AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS RECRUITMENT BOARD NOTE for clarification of candidates who appeared in Main ARS Examination 2014

A couple of representations have been received in the Board from candidates who appeared in the ARS Main Examination-2014 seeking clarification on the issues related to selection for a post in case of equal score of two or more candidates and how an OBC candidate securing highest marks in a particular discipline was not adjusted against a General category seat.

The clarification on these issues is already available in the Notification of ARS Examination -2014, under Appendix-VI, para 3 (i) to (iii) which are as under:-

- **1.** Rules for Tie-Breaker, Appendix-VI, para 3(iii) " Wherever the two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in written ARS-2014 Main Examination + Viva-Voce) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules.
- a) Candidate securing more marks in the written ARS-2014 (Main) Examination will be ranked higher.
- b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) above are equal the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher."
- Issue related to placement/selection against reserved seats, Appendix-VI, para 3 (i) & (ii).
- "3(i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard and /or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for Unreserved posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved in respective category in a particular discipline."

"3(ii)The candidates belonging to reserved categories i.e. SC/ST/OBC/PwD(Orthopedically Challenged(OC)/Hearing Impaired/Challenged (HC) are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age and no relaxation in qualifying marks either in ARS-2014 (Preliminary) or in ARS-2014 (Main) Examination or in both has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age and relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them."

It is also for information that as per cut off qualifying marks in Main ARS Examination - 2014 for viva-voce fixed by the Board in its discretion, the candidates who cleared the Main Examination were called for viva-voce in the ratio of 1:5 (category wise) maximum for each post in each discipline, subject to obtaining minimum 55% marks by General category candidates, 50% marks by OBC candidates and 45% marks by SC/ST/PwD/OC/HC candidates.

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