

F.No. 1(2)/2010-Exam.-II

Dated the 26th February, 2010.

NOTIFICATION

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE AND NATIONAL
ELIGIBILITY TEST EXAMINATION-2010.

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1. Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold a competitive ARS/NET Examination – 2010 as per the following scheme where two separate examinations will be held as:

- (i) Prelim - ARS / NET Examination – 2010 to be held on **19.09.2010** (Sunday)
- (ii) ARS – Main Examination – 2010 to be held tentatively on **28.11.2010** (Sunday).

The Prelim – ARS / NET is a Combined Competitive Examination for deciding eligibility for appearing in ARS – Main Examination as well as for determining eligibility for Lecturer / Assistant Professor in the State Agricultural Universities (SAU's) / other Agriculture Universities (AU's).

2. (i) Candidates clearing the National Eligibility Test will be eligible for Lecturers or Assistant Professors in the SAUs/AUs. Eligibility certificates will be issued to the candidates by the A.S.R.B. to enable them to apply against vacancies to be notified or advertised by the State Agricultural Universities. SAU/AU will consider their eligibility through interview or such other tests as devised for recruitment of Lecturers or Assistant Professors.

(ii) **ARS – Main Examination will be held at a later date for filling up the vacancies of Scientists in Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in the pay scale of Rs.15,600-39,100 plus research grade pay of Rs.6,000/- in the ICAR Institutes.**

(iii) Candidates clearing the Prelim – ARS Examination only will be eligible to appear in the ARS – Main Examination.

(iv) The candidates clearing Main Examination will be called for Viva-Voce in the ratio of 1:5. The selection of candidates for Viva-Voce will be made on the basis of marks obtained in the ARS - Main examination. Candidates declared successful in the examination in ARS – Main Examination and viva-voce will be recommended for appointment as Scientists in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the pay scale of Rs.15,600-39,100 plus research grade pay of Rs.6,000/-.

3. **Centres of Examination**

(i) **Centres of Examination For Prelim – ARS / NET Examination**

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Centres</u>	<u>State</u>
01.	Anand	Gujarat
02.	Bangaluru	Karnatata
03.	Bikaner	Rajasthan
04.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
05.	Bhubneshwar	Orissa
06.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
07.	Cochin	Kerala
08.	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
09.	Dharwad	Karnataka
10.	Dehradun	Uttarakhand
11.	Delhi	Delhi
12.	Guwahati	Assam
13.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
14.	Imphal	Manipur
15.	Izatnagar (Bareilly)	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
17.	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
18.	Junagadh	Gujarat
19.	Karnal	Haryana
20.	Kolkata	West Bengal
21.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
22.	Ludhiana	Punjab
23.	Mumbai	Maharashtra
24.	Nagpur	Maharashtra
25.	Palampur	Himachal Pradesh
26.	Patna	Bihar
27.	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
28.	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
29.	Ranchi	Jharkhand
30.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
31.	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
32.	Udaipur	Rajasthan
33.	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh

(The ASRB may increase or decrease the number of Centres according to the requirement).

Candidates must select the centre of Examination carefully.

(NO REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF CENTRE WOULD BE ENTERTAINED ORDINARILY)

However, a request for change of centre will be entertained in exceptional cases on merits, if received within one month from closing date for receipt of applications.

(ii) Centres of Examination for ARS – Main Examination will be decided by ASRB after the results of Prelim – ARS Examination and shall be informed to all the eligible candidates. However, the candidates can give the choices of the centres of examination for ARS – Main Examination from amongst following centres:-

01. Bangaluru	02. Bhubneshwar	03. Coimbatore	04. Delhi	05. Guwahati
06. Hyderabad	07. Jammu	08. Kolkata	09. Mumbai	10. Nagpur
11. Patna	12. Varanasi			

4. **VACANCIES FOR ARS**

The number of vacancies in Agricultural Research Service under various disciplines is mentioned in **Annexure-I**. The number of vacancies is only tentative and likely to change.

5. **PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

(i) **For admission to Prelim - ARS/NET Examination:-**

A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned subject with Specialization as defined in **Annexure-II**, before the day of Prelim - ARS/NET Examination

(ii) **For admission to ARS – Main Examination:-**

Candidate must have passed in requisite Prelim – ARS / NET Examination and must possess Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned subject with specialization as defined in **Annexure-III**, before the day of Prelim - ARS/NET Examination

6. **AGE LIMIT**

(a) **For Agricultural Research Service:-**

A candidate seeking admission to the **ARS Examination** must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 32 years as on 01-08-2010 (i.e. he/she must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1978 and not later than 1st August, 1989)**. In service candidates of ICAR less than 45 years in age as on **01-08-2010** will also be eligible to appear subject to possession of prescribed qualifications. In service candidates of the State Agricultural Universities less than 35 years of age as on **01-08-2010** will be eligible to appear for ARS subject to possession of prescribed qualifications.

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

(I) Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) The candidates claiming this benefit should submit certificate in the format prescribed vide **Annexure-V**

(II) Upto a maximum of 3 years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates. The candidates claiming this benefit should submit certificate in the format prescribed vide **Annexure-VI**

(III) For Physically Challenged 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 Challenged category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both the categories. **Physical requirements for the Challenged candidates are given at Annexure - VII**

(IV) For ARS Examination the upper age limit for the candidates holding Ph.D. degree will be 35 years. Consequently the upper age limit for SC / ST / OBC./ Physically Challenged candidates holding Ph.D. degree will be relaxable by a further period of 3 years. Thus, the maximum limit for SC / ST candidates in such cases will be 40 years, for OBC candidates 38 years and for Physically Challenged candidate 45 years. In such cases the candidates should have obtained Ph.D. degree on or before **01-08-2010** which is the reckoning date for age determination.

- (V) 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.
- (VI) 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.

(b) For National Eligibility Test:-

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01-08-2010**. There will be no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

7. FEE: -

The candidates seeking admission to ARS/NET Examination must pay to the Board a fee of Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. One thousand only) through a Crossed Bank Draft only, valid for six months from the date of issue, drawn in favour of Secretary, A.S.R.B. and payable at New Delhi with the application form. Candidates should write their name and address on the reverse of the Bank Draft in the top corner at the time of submission of application. **No other form of payment will be accepted by the Board.**

CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC/ST ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY FEE. NO FEE EXEMPTION IS, HOWEVER, AVAILABLE TO OBC CANDIDATES AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE FULL PRESCRIBED FEE.

Physically challenged 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 challenged). A physically challenged 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 challenged.

NOTE I: Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision for fee exemption, a physically challenged candidate will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if he (after such physical examination as the Council or the appointing authority, as the case may be, may prescribe) is found to satisfy the requirements of physical and medical standards for the concerned Services/Posts to be allocated to Physically challenged candidates by the Council.

NOTE II: APPLICATIONS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESCRIBED FEE (UNLESS REMISSION OF FEE IS CLAIMED) SHALL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

NOTE III: 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 on account of being SC/ST must attach a copy of SC/ST certificate from the prescribed authority. A Physically Challenged candidate claiming fee concession will be required to submit along with his/her detailed application form, a certified copy of the certificate from a Government Hospital/Medical Board in support of his/her claim for being physically challenged.

8. **PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-**

A). **For Prelim – ARS / NET Examination**

There will one paper with 200 marks with all objective type questions of 2 1/2 (Two and half) hours duration. Out of 200 objective type questions 50 questions shall be of General Knowledge derived from the relevant broad seven main groups of Agriculture & Allied Sciences as indicated in **Annexure – II**.

B). **For ARS – Main Examination (for those who pass the Prelim ARS/NET Examination)**

There will be one paper of 240 marks with 3 (Three) hour's duration and the questions from each discipline will be subjective with expectations of descriptive answers. The ARS – Main Examination shall be conducted in the disciplines mentioned in **Annexure – III**.

C). Viva – Voce examination will be held for 60 marks.

Detailed plan of Examination is given in **Annexure-IV**

9. **HOW TO APPLY:-**

A candidate seeking admission to the Examination must apply to the Secretary, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan, Pusa, New Delhi-110012 on the application form available on ICAR Website www.icar.org.in or ASRB Website www.asrb.org.in The application form should be filled up by the candidate in his / her own handwriting only. The candidate must write his / her name as it appears in the Matriculation certificate. If the candidate has changed his / her name after Matriculation, necessary document / proof should be attached.

The envelopes containing the application form should be super scribed in bold letters as:

"Application for Prelim - ARS / NET Examination - 2010".

Centre _____

Code No _____

Prelim ARS/NET Examination Discipline _____

CodeNo. _____

NOTE:-

A candidate must send the following documents with his/her application:-

- (i) Crossed Bank Draft for Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) drawn in favour of Secretary, A.S.R.B. payable at New Delhi with the name and full address of the candidate written on its back.
- (ii) One self-addressed post card duly affixed with postage stamps of Rs.6/- for acknowledgment of application.
- (ii) Attested copy of Matriculation Certificate as a proof of date of birth.
- (v) Attested copies of the B.Sc./B.V.Sc./B.E./B.Tech. Degree certificate along with mark sheets.

- (vi) Attested copies of the Master's degree / Provisional Degree Certificate along with mark sheets and transcripts, (Candidates must possess Master's degree on or before the day of commencement of the examination).
- (vii) Attested copies of the SC/ST certificate issued by the prescribed authority.
- (viii) Attested copy of the OBC certificate issued by the prescribed authority.
- (ix) Attested copy of the Physically Challenged certificate issued by the prescribed authority.
- (x) Candidates already in ICAR/ SAU /Government services whether in a permanent or temporary capacity are, however, required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the examination. However, candidates seeking age relaxation on account of being ICAR/ SAU Employees must attach a certificate to this effect from the concerned Institute/SAU.
- (xi) Application not accompanied by the prescribed fee shall be summarily rejected. Incomplete or defective or unsigned declaration shall also be summarily rejected and fee paid will be forfeited. No representation or correspondence regarding such rejection shall be entertained under any circumstances.
- (xii) **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 all eligibility conditions; their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited.**

10. **LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IN A.S.R.B.**

- a) The completed application form must reach the Secretary, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan, Pusa, New Delhi-110012 by post or delivered in person on or before **20th April, 2010.**

In respect of applications received only by post (by post/ speed post) from the candidates 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 abroad, the last date for receipt of application will be **04th May, 2010.** The benefit of extended time will be available only in respect of applications received by post / speed post from the above mentioned areas/regions. In the case of applications received by hand or through courier service, benefit of extended time will not be available regardless of the place of the residence of the applicant.

- 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 last date will be entertained under any circumstances and all the applications received after the prescribed date will be summarily rejected.** They should, therefore, ensure that their applications reach the Board's Office on or before the prescribed last date.

Applications received through Couriers or courier Services of any type shall be treated as having been received 'By Hand' at the Board's Counter.

NOTE:-

- I. WHILE FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM, THE CANDIDATE SHOULD CAREFULLY DECIDE ABOUT HIS/HER CHOICE FOR THE CENTRE AND OPTIONAL SUBJECT FOR THE EXAMINATION. MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FORM FROM A CANDIDATE GIVING DIFFERENT CENTRES AND/OR OPTIONAL SUBJECTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. EVEN IF A CANDIDATE SENDS MORE THAN ONE COMPLETED APPLICATION, THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT ONLY ONE.
- II. APPLICATION AT THEIR DISCRETION AND THE BOARD'S DECISION IN THE MATTER SHALL BE FINAL.
- II. IF ANY CANDIDATE APPEARS AT A CENTRE/OPTIONAL SUBJECT OTHER THAN THE ONE INDICATED BY THE BOARD IN HIS/HER ADMISSION CERTIFICATE THE PAPERS OF SUCH A CANDIDATE WILL NOT BE EVALUATED AND HIS /HER CANDIDATURE WILL BE LIABLE TO CANCELLATION.
- III. DUE CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE CANDIDATES TO FILL UP THEIR APPLICATION FORM. NO COLUMN OF THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE LEFT BLANK. INCOMPLETE OR DEFECTIVE OR UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS SHALL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED. NO REPRESENTATION OR CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SUCH REJECTION SHALL BE ENTERTAINED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
- IV. IN CASE THEIR CLAIM REGARDING AGE, EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, SCHEDULED CASTE/ SCHEDULED TRIBE/ OTHER BACKWARD CLASS/ PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED, BEING I.C.A.R. /SAU EMPLOYEE, IS FOUND TO BE INCORRECT, THEY MAY RENDER THEMSELVES LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE BOARD / I.C.A.R. IN TERMS OF THE RULES OF THE EXAMINATION.
- V. IN CASE OF ANY DISCREPANCEY BETWEEN ENGLISH AND HINDI VERSIONS OF THE ADVERTISEMENT / INFORMATION, THE ENGLISH VERSION WILL BE TREATED AS FINAL.
- VI **NOTIFICATION INCLUDING APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON ICAR WEBSITE www.icar.org.in AND ASRB WEBSITE www.asrb.org.in**

RULES

The rules for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) / National Eligibility Test (NET) Examination - 2010 to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

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, (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

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

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b) **For National Eligibility Test:**

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01-08-2010**. There will be no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARS AND NET:-**

A candidate for the Prelim - Agricultural Research Service/National Eligibility Test must have a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned subject with specialization as defined in **Annexure-II** and for ARS – Main examination, a candidate must have a Master's degree or equivalent in concerned subject as defined in **Annexure-III** against each discipline, 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 by the Government of India.

NOTE I:-

The candidates selected for appointment to the posts in Animal Science disciplines will be entitled to Non Practicing Allowance as admissible under the rules of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and subject to fulfillment of the conditions of entitlement as prescribed by the Council.

In order to facilitate candidates to decide their eligibility, the details of specific qualification required for admission to Prelim-ARS/NET and ARS–Main Examinations in each discipline are given in **Annexure:-II** and **Annexure-III**.

NOTE II:-

A CANDIDATE WHO HAS APPEARED AT AN EXAMINATION, THE PASSING OF WHICH RENDERED HIM / HER ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR AT THIS EXAMINATION BUT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESULT MAY APPLY FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION. SUCH CANDIDATE WILL BE ADMITTED IF OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE, BUT THE ADMISSION WOULD BE DEEMED TO BE PROVISIONAL SUBJECT TO THE CANCELLATION IF HE / SHE DO NOT PRODUCE MASTER DEGREE OR PROVISIONAL DEGREE CERTIFICATE PASSED BEFORE THE DAY OF PRELIM ARS/NET EXAMINATION - 2010. THE CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE ATTESTED COPIES OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE/ PROVISIONAL DEGREE CERTIFICATE ALONGWITH MARK SHEETS/ TRANSCRIPTS ON THE SITE OF EXAMINATION TO THE SUPVISOR OF THE CENTRE OF EXAMINATION, FAILING WHICH HIS/HER CANDIDATURE IS LIABLE TO REJECTION.

NOTE-III:-

IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS RECRUITMENT BOARD MAY TREAT A CANDIDATE, WHO HAS NOT ANY OF THE FOREGOING QUALIFICATIONS, AS A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE PROVIDED THAT HE/SHE HAS PASSED EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY OTHER INSTITUTION, THE STANDARD OF WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD JUSTIFIES HIS/HER ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION.

NOTE-IV:-

IN ARS THE SCIENTIST WILL BE PLACED IN THE SAME DISCIPLINE IN WHICH HE/ SHE HAS QUALIFIED THE ARS EXAMINATION AND NO REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF DISCIPLINE WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

4. **FEE:-**

The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee of **Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. One Thousand only) through a Crossed Bank Draft only, valid for six months from the date of issue, drawn in favour of Secretary, A.S.R.B. and payable at New Delhi** with the application form. Candidates should write their name and address on the reverse of the Bank Draft in the top corner at the time of submission of application. **No other form of payment will be accepted by the Board.**

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NOTE I: Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision for fee exemption, a physically challenged candidate will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if he (after such physical examination as the Government or the appointing authority, as the case may be, may prescribe) is found to satisfy the requirements of physical and medical standards for the concerned Services/Posts to be allocated to Physically challenged candidates by the Government.

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5. **(a) Number of Attempts:-**

The number of attempts for appearing in the Agricultural Research Service Examination will be limited to **FOUR** for all candidates (whether M.Sc./Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates, who are otherwise eligible.

Note-I :-

The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to Agricultural Research Service examination 1996 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made.

Note-II :-

An attempt at a Prelim Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Examination. Notwithstanding the disqualification/cancellation of candidature, the fact of appearance of the candidate at the examination will count as an attempt.

(b) Restrictions on applying for the Examination:-

1. "A candidate who has already qualified ARS examination in the earlier year will not be eligible to compete in the subsequent examinations conducted by ASRB for the same discipline in which he/she has earlier qualified. However, there is no bar to reappear for an ARS selected CANDIDATE in the subsequent ARS examination in a discipline different than the one in which he/she has already qualified".

2. "Only such candidates who have been declared as qualified by the ASRB in the ARS Prelim Examination to sit for the ARS – Main Examination in a particular year shall be permitted to appear in the ARS – Main Examination of that year".

6. 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/SAU Employee must attach a certificate to this effect from the concerned Institute/SAU or get his application forwarded through proper channel.
7. The decision of the Board as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
8. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she holds a certificate of admission from the Board.
9. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him for admission to the examination.
10. 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 misbehavior in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution:
 - (a) Be debarred permanently or for a specific period.
 - (i) By the Board, from admission to any examination or appearance at an interview held by the Board for selection of candidates and
 - (ii) By the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Employment under them.
 - (b) Will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he is already in service under Government / Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities.
11. A). Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Prelim-ARS / NET as fixed in the notification shall be eligible for appearing in ARS – Main examination of the same year. For example if a candidate has passed Prelim – ARS / NET – 2010 he / she shall be eligible for ARS – Main – 2010 only and not eligible for any subsequent ARS- Main Examination.

B). Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the written ARS - Main examination as may be fixed by the Board in their discretion shall be summoned for VIVA-VOCE for the Agricultural Research Service. After the Viva-Voce the candidates will be arranged by the Board in the order of merit in each category (professional subject-wise) as disclosed by the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate. Candidates who obtain such minimum aggregate marks in the written papers and Viva-Voce without fixing any minimum marks in Viva-Voce as may be fixed by the Board in their discretion shall be recommended for appointment to ARS in accordance with the number of vacancies intimated by the Council under each discipline.

12. Candidates belonging to the scheduled castes or the Scheduled Tribes 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 Agricultural Research Service irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.
13. The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Board in their discretion and the Board will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.
14. Recommendation by the Board for appointment in the ARS will not be binding unless the Indian Council of Agricultural Research are satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the Service.
15. 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.
16. ***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.
17. Brief particulars relating to the service to which recruitment is being made through this Examination are stated in **Annexure-VIII**.

Vacancy Position for ARS Examination – 2010

S.No.	Discipline(s)	UR	SC	ST	OBC	PC	Total
1.	Plant Genetics (earlier Genetics)	01	04 (BL)	01 (BL)	05 (BL)		11
2.	Plant Breeding	12	04	02	04		22
3.	Economic Botany	02	01	01 (BL)	02 (1BL)		06
4.	Seed Technology	01					01
5.	Plant Pathology	12	01		02		15
6.	Agricultural Entomology	10	01	01	02		14
7.	Plant Nematology (earlier Nematology)	03					03
8.	Agricultural Chemicals/ Organic Chemistry	01		01 (BL)	01	02 (1BL)**	05
9.	Biochemistry (Plant Science)	01		02	02	2 (BL)**	07
10.	Plant Physiology	03	03	01	03		10
11.	Agricultural Biotechnology (Earlier Biotechnology – Agril. Sc.)	04	01		02	03 (2BL)*	10
12.	Agricultural Microbiology (earlier Microbiology – Plant Sc.)				01	01 (BL)**	02
13.	Biochemistry (Animal Science)		01	01	01	2 (BL)**	05
14.	Animal Biotechnology (earlier Biotechnology-Animal Sc.)	01			01	01 (BL)*	03
15.	Veterinary Public Health			01 (BL)			01
16.	Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology	01	01		01		03
17.	Animal Genetics & Breeding	01			01		02
18.	Livestock Production Management (earlier Livestock Production & Management)			01	03		04
19.	Fisheries Resource Management (earlier Fish & Fisheries Science)	04	02	02	04		12
20.	Fish Processing Technology	03		01	01		05
21.	Agronomy	06	03	03	05		17
22.	Agricultural Physics		01	01 (BL)	01		03
23.	Pedology (earlier, Soil : Pedology)	01	01 (BL)		01 (BL)	02*	05
24.	Soil Chemistry/Fertility/Microbiology (earlier Soil Science: Soil Chemistry/Fertility/Microbiology)	04	01	01	03	01 (BL)*	10
25.	Soil Physics/Soil and Water Conservation (earlier Soil Science: Soil Physics/Soil and Water Conservation)	01	03 (1BL)	02 (1 BL)	04 (BL)	02 (1BL)*	12

S.No.	Discipline (s)	UR	SC	ST	OBC	PC	Total
26.	Agricultural Chemistry	01	01	02 (BL)	01	02 (BL) **	07
27.	Agricultural Economics	03	02	02	02	03*	12
28.	Home/Family Resource Management (earlier Home Management & Family Resource Management)		01 (BL)		01 (BL)		02
29.	Agricultural Extension	03			02		05
30.	Agricultural Statistics	13	06 (5 BL)	06 (5 BL)	12	03 (BL)*	40
31.	Farm Machinery & Power		03 (2 BL)		02 (BL)		05
32.	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering			01	01		02
33.	Dairy Microbiology	02			01		03
34.	Mechanical Engineering	01 (BL)	01 (BL)		01 (BL)		03
35.	Electrical Engineering	01 (BL)			01 (BL)		02
36.	Electronics and Instrumentation	04 (1 BL)	02	01 (BL)	03 (1 BL)		10
37.	Textile Chemistry				01	01**	02
38.	Textile Manufacture	04 (2 BL)	01 (BL)	01 (BL)	03 (2 BL)		09
	TOTAL	104	45	35	81	25	290

* Reserved for the persons suffering locomotors disability i.e. Disability of the bones, joints or muscles leading of substantial restriction to the movement of limbs or any form of cerebral palsy.

**Reserved for the persons suffering from Hearing impairment i.e. loss of sixty decibels or more in the better ear in the conversational range of frequencies.

BL= Backlog Vacancy

Note: Physical requirements for the challenged candidates are given in **Annexure-VII**

DISCIPLINES FOR PRELIM. ARS/NET EXAMINATION ALONG WITH THEIR QUALIFICATION

Major Disciplines for General Knowledge Questions		Prelim. ARS/NET Examination Disciplines & Code No.		Qualifications
1.	Agricultural Sciences	01.	Crop Improvement	Masters degree in Plant Breeding/Genetics/Plant Breeding and Genetics/Botany/Plant Genetic Resources/Seed Technology/Seed Science and Technology or Masters degree in Agriculture with specialization in any of the above subject.
		02.	Crop Protection	Masters degree in Agriculture Entomology/Entomology/Plant Protection/Sericulture/Apiculture/Plant Pathology/Nematology/Mycology and Plant Pathology/Agriculture Chemicals/Agricultural Chemistry/Organic Chemistry with specialization with Plant Protection Chemicals or Masters degree in Agriculture with specialization in any of the above subjects or Masters degree in Botany/Zoology/Life Sciences with specialization in Entomology/Plant Pathology/Nematology
		03.	Basic Plant Sciences	Masters degree in Biochemistry/Plant Physiology/Microbiology/Biotechnology/Molecular Biology/Genetic Engineering or Masters degree in Botany/Life Sciences /Plant Sciences with specialization in any of the above subjects or Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in any of the above subjects
		04.	Horticulture	Masters degree in Horticulture/Fruit Science (Pomology)/Vegetable Sciences (Olericulture)/Floriculture/Spices and Plantation Crops/Medicinal & Aromatic Plants/Fruit Breeding & Genetic resources/Post Harvest Technology in Horticulture/Mushroom Science or Masters degree in Agri/Horticulture with specialization in any of the above subjects.
2.	Veterinary Sciences	05.	Basic Veterinary Sciences	Masters degree in Animal Physiology/Veterinary Anatomy/Animal Fish Biotechnology or Masters degree in Veterinary Sciences/Animal Sciences with specialization in Biotechnology/Biochemistry/Dairy Sciences with specialization in Animal/ Fish Biochemistry
		06.	Paraclinical Veterinary Science	Masters degree in Veterinary Science with specialization in Pathology/ Avian diseases/ Parasitology/Microbiology/bacteriology/Virology or Immunology or Veterinary Public Health/Epidemiology/Pharmacology and Toxicology
		07.	Clinical Veterinary Sciences	Masters degree in Veterinary Science with specialization in Animal Reproduction/Gynaecology/Obstetrics/Medicine Ethics and Jurisprudence/Veterinary Preventive Medicine/Surgery/Radiology/Veterinary Clinical Medicine
		08.	Animal Production	Masters degree in Animal Nutrition or Masters degree in Veterinary Science with specialization in Animal Nutrition/Animal/Fish Genetics and Breeding/Poultry Science or Masters degree in Veterinary/Animal Science with specialization in Livestock Production and management/Poultry Science/Livestock Products Technology

3.	Fisheries Sciences	09.	Fisheries Science	Masters degree in Fisheries Science (M.F.Sc.) with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/ Aquatic Environment Management/ Fisheries Extension/Aquaculture/Mariculture/Genetics and Biotechnology/Nutrition and Biochemistry/ Pathology and Microbiology/Fisheries Environment and Ecology/Biotechnology or Masters degree in Marine Biology/Aquatic Biology/ Aquatic Ecology/ Zoology with specialization.in any of the above subjects.
		10.	Fish Harvest and Post Harvest Technology	Masters degree in Fisheries Science (M.F.Sc.) with specialization in Fisheries Technology/Fish Processing Technology/Aquaculture Engineering/Fisheries Post Harvest Tech./Fishery Engineering Or Masters degree in Industrial Fisheries / Fisheries Microbiology / Fisheries Biochemistry Or Masters degree in Food Tech./ Organic Chemistry Or Biochemistry with specialization in Fish Processing Technology.
4.	Natural Resource Management	11.	Forestry and Environmental Science	Masters degree in Forestry/Environmental Science/Environmental Engineering/Agro forestry
		12.	Agronomy and Agricultural Meteorology	Masters degree in Agronomy/Soil and Water Management/Soil and Water Conservation/Farming Systems Management/Agricultural Meteorology/ Agricultural Physics or Masters degree in Agriculture with specialization in any of above subjects
		13.	Soil Sciences	Masters degree in Soil Science/Soil Science and Agri. Chemistry/Agri. Chemistry/Agri. Physics/Soil Physics/Soil Microbiology/Soil & Water Conservation/Water Science & Technology (B.Sc. Agriculture Stream) or Masters degree in Agriculture with specialization in any of the above subjects or Masters degree in Microbiology with specialization in Soil.
5.	Social Sciences	14.	Home Science and Family Resource Management	Masters degree in Home Science/Home Management/Family Resource Management/Textile & Clothing/Food and Nutrition
		15.	Economics and Agricultural Business Management	Masters degree in Agricultural Economics/Economics/Agricultural Marketing & Cooperation and Agil. Business Management or Masters degree in Agriculture/Dairy Science/Fishery/Forestry/Veterinary with specialization in any of the above subjects.
		16.	Agricultural Extension	Masters degree in Agriculture Extension/Agricultural Communication or Masters degree in Agriculture/Dairy Sciences/Home Science/Fisheries/Veterinary with specialization in any of the above subjects.
		17.	Statistics and Computer Application	Masters degree in Agri. Statistics/Statistics/Computer Application/Computer Science/Bioinformatics/Information Technology/Information Science with Science at graduate level or M.Tech. in Computer Science
6.	Agricultural Engineering and Technology	18.	Farm Machinery & Energy	Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power/Renewable Energy (B.Tech. stream)/Energy in Agriculture (B. Tech stream) or Masters degree in Mechanical/Industrial engineering
		19.	Post Harvest Engineering and Technology	Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Process Engg./Agril. Structure & Process Engg./Dairy & Food Engg./Process & Food Engg./Food Process Engg./Post Harvest Engg./Post Harvest/Process and Food Engg./Food Engineering/Food Technology (B.Tech. Stream)/Dairy Engineering or Masters degree in Chemical Engineering with specialization in Processing.

		20.	Land and Water Engineering	Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Soil & Water Conservation/Irrigation and Drainage/Water Resources Management (B.Tech stream)/Water Resources Engg./Water Science and Technology (B.Tech. stream) M.E./M.Tech. in Hydrology with B.E./ B.Tech. stream or Masters degree in Civil Engineering with specialization in Water Resources/Hydrology/ Hydraulics (B. Tech. stream)
		21.	Food Science and Technology	Masters degree in Food Science and Technology/ Food Engineering/Post Harvest Technology
7.	Dairy Sciences and Technology	22.	Dairy Basic Sciences	Masters degree in Chemistry/Veterinary Science with specialization in Dairying & Chemistry/Chemistry or Biochemistry or Masters degree in Food Science/Dairy Science with specialization in Dairy Chemistry/ Dairy Microbiology/Microbiology
		23.	Dairy Engineering and Technology	Masters degree in Dairy Technology/Dairy Engineering/M.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering with specialized in Dairy/Food Processing
8	Basic Engineering and Textile Sciences (FOR ARS ONLY)	24.	Basic Engineering	Masters degree in Mechanical/Electrical Engineering or Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Electrical Engineering OR Masters degree in Physics OR Masters degree in Technology/Engineering/Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Electronics & Instrumentation.
		25.	Textile Science	Masters degree in Textile Technology/Textile Chemistry/Textile Manufacture

DISCIPLINES FOR ARS-MAIN EXAMINATION ALONG WITH THEIR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ARS Disciplines & Code No.		Qualifications	Prelim. ARS / NET Pass Subject Criteria	
01.	Plant Genetics	Masters degree in Genetics or Agriculture/Botany with specialization in Genetics/Plant Breeding	1.	Crop Improvement
02.	Plant Breeding	Masters degree in Agriculture/Botany with specialization in Plant Breeding or Plant Genetics		
03.	Economic Botany	Masters degree in Agriculture/Botany/Horticulture with specialization in Agriculture Botany/Economic Botany/Plant Taxonomy/Plant Genetic Resources		
04.	Seed Technology	Masters degree in Agriculture/ Botany with specialization in Seed Science/Seed Technology or Seed Science and Technology		
05.	Plant Pathology	Masters degree in Agriculture/Botany/ Life Sciences/Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Pathology/Mycology	2.	Crop Protection
06.	Plant Nematology	Masters degree in Agriculture/Zoology/ Entomology/Plant Pathology/ Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Nematology		
07.	Agricultural Entomology	Masters degree in Entomology/Agriculture/Zoology/ Entomology/Sericulture/ Apiculture/ Plant Protection with specialization in Agricultural Entomology		
08.	Agricultural Chemicals/Organic Chemistry	Masters degree in Agriculture/Organic Chemistry/ Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemicals	3.	Basic Plant Science
09.	Biochemistry (Plant Science)	Masters degree in Bio-Chemistry/Agriculture/ Life Science with specialization in Biochemistry		
10.	Plant Physiology	Masters degree in Plant Physiology/Agriculture/Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology		
11.	Agricultural Biotechnology	Masters degree in Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology/Genetic Engineering/Botany/ Plant Science/Life Sciences/ Agriculture with specialization in Plant Biotechnology/Life Sciences		
12.	Agricultural Microbiology	Masters degree in Microbiology/Agriculture with specialization in Agricultural Microbiology		
13.	Biochemistry (Animal Science)	Masters degree in Animal/ Veterinary/Dairy/ Fisheries Sciences with specialization in Biochemistry	4.	Basic Veterinary Sciences

14.	Animal Biotechnology	Masters degree in Biotechnology/Life Sciences/ Veterinary/Animal/Fisheries Sciences with specialization in Animal or Veterinary Biotechnology		
15.	Veterinary Public Health	Masters degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Veterinary Public Health/Epidemiology	5	Para Clinical Veterinary Sciences
16.	Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology	Masters degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Animal Reproduction/Gynaecology/Obstetrics	6.	Clinical Veterinary Sciences
17.	Animal Genetics and Breeding	Masters degree in Animal/Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Animal Genetics and Breeding	7	Animal Production
18.	Livestock Production Management	Masters degree in Animal/Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Livestock Production Management		
19.	Fisheries Resource Management	Masters degree in Fisheries Sciences/ Marine Biology/Aquatic Biology/Zoology with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/Fisheries Ecology/Capture Fisheries/Fisheries Management/Fish Biodiversity/Aquatic Biodiversity/Ecosystem Management/Fish Population Dynamics	8.	Fisheries Sciences
20.	Fish Processing Technology	Masters Degree in Fisheries Science with specialization in Fish Harvest/Post Harvest Technology or equivalent Masters degree in Industrial Fisheries/ Fish Microbiology/Food Microbiology or Biochemistry or Food Technology with specialization in Fisheries aspects.	9.	Fish Harvest and Post Harvest Technology
21.	Agronomy	Masters degree in Agriculture with specialization in Agronomy/ Soil Water Management/Conservation Agriculture/Farming Systems Management/Forage Production	10	Agronomy and Agricultural Meteorology
22.	Agricultural Physics	Masters degree in Agricultural Physics/ Agriculture with specialization in Agricultural Physics		
23.	Soil Science - Pedology	Masters degree in Agriculture/Soil Science/Agricultural Chemistry with specialization in Soil Genesis Survey and classification	11	Soil Science
24.	Soil Science - Soil Chemistry / Fertility / Microbiology	Masters degree in Agriculture/Soil Science with specialization in Soil Fertility/Soil Chemistry/ Masters degree in Science with specialization in Soil Microbiology		
25.	Soil Science - Soil Physics/Soil and Water Conservation	Masters degree in Agriculture/Soil Science/Agricultural Chemistry/Agricultural Physics with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil and Water Conservation		

26.	Agricultural Chemistry	Masters degree in Agriculture/Agricultural Chemistry or Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemistry and Chemicals		
27.	Home/ Family Resource Management	Masters degree in Home Science/Home Management/ Family Resource Management or Home Science related subjects	12	Home Science and Family Resource Management
28.	Agricultural Economics	Masters degree in Agriculture Economics/Agricultural Marketing/Dairy Science/Animal Veterinary/Fish Sciences with specialization in any of the above subjects / Masters degree in Economics.	13	Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business Management
29.	Agricultural Extension	Masters degree in Agriculture/ Veterinary/Fisheries/Dairy or Home Science with specialization in Agricultural Extension/Agricultural Communication.	14	Agricultural Extension
30.	Agricultural Statistics	Masters degree in Statistics/ Agriculture/Veterinary Sciences/Dairy Science/Animal Science/Mathematics with specialization in Agricultural Statistics	15	Statistics and Computer Application
31.	Farm Machinery and Power	Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering/Mechanical/Industrial Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power	16	Farm Machinery and Energy
32.	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation/Irrigation & Drainage/Water Resources Management (B.Tech stream) /Water Resource Engineering/Water Sciences & Technology (B.Tech stream)/M.E./M.Tech in Hydrology or Masters degree in Civil Engineering with specialization in Water Resources/Hydrology/Hydraulics (B.Tech stream).	17.	Land and Water Engineering
33.	Dairy Microbiology	Masters degree in Dairy/ Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Microbiology	18.	Dairy Basic Sciences
34.	Mechanical Engineering	Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering	19	Basic Engineering
35.	Electrical Engineering	Masters degree in Electrical Engineering/Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Electrical Engineering		
36.	Electronics and Instrumentation	Masters degree in Engineering/Technology/ Agricultural Engineering/Physics with specialization in Electronics/Instrumentation		
37.	Textile Chemistry	Masters degree in Textile Chemistry	20	Textile Science
38.	Textile Manufacture	Masters degree in Textile Manufacture/ Technology		

DETAIL PLAN OF EXAMINATION

Two separate competitive examination shall be conducted with a gap of 2 to 3 months:-

	<u>Examination</u>	<u>Max. Marks</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	(a) Prelim-ARS / NET (Objective Type)	200	2 ½ hours	Annexure-II
	(b) ARS – Main (Descriptive Type)	240	3 hours	Annexure-III

a). Prelim – ARS / NET Examination shall have one paper of 200 marks with all objective questions to be solved in 2.30 hours (Two and half hours). Out of these 200 questions, 50 questions shall be General Knowledge question derived from the respective broad main seven groups of Agriculture and Allied Sciences (Annexure-II) which forms Part A of the paper and Part B will have 150 questions from the professional subject.

b). ARS – Main Examination will have only one paper of 240 marks to be completed in 3 hours duration questions shall carry equal marks and will be drawn from the professional subjects (Annexure – III). The questions will be subjective and answers expected shall be descriptive.

(c) **VIVA-VOCE**

Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board will hold viva-voce only for those eligible candidates who have appeared and passed in ARS – Main Examination and fulfill other requirements. This will be of 60 marks. The final merit list will be based on the marks of ARS – Main + Viva-Voce i.e. total 300 marks. **VIVA-VOCE WILL BE MANDATORY.**

NOTE:-

I) **Syllabus for Prelim – ARS/NET Examination-2010 and ARS-Main Examination -2010** is available on ICAR website www.icar.org.in and ASRB website www.asrb.org.in

.II) No candidate will be allowed to take more than one professional subject at a time for the examination.

III) **GENERAL**

- Question paper can be answered either in English or in Hindi.
- Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answer for them.
- The Board has discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
- If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.
- Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
- Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.
- For Prelim – ARS / NET of part ‘A’ of General Paper will be such as is expected of a graduate of an Indian University. The standard of paper in the Professional part ‘B’ subjects will be that of a Master's degree of an Indian University. In the ARS - Main Examination, candidates will be expected to illustrate theory by facts and to analyse problems with the help of theory. They will be expected to be particularly conversant with Indian problems in the relevant field of research.

2. (i) **Prelim – ARS / NET Examination Paper:-**

The paper consists of two parts (Part “A” and Part “B”). Part “A” of the question paper shall contain 50 objective type of questions (one mark each) with multiple choice or otherwise on general knowledge and science including topics relating to their main group given in Annexure-II. Part “B” of the question paper shall consist of 150 objective type of questions (one mark each) with multiple choice or otherwise in the concerned professional subject. The total duration of Paper shall be of 2 ½ hours.

Minimum marks required Prelim – ARS / NET Examination

Category of candidate	Qualifying minimum marks
General / OBC	50%
SC / ST/ Physically Challenged Person	45%

Negative marking will be made for wrong answers in the Paper (objective type) and 25% marks will be deducted for wrong answers.

(ii) **ARS - Main Professional Paper:-**

The paper shall consist of 16 - 25 subjective or descriptive type of questions, each carrying equal marks. The duration will be 3 hours. The questions shall be either all compulsory with each question having an individual choice or there may be general choice available.

(iii) **VIVA-VOCE**

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 viva-voce is to assess his/her suitability for the Service for which he/she has competed. The viva-voce 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, as well as in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

The technique of the viva-voce 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 assessing 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.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE PRESCRIBED

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 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 Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976.
- * The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962.
- * The Constitution (Dadra and 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 and Diu) Scheduled Caste 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 (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.

* Please delete 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 10th September, 1993, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section I, No. 186, dated the 13th 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 24th 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

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

- NB : (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 CHALLENGED CANDIDATES

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

1. Work performed by manipulating (with 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.

Brief particulars relating to the Agricultural Research Service:-

1. Candidates selected for appointment to the Service will be appointed as Scientists in the Service on probation for a period of two years which may be extended, if necessary.
2. Candidates selected on the basis of the competitive examination shall be required to undergo an intensive course of study and training for a specified period.
3. On successful completion of the prescribed training, a candidate will be posted anywhere in India according to the Research priorities of the Council. He will be liable to serve at the initial place of posting at least for a period of five years before seeking transfer on what so ever ground from that place / station.
4. Every trainee shall be required to execute a bond to serve the Council (ICAR) for a minimum period of 4 years from the date of appointment including the period of training. Failure to serve the ICAR for the stipulated period will render the candidate liable to refund to the Council a sum of Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees one lakh twenty five thousand only)
5. Any trainee found to be guilty of unbecoming conduct will be liable to be discharged even before completion of the period of training. Such a trainee will be liable to refund full amount of the emoluments paid to him / her during training period.
6. If in the opinion of the ICAR the work or conduct of the officer on probation is unsatisfactory or shows that he is unlikely to become efficient, the ICAR may discharge him forthwith. On completion of the period of probation or any extension, if it is found that a candidate is not fit for permanent appointment, he / she may be discharged.
7. Conditions of service, leave, pension, provident fund etc. for the members of service shall be as determined by the Council.
8. A Scientist is liable to serve anywhere in India or abroad.
9. Those candidates who have already been awarded Ph.D. / M. Phil Degree or have been granted certificate of admissibility to the award of the said research degree before joining ARS – 2010 shall be granted 5/2 advance increments on production of the necessary documents on appointment.



AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS RECRUITMENT BOARD
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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE / NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST
EXAMINATION – 2010
APPLICATION FORMAT



(To be filled in by the candidate in his/her own handwriting in capital letters)

(A) Applied for:-

(Please in the box)

ARS only	
NET only	
Both	

Roll No.	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY									

Option once exercised shall be final.

Prelim. ARS/NET Examination Discipline	Code No.

(For option, please see Annexure – II)

Centre Opted for Prelim ARS/NET Examination

Name of Centre	Code No.

(B) Professional Subject for ARS – Main Examination
(Only for candidates opting for ARS or Both)

ARS Main Examination Discipline	Code No.

(For option, please see Annexure - III) **Option once exercised shall be final.**

Centre Opted for ARS Main Examination

Name of Centre	Code No.

Paste here an unattested recent passport size photograph (3.5 cm x 4.5 cm)

Signature

Right Thumb Impression

(C) Category to which belongs
(Please tick in the applicable box)

SC	ST	OBC	PC	UR

Details of the fee paid.

Name of the Bank with full address	Demand Draft / Pay Order No. & Date	Amount in Rs.

1. Name (as recorded in Matriculation or equivalent certificate) (In Capital Letters in English)

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Name (as recorded in Matriculation or equivalent certificate) (In Hindi)

12. Particulars of examinations passed

Examination	Class or Division	OGPA %	Year of Passing	Subject taken / Title of thesis at M. Sc. / Ph.D.	Name of the University / Board
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Intermediate					
Graduation					
Post Graduation					
M. Phill / Doctorate					

12 (a) Field of specialization in Master's Degree _____

13. (a) Give particulars of examination at which you have appeared / intend to appear, the result of which has not been declared and the passing of which would render you eligible to appear at this examination.

Examination	Month and Year in which appeared	Subjects taken	Name of the University

(b) Please indicate whether you will obtain/possess the Master's Degree Certificate before the day of Prelim ARS / NET Examination _____

14. No. of attempts: Have you ever appeared / selected in any of the previous ARS Examination(s) conducted by ASRB. If so, give details.

No. of attempts made	Year of the Examination	Roll No. & Centre	Professional Subject	Selected / Not selected

15. If you have at any time been employed, give details including present employment.

Designation of Post held and description of work	Period with exact dates		Full address of employer	Whether employment is Under Govt./ ICAR / Scientific Institution
	From	To		

16. Have you ever been debarred or disqualified by the ICAR/ASRB or any Public Service Commission from any of their examination/selections. If so, give details:.

17. List of documents attached with the application. (Please note that only photo / certified copies duly attested are required to be attached with the application).

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE:

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of any information being found false or incorrect or ineligibility being detected before or after the examination, action can be taken against me by the Board. I have read the provisions in the Notification for ARS / NET Examination - 2010 carefully and I hereby undertake to abide by the same. I further declare that I fulfill all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications etc. prescribed for admission to the examination.

I have informed my Head of Office / Department in writing that I am applying for this examination.

DATE _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE OF THE CANDIDATE

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ATTENDANCE SHEET (A)
(FOR PRELIM. ARS/NET EXAMINATION – 2010)

1. Name _____
(In capital letters)

2.	Prelim. ARS/NET Examination Discipline	Code No.

3.	Name of Centre	Code No.

4. Medium for answering the papers as opted in the application form
(Columns 1 to 4 above must be filled by the candidate)

Paste here an
 attested
 recent passport
 size photograph
 (3.5 cm x 4.5
 cm)

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Date	Candidate's Signature	Signature of Invigilator

Note: This sheet will be presented to the candidate at the beginning of the examination to mark his/her attendance in the presence of Invigilator.

Note: If the candidate is absent in the paper, the invigilator will write 'ABSENT' in candidate's signature column in capital letters preferably in red ink and initial.

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ATTENDANCE SHEET (B)
(FOR ARS MAIN EXAMINATION – 2010)
 (Only for candidates opting for ARS or Both)

1. Name _____
(In capital letters)

2.	ARS Main Examination Discipline	Code No.

3.	Name of Centre	Code No.

4. Medium for answering the papers as opted in the application form
(Columns 1 to 4 above must be filled by the candidate)

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