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Sub: Filling of vacant posts of faculty (Teaching/research/extension) in Agricultural Universities

Dear Chief Secretaries,

As there is need to produce more food to feed the ever-increasing population in our country and this has become more difficult under the growing resource constraints of land and water, and weather aberrations. To address the challenges of higher food production, Indian agriculture system needs innovative approaches with focus on quality food production focussing on increasing farmer's income, enhancing employability of youth through sustainable approaches and integration of technological interventions. Further, research efforts in agriculture and allied sectors are also required to address the multiple challenges of climate change, resource degradation, environmental pollution, malnutrition and poverty while enhancing agricultural productivity.

During the ICAR-Agricultural University interactive meeting held on Feb. 26-27, 2024, it was discussed that about 40 % posts of research/ teaching/extension/ staff in Agricultural Universities across the country are lying vacant due to which the teaching, research and extension programmes of universities are being adversely affected. This issue is of serious concern as the full potential of the innovative research and quality teaching/extension activities can be expected when the staff in the universities is adequate. It is to further mention that Govt of India is emphasizing on enhancing the Gross Enrolment Ratio(GER) of the students in the higher education institutes so that more people to join the study with focus on quality education . Moreover, the NEP-2020 is also being implemented in the universities with focus imparting quality education to graduates in agriculture and allied fields. To achieve this goal, emphasis is also on teacher: student ratio so that quality education in terms of better skills for employment can be imparted.

I, therefore, request you to kindly look into the matter of filling the posts of the teaching/ research/ extension staff in universities on priority so that innovative research can be undertaken to meet the food production requirement of the country in near future in addition and the quality education can be imparted to the new generation .

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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