

MOST URGENT / TIME LIMIT

Directorate of Agriculture,
Vikas Bhavan,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Date: 14/02/2010.

IT 46579/10.

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Agriculture Department – Launching of PG Diploma Course in Agricultural

Informatics – Deputation of officers from Department of Agriculture –
Application for admission - called for – regarding.

Ref:- Government Letter No. 1748/EB2/11/AD dated 10/02/2011.

Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management – Kerala (IIITM-K) has launched a specialised programme on Agricultural Informatics. The Government have directed to depute 15 numbers of agriculture officers from the Department of Agriculture for the one year diploma course.

Duration of the programme is one year and the modules are carefully designed to attain both technical and managerial aspects. There are 10 core courses spread across two semesters accumulating 35 credits. Students are also required to take up 3 electives of 9 credits and the total requirement of credit is 50. As part of the course the candidates are required to undertake a project work of 6 credits in the final semester. This programme also included lab sessions, field visits, case studies, managerial skill development, etc.

The fee for the course is Rs.75,000/-. Out of this 90% will be borne by the Government and the balance 10% is to be met by the candidate.

Eligibility Criteria

- (1) The candidate should be a graduate in Agriculture.
- (2) The age of the candidate should not be more than 45 years as on 01/01/2011.
- (3) He / She should have put in 5 years of service in Krishi Bhavan / 3 years of service in Departmental Farms.

- (4) Priority will be given to officers working in special package districts like Kasaragod, Wayanad, Idukki, Palakkad, Malappuram
- (5) The candidate should have basic awareness in computer and its application.
- (6) No disciplinary action should be pending against the candidates.

The selected candidates should be required to execute a bond that he / she shall complete the programme successfully and serve the Department of Agriculture for at least three years after completion of the programme. In the event of the candidate failing to complete the course, he / she shall forfeit the fees paid by the Department for the programme along with penal interest of 12% per annum. In the event of the employee who has successfully completed the programme fails to serve the Department for full three years, he shall be liable to pay to Government an amount of Rs.2 Lakhs.

The application should be submitted in the prescribed proforma attached. The Director of Agriculture shall prepare the list of the candidates based on the academic qualifications, applicant's role in the e-governance activities of the Department and an interview before a panel of experts. **The last date of application to reach the undersigned on 26/02/2011.** At the time of interview the candidate should produce Experience Certificate and related documents. Applications are to be routed through Controlling Officers, however advance copy can be sent to the Director of Agriculture.

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

To

- (1) All Principal Agricultural Officers (They are requested to bring this to the notice of all the Agricultural Officers working in the Krishi Bhavans, Farms and other institutions under their control)
- (2) The Principal Information Officer, FIB (He is requested to bring this to the notice of all Agricultural Officers in his office)
- (3) The Chief Soil Chemist, STL, Parottukonam (He is requested to bring this to the notice of all Agricultural Officers in the CSTL, PTL and other offices working in the premises)
- (4) All Technical Assistants in the Directorate of Agriculture.
- (5) IT Cell - To be published in the official web site of the Department of Agriculture
- (6) Notice Board.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSE IN
AGRICULTURAL INFORMATICS**

- (1) Name, Designation and Official address of the Applicant :
- (2) Age & Date of Birth :
- (3) Gender :
- (4) Educational Qualifications :
- (5) Training Courses attended :
- (6) Experience : Period from to
- (a) As Agricultural Officer in KB :
- (b) As Agricultural Officer in Farms :

DECLARATION

I, hereby declare that the information furnished above are true to my best of knowledge and belief.

Place:

Date:

Name and Signature of the Applicant

RECOMMENDATION BY THE CONTROLLING OFFICER