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To

The Honorable Chief Minister,

Government of Telangana,

TS Secretariat,

Hyderabad, Telangana

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Subject: Employment opportunities and recognition of professional Fisheries graduates (B.F.Sc.) of Telangana state for various posts under Fisheries Department-reg.

Respected sir,

I on behalf of All India Agricultural Student Association (AIASA) like to convey my sincere gratitude to you for tremendous development of the fisheries sector in the state of Telangana in the last few years under your dynamic leadership. AIASA is a professional organization of present and former students in the field of Agriculture, Veterinary, Dairy, Horticulture, Fisheries, Home science, Sericulture, ABM, and other allied sciences, registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 with more than 70,000 registered members. I want to convey my concern regarding the issues which need your kind attention immediately related to the cited subject.

Fisheries is one of the most important traditional occupation providing livelihoods to around 7 Lakh families in the State apart from being an important source of food nutrient. The sector is contributing 0.6 percent to the GSDP and plays an important role in the overall socioeconomic development of fisher families in Telangana by providing nutrition & food security. Telangana state has the third largest inland water resource base in India for fisheries with 97 large, medium and minor reservoirs and about 24,189 tanks with 5.7 Lakh ha water spread area suitable for fisheries. A rich human resource pool of 27.14 Lakh populations comprising of fishermen communities who are organized into about 4000 Fishermen societies with about 3 Lakh members spread over the entire state. **College of Fisheries Sciences, Muthukur** during its 27 years of existence has produced around 700 B.F.Sc. graduates in that half of i.e. 350+ B.F.Sc. graduates from Telangana. After bifurcation, every year 15+ Telangana students are joining UG degree in College of

Fisheries Sciences, Muthukur, AP and 25 in **College of Fisheries Sciences, Pebbair**, Telangana.

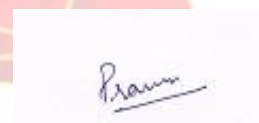
[B.F.Sc.](#) is the essential qualification for the recruitment as Fishery Development Officer (FDO) in the Department of Government of Telangana. But, in spite of numerous vacancies in the mentioned post, no active response was observed in recent past for filling up the vacancy by utilizing qualified professional human resources of the state. Hence, there is an urgent need for initiating new recruitment process for filling up all vacant posts of ADFs, FDOs, and AIF. Moreover, the number of posts in the mentioned cadre needs to be increased considering the importance and potentialities of fisheries and its scientific utilization for the development of the state as a whole. It is also observed that the Fisheries Department is presently promoting some under-qualified employees (having qualification 10th, inter) as FDOs and Assistant Director of Fisheries (ADFs) on the basis of their seniority **who does not possess essential educational qualification i.e. B.F.Sc** (which is mandatory as per GO No. 32, Dated: 16-04-2011 of AH, DD & F (Fish.I) Dept, Govt. of AP). Promoting under-qualified employees as FDOs and ADFs will definitely degrade the entire quality of the fisheries sector and curse to the farming communities by the unscientific suggestions. However, It is observed that there is a separate cadre for recruitment of **Assistant Fisheries Development officer (A.F.D.O.) and Fisheries Development officer (F.D.O.)** in states like **Assam, Sikkim, Odisha** (Copy of recent advertisement of these states are attached) having [B.F.Sc.](#) followed by [M.F.Sc.](#) as solely eligible criteria with vertical promotion. Hence there is an urgent need to stop promoting employees (who does not possess B.F.Sc. degree) as FDOs or ADFs merely on seniority basis. The technical degree i.e., [B.F.Sc.](#) **should be made essential for promotion to ADF posts (M.F.Sc. for direct recruitment)** where the FDO posts is already set for technical graduates i.e. [B.F.Sc.](#) Besides that, the **100% posts of FDO should be filled by direct recruitment of B.F.Sc.** rather than any type of promotion from inferior cadre.

The role of specialized and technically sound professional degree holders should be accepted for different technical and extension posts. The same matter was also notified by the ministry of agriculture and farmers welfares, Govt. of India (**F. No. 3-3/2017-EM dated 01/01/2018**) supporting the notification of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (**Edn./13/1/2016-HRD dated 06/10/2016**). B.F.Sc.

degree program, a four years ICAR recognized professional degree program, is offered by only ICAR recognized **Colleges of Fishery Science (C.F.Sc), Pebbair under the PVNRATVU in Telangana** and **College of Fishery Science (C.F.Sc), Muthukur under the Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University in Andhra Pradesh**, is the highest-level bachelor degree program in the field of fisheries and at present there is no other degree equivalent to this B.F.Sc. degree in India. Moreover, this degree program is the only approved Bachelor level degree program by the University Grant Commission (UGC) (**Registered No. DL(N)-04/0007/2003- 05 dated July 5th, 2014**) in the field of fisheries science under the Agricultural and its Allied disciplines in the Country and its standard is accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

I, on behalf of All Indian Agricultural Students Association (AIASA) requesting you that in your tenure of excellent leadership kindly look into the matter for initiation of new recruitment process for FDO posts and creation of new FDO posts in the state besides making the minimum eligibility educational qualification for the Post of FDO and above cadre level post up to Director of Fisheries as only [B.F.Sc.](#) which is one and only highest Professional Degree course of Fishers in India for making effective policies and implementing the policies for the betterment of fisheries farming system in Telangana and also maintaining the dignity of Fisheries Department by keeping a "**Right Person at a Right Place**". I hope your dynamic and great leadership will also look after the justified demand and right of the professional [B.F.Sc.](#) graduates of Telangana and your kind intervention will solve the problem at earliest.

Yours' Faithfully



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Note:

1. Copy of recent advertisement of State Fisheries Department of Odisha, Sikkim and Assam are enclosed.
2. Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfares, Govt. Of India
3. Notification of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. of India
4. UGC gazette notification

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1. The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. of India, Email: dg.icar@nic.in
2. The Deputy Director General (Education), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. of India, Email: ddgedn@gmail.com
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4. Sri Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Dairy Development Corp. and Cinematography, Govt. of Telangana
5. Dr. C.Suvarna, IFS, Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of Telangana, Email: commr_fisheries@telangana.gov.in

Enclosures:

1. Copy of recent advertisement of State Fisheries Department of Orissa, Sikkim and Assam.
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