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To,

1. Sh. Ram Nath Kovind, His Excellency President of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 004.

Date: 05.04.2021

- 2. Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 3. Sh. N S Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and President of the ICAR Society, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110 001.
- 4. Shri. Manoj Sinha, Hob'ble Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Raj Bhawan, Srinagar.
- 5. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoPT, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 6. Shri Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110 001

Subject: Memorandum to His Excellency President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and other dignitaries for resolving the unemployment issues faced by horticultural graduates in UT of Jammu and Kashmir-Regarding.

Hon'ble sir

I on the behalf of All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA) bring before your honour the issues being faced by horticulture students of Jammu and Kashmir. Horticulture being main sector of the State of J&K, the programmes of B.Sc. Horticulture, M.Sc.(Horticulture) and Ph.D.(Horticulture) were initiated during 2007 at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology. Besides, the students of J&K are studying in horticulture programmes/degrees in various Universities in India and abroad for last many years. But for last one decade, not a single vacancy of

horticulture post for direct recruitment announced or recruited and no efforts made for employment generation of youth in horticultural sciences inspite of the fact that there is huge potential for youth in horticultural sciences particularly in development, horticulture production, processing, vegetables production & processing, post harvest management, mushrooming, marketing, floriculture etc. The students of horticulture sciences continuously pressing their issues for employment generation for last many years and for filling up the posts through direct recruitment basis. Now they are on peaceful protest/strike for last 15 days and requested this organization to raise their issues to His Excellency President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and other dignitaries for filling up the horticulture posts through direct recruitment basis and also for creation of new posts in horticulture and agriculture departments and also for taking up effective steps for employment generation in public and private sector so that thousands of unemployed passed out students and regular students get an opportunity to work in the development field of horticulture and agriculture and their energy could be utilized for nation building. At present, no horticulture posts in J& K are being filled up on direct recruitment basis for last one decade and there is no eligibility in recruitment rules for horticulture professional degree holders.

The Association requests the kind intervention of His Excellency President of India and Hon'ble Prime Minister for urgently resolving the issues faced by Horticultural Graduates by considering the following issues

(i) Making provision in the recruitment rules for direct recruitment of candidates possessing professional degree in Horticulture(B.Sc.

Horticulture) as eligibility for the posts like Horticulture Development Officer (HDO), Assistant Floriculture Officer (AFO), Senior Horticulture Technician, Horticulture Technician (IV, III, II, I), Grading/Marketing Inspector as being done in other states.

- (ii) Earmarking posts for B.Sc. Horticulture in Agriculture Production Department(APD) or B.Sc. Horticulture/B.Sc. Agriculture should be made eligible for all posts of APD.
- (iii) Implementation of Rehbar-e-Baghbani scheme for recruitment of professional graduates on direct recruitment basis.
- (iv) Reorganization of the Horticulture department and creation of new posts for Horticulture Graduates in Development Departments and other public and private sectors. Since no direct recruitment taken place for last one decade, the age relaxation may also be allowed in fresh recruitment for the candidates of J&K.

Yours faithfully

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