Language & Comprehension
- III General Knowledge
- IV Quantitative Analysis and General Mental Ability including basic Arithmetic

### NOTE:

1. All the question papers, except Part II will be printed both in English and Hindi languages for which choice of medium will be exercised by the candidates at the time of filling up their application form for the Main Examination. However, choice of language once made will be final and binding and candidate cannot change it later under any circumstance. The candidates cannot use multiple languages like answering some questions in one language and others in different language because the medium has strictly to be only one chosen by them and questions attempted in any other medium would be rendered ineligible for evaluation. Candidates will have the option to answer Paper I, Paper III & Paper IV either in Hindi or in English language.
2. The final merit list shall be prepared based upon the marks obtained in the MAIN EXAMINATION viz. out of 200 marks for the General as well as in respect of all other reserved categories (viz. SC/ST/OBC/PH/EXS).

## SYLLABUS

### PAPER I: Essay/ Paragraphs

The candidate's ability to understand correct English/Hindi, his/her comprehension and writing ability etc. would be tested. Questions on short essay, précis, letter writing etc. would also be included.

### Part II: English Language & Comprehension (Conventional type)

In addition to the testing of candidates understanding of the English language and its correct usage, his/her writing ability would also be tested. Questions on paragraph writing/report writing etc. may be included.

### Part III: General Knowledge

Questions in this Paper will include General Awareness as well as General Intelligence & Reasoning Ability.

- **General Intelligence and Reasoning Ability:**

It would include question of both – verbal non –verbal type. This component will include questions on analogies, similarities, differences, spatial visualization, spatial orientation,

problem solving analysis, judgment, decision making, visual memory, discrimination, observation, relationship concepts, arithmetical reasoning, verbal and figure classification, arithmetical number series, non-verbal series, coding and decoding, statement conclusion, syllogistic reasoning etc.

- **General Awareness:**

Questions in this component will be aimed at testing the candidate's general awareness of the environment around him and its application to society. Questions will also be designed to test knowledge of current events and of such matters of everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspects as may be expected of any educated person. The test will also include questions relating to India and its neighbouring countries especially pertaining to sports, history, culture, geography, economic scene, general polity, Indian constitution, and scientific research etc. These questions will be such that they do not require a special study of any discipline.

**Part IV: Quantitative Analysis and General Mental Ability including Basic Arithmetic.**

The questions will be designed to test the ability of appropriate use of numbers and number sense of the candidate. This paper will include questions on problems relating to number system, computation of whole numbers, decimals and fractions, relationships between numbers, fundamental arithmetical operations, percentage, ratio and proportion, averages, interest, profit and loss, discount, use of tables and graphs, mensuration, time and distance, ratio and time etc.

## **APPENDIX – II**

Brief particulars relating to the services/posts to which recruitment is being made through the examination are as under:

The ICAR service (Administrative side) at ICAR Hqrs. has at present five grades as follows:

- |  |   |                                   |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| (i) Director (Personnel)/<br>Director (Admn.) /Registrar | : | PB-4 [Rs. 37400 – 67000+8700(GP)] |
| (ii) Deputy Secretary                                    | : | PB-3 [Rs. 15600 – 39100+7600(GP)] |
| (iii) Under Secretary                                    | : | PB-3 [Rs. 15600 – 39100+6600(GP)] |
| (iv) Section Officer                                     | : | PB-2 [Rs. 9300 – 34800+4800(GP)]  |
| (v) Assistant  | : | PB-2 [Rs. 9300 – 34800+4600(GP)]  |

The ICAR service (Administrative side) at ICAR Institutes has at present six grades as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| (i) Director (Admn.) /Registrar | : | PB-4 [Rs. 37400 – 67000+8700(GP)] |
| (ii) Chief Admn. Officer        | : | PB-3 [Rs. 15600 – 39100+7600(GP)] |
| (iii) Senior Admn. Officer      | : | PB-3 [Rs. 15600 – 39100+6600(GP)] |
| (iv) Administrative Officer     | : | PB-2 [Rs. 15600 – 39100+5400(GP)] |
| (v) Assistant Admn. Officer     | : | PB-2 [Rs. 9300 – 34800+4600(GP)]  |
| (vi) Assistant                  | : | PB-2 [Rs. 9300 – 34800+4200(GP)]  |

**Persons recruited direct as Assistant will be on probation for a period of 2 years.**

On conclusion of the period of probation, the ICAR may confirm the probationer in his/her appointment, if his/her work or conduct has, in the opinion of ICAR, been found satisfactory. In case his/her work and conduct, in the opinion of ICAR, found unsatisfactory, s/he may either be discharged from the services or her/his period of probation may be extended for such further period as ICAR may deem necessary.

**APPENDIX – III**

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE PRESCRIBED FOR  
SCHEDULED CASTE AND SCHEDULED TRIBE**

Form of Certificate as prescribed in M.H.A., O.M. No. 42/21/49-N.G.S., dated 28-1-1952, as revised in Dept. of Per. & A.R., Letter No. 36012/6/76-Estt. (SCT) dated 29-10-1977, to be produced by a candidate belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe in support of his claim.

**FORM OF CASTE CERTIFICATE**

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 Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976].

- \* The Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956.
- \* The Constitution (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959, as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976.
- \* The Constitution (Dadra & Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962.
- \* The Constitution (Dadra & Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962.
- \* The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964.
- \* The Constitution Scheduled Tribes (Uttar Pradesh) Order, 1967.
- \* The Constitution (Goa, Daman & Diu) Scheduled Caste Order, 1968.
- \* The Constitution (Goa, Daman & 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 & Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1989.
- \* The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Act, 1990.
- \* The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order Amendment Act, 1991.
- \* The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order Second Amendment Act, 1991.

2. 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 belong to the Caste/Tribe\* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe\* in the State/Union Territory\* \_\_\_\_\_ issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

3. Shri/Shrimati\*/Kumari\* \_\_\_\_\_ and/or his/her\* family ordinarily reside(s) in village/town\* \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ District/Division\* of the State/Union Territory\* of \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Designation** \_\_\_\_\_

**(With Seal of Office)**

State \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Union Territory \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The term “Ordinarily resides” used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1950.

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\* Please strike off the words which are not applicable.

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

[G.I., Dept. of Per.&Trg., O.M. No. 36033/28/94-Estt. (SCT), dated 23-11-1995]

This is to certify that Sh / Smt. / Kumari \_\_\_\_\_ son /  
daughter of Sh. \_\_\_\_\_ of Village \_\_\_\_\_  
District / Division \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ State  
\_\_\_\_\_ belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ community  
which is recognized as a Backward class under :-

- \* (i) Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC (C), dated the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1993, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section I, No. 186, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1993.
- \* (ii) Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BCC, dated 19-10-94, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section I, No. 163, dated 20-10-1994.
- \* (iii) Resolution No. 12011/7/95-BCC, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1995, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section I, No. 88, dated 25-5-1995.

Shri \_\_\_\_\_ and/or his family ordinarily reside(s) in the \_\_\_\_\_  
District/Division of the \_\_\_\_\_ State. 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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\*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

- Note:** (a) The term ' ordinarily ' used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1950.
- (b) Where the certificates are issued by Gazetted Officers of the Union Government or State Governments, they should be in the same form but countersigned by the District Magistrate or Deputy Commissioner (Certificates issued by Gazetted Officers and attested by District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner are not sufficient).

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED CANDIDATES**

For being considered against the vacancies for the category of physically Disabled persons, the Disabled persons should have disability of 40% or more. However, such candidates shall be required to meet one or more of the following physical requirements/disability, which may be necessary for performing the duties in the concerned post:-

**Physical Requirements**

1. Work performed by manipulation by fingers.
2. Work performed by pulling and pushing.
3. Work performed by lifting.
4. Work performed by kneeling and crouching.
5. Work performed by bending.
6. Work performed by sitting (on bench or chair).
7. Work performed by standing.
8. Work performed by walking.
9. Work performed by seeing.
10. Work performed by hearing / speaking.
11. Work performed by reading and writing.
12. Communication.

**Functional Classification**

1. Both legs affected but not arms
2. Both arms affected
  - a. Impaired reach
  - b. Weakness of grip
  - c. Ataxic
3. Both legs and both arms affected.
4. One leg affected (R or L)
  - a. Impaired reach
  - b. Weakness of grip
  - c. Ataxic
5. One arm affected (R or L)
  - a. Impaired reach
  - b. Weakness of grip
  - c. Ataxic
6. One arm and one leg affected.
7. Muscular weakness.
8. The blind.
9. Low vision.
10. Hearing