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**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**  
**(Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)**

**NOTIFICATION**

**G.S.R.....(E).** - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, Group 'A' and Group 'B' (Gazetted) Technical posts Recruitment Rules, 2017; except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to Group 'A' and Group 'B'(Gazetted) Technical posts in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in the Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, Group 'A' and Group 'B' (Gazetted) Technical posts Recruitment Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Application.** – These rules shall apply to the posts specified in column (1) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3. **Number of posts, classification and level in the pay matrix.** – The number of the said posts, their classification and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the aforesaid Schedule.

4. **Method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications, etc.**– The method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating to the said post shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the aforesaid Schedule.

5. **Disqualification.** – No person-  
(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or  
(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,  
shall be eligible for appointment to the said posts:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

6. **Power to relax.** – Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

7. **Saving.** – Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age-limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, ex-Servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

## SCHEDULE

Name of post	Number of post	Classification	Level in the pay matrix	Whether selection post or non-selection post
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Director *	6* (2024)	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-12 in the pay matrix (Rs. 78800-209200)	Selection
* On posting at DA and FW [Hq], the incumbent will be designated as Deputy Commissioner (M and T).				

Age-limit for direct recruits	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment : whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/ absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	(i) 75% by promotion failing which by deputation including short-term contract. (ii) 25% by deputation including short-term contract.

In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation / absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation/ absorption to be made

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**Promotion:**

Senior Agricultural Engineer and Senior Instrumentation Engineer in level-11 (Rs. 67700-208700) in the pay matrix with five years' regular service in the level and have successfully completed four weeks' training in the field of operation or repair and maintenance or design development, production, training and testing of agricultural equipments and machines, including tractors in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research or in the State Agricultural Universities or in any Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

**Note 1:** The eligibility list for promotion shall be prepared with reference to the date of completion by the officers of the prescribed qualifying service in their respective level or post.

**Note 2:** Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.

**Deputation (Including short- term contract):**

Officers under the Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-government or autonomous bodies or statutory organisations: -

(a) (i) holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or

(ii) with five years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in posts in level-11 (Rs. 67700-208700) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department;

and

(b) possessing the following educational qualifications and experience, namely: -

**Essential:**

- (i) Post Graduate Degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialisation in Farm Machinery and Power Engineering from a recognised University or institute; and
- (ii) Ten years' experience in the field of operation or repair and maintenance or design development or testing of agricultural equipments and machines, including tractors from any Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Public Sector Undertakings or Agricultural Universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-Government or autonomous or statutory organisations.

**Note 1:** The departmental Officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall be not eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

**Note 2:** Period of deputation (including short term contract) including period of deputation (including short term contract) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed four years. The maximum age-limit for appointment by deputation (including short term contract) shall be not exceeding fifty six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition.	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment.
(12)	(13)
<p><b>Group 'A' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission - Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(3) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(4) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member.</p>	<p>Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary while appointing an officer on promotion.</p>

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
2. Senior Agricultural Engineer *	13* (2024)	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-11 in the pay matrix (Rs. 67700-208700)	Selection
*On posting at DA and FW (Hq), the incumbent will be designated as Assistant Commissioner (M and T).	* Subject to variation dependent on workload.			

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Not exceeding 40 years.  (Relaxable for Government Servants upto five years in accordance with the	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p>(i) Degree in Agricultural Engineering from a recognised University or Institute;</p>

<p>instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India (and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti districts and Pangti sub-division of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep).</p>	<p>and</p> <p>(ii) Five years' experience in operation and maintenance of tractors, agricultural machinery and allied equipments including teaching experience in any Government or private listed organisation;</p> <p>or</p> <p>Five years' experience in handling independently testing and evaluation of farm machinery and agricultural implements in any Government or private listed organisation.</p> <p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <p>Post Graduate Degree in Agricultural Engineering in Agricultural Engineering with specialisation in Farm Power and Machinery from a recognised University or Institute.</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates otherwise well qualified.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes if at any stage of selection the Union Public Service Commission is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.</p>
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(8)	(9)	(10)
Age: No Educational qualification: Yes.	One year for direct recruits and promotees.	(i) 60% by promotion; (ii) 40% by deputation (including short term contract) failing which by direct recruitment.

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<p><b>Promotion:</b></p> <p>Test Engineers in level-10 (Rs. 56100-177500) in the pay matrix with five years' regular service in the level, and Agricultural Engineer in level-7 (Rs. 44900-142400) in the pay matrix with nine years' regular service in the level and have successfully completed four weeks of training in operation, maintenance, repair, training and testing of tractors, agricultural machinery and allied equipments from Indian Council of Agricultural Research or State Agricultural Universities or Krishi Vigyan Kendras.</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> The eligibility list for promotion shall be prepared with reference to the date of completion by the officers of the prescribed qualifying service in the respective level or post.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.</p> <p><b>Deputation (including short term contract):</b></p> <p>Officers under the Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutes or councils or semi-government or autonomous bodies or statutory organisations: -</p> <p>(a)(i) holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or</p>

(ii) with five years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in level-10 (Rs. 56100-177500) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; or

(iii) with nine years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in level-7 (Rs. 44900-142400) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; and

(b) possessing the educational qualifications and experience as prescribed for direct recruits under column (7).

**Note 1:** The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall be not eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

**Note 2:** Period of deputation (including short term contract) including period of deputation (including short term contract) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed four years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short term contract) shall be not exceeding fifty six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

(12)	(13)
<p><b>Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission : Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member;</p> <p>(3) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member;</p> <p>(4) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member.</p> <p>(5) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member.</p> <p><b>Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member;</p> <p>(3) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member.</p> <p>(4) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member</p>	<p>Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary while appointing an officer on promotion and direct recruitment.</p>

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
3. Senior Instrumentation Engineer	01* (2024). * Subject to variation dependent on workload	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	Level 11 in the pay matrix (Rs. 67700-208700)	Selection	Not applicable

(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	By promotion

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**Promotion:**

Instrumentation Engineer in level 10 (Rs. 56100-177500) in the pay matrix with five years' regular service in the level.

**Note:** Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service, or two years, whichever is less and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.

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**Group 'A' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: -**

- (1) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Chairman;
- (2) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;
- (3) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;
- (4) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member.

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Consultation with Union Public Service Commission is not necessary .

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4. Instrumentation Engineer.	3* (2024). * Subject to variation dependent on workload.	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-10 in the pay matrix (Rs. 56100-177500)	Selection

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Not exceeding 35 years.

(Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time.)

**Note:** The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India (and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh Division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti districts and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep).

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**Essential:**

(A) (i) Degree in Electronics Engineering or Instrumentation Engineering from a recognised university or institution.

(ii) Three years' experience in handling independently installation, calibration and maintenance of electronics and electrical instruments for automatic measurement and controls, experience in handling strain gauge, sound and vibration equipment etc. from Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognized research institutions or councils or semi-government or autonomous or statutory organisations.

Or

(B)(i) Masters' degree in Electronics Engineering or Instrumentation Engineering from a recognised university or institute;

(ii) One year experience in handling independently installation, calibration and maintenance of electronics and electrical instruments for automatic measurement and controls, experience in handling strain gauge, sound and vibration equipment, etc., from Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognized research institutions or Councils or semi-Government or autonomous or statutory organisations.

**Desirable:**

One year experience in instrumentation for testing of IC Engines and exhaust emission measurement system.

**Note 1:** Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in case of candidates otherwise well qualified.

**Note 2:** The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes if at any stage of selection the Union Public Service Commission, is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.

(8)	(9)	(10)
Age: - No. Educational Qualifications: Yes.	Two years for direct recruits and promotees.	(i) 50% by promotion failing which by deputation (including short-term contract) failing both by direct recruitment; (ii) 50% by direct recruitment.

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**Promotion:**

Agricultural Engineer (Instrumentation) in level-7 (Rs. 44900-142400) in the pay matrix with five years' regular service in the level.

**Note:** Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service, or two years, whichever is less and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.

**Deputation (including short term contract):**

Officers under the Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-Government or autonomous bodies or statutory organisations: -

(a)(i) holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or

(ii) with four years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in posts in level-8 (Rs. 47600-151100) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; or

(iii) with five years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in posts in level-7 (Rs. 44900-142400) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; and

(b) possessing educational qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column (7).

**Note 1:** The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall be not eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

**Note 2:** Period of deputation (including short term contract) including period of deputation (including short term contract) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed 3 years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short- term contract) shall be not exceeding fifty six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

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<p><b>Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission - Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(3) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(4) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(5) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member.</p> <p><b>Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(3) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(4) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member.</p>	<p>Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary while appointing an officer on promotion and direct recruitment.</p>

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5. Test Engineer	1* (2024) * Subject to variation dependent on workload.	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-10 in the pay matrix (Rs. 56100-177500)	Not applicable

(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
<p>Not exceeding 35 years.</p> <p>(Relaxable for government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The crucial date for</p>	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p>(1) Degree in Agricultural Engineering of a recognised university.</p> <p>(2) Three years' experience in testing and evaluation of agricultural machinery from any Government organisation or university or private listed organisation.</p>	Not applicable	One year



<p>determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India (and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti districts and Pangi Sub-division of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep).</p>	<p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <p>Two years' practical experience of mechanised farming practices.</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> Qualifications are relaxable, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission in case of candidates otherwise well qualified.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes if, at any stage of selection, the Union Public Service Commission is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.</p>	
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<p>By direct recruitment.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Vacancies caused by the incumbent being away on transfer on deputation or long illness or study leave or under other circumstances for a duration of one year or more may be filled on deputation basis from officers under the Central Government or State governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-government or autonomous or statutory organisations:-</p> <p>(a) (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) with four years' regular service in posts in level-8 (Rs. 47600-151100) in the pay matrix or equivalent; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) with five years' regular service in posts in level-7 (Rs. 44900-142400) in the pay matrix or equivalent; and</p> <p>(b) possessing the qualification and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column (7).</p>

(11)	(12)	(13)
Not applicable	<p><b>Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Additional Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(3) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p>	<p>Consultation with Union Public Service Commission is necessary on each occasion.</p>

	(4) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	- Member.
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
6. Agricultural Engineer (Instrumentation)	2* (2024) * Subject to variation dependent on workload.	General Central Service, Group 'B', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-7 in the pay matrix (Rs. 44900-142400)	Selection	Not exceeding 30 years.  (Relaxable for Government Servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time.)  <b>Note:</b> The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in India (and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti district and Pangi sub-division of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep).

(7)
<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p>(1) Degree in Electronics Engineering or Instrumentation Technology from a recognised university or institute.</p> <p>(2) Two years' experience in the installation, calibration and maintenance of electronics and electrical instruments for automatic measurement and controls, experience in handling strain gauge, sound and vibration equipment etc. from any government or private (listed) organisations.</p> <p>Note 1 : Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in case of candidates otherwise well qualified.</p> <p>Note 2 : The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, if at any stage of selection, the Union Public Service Commission is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.</p>

(8)	(9)	(10)
Age: No.	Two years for direct recruits.	(i)50% by promotion failing which by deputation (including short term contract); (ii)50% by direct recruitment.
Educational qualifications: No.		

**Promotion:**

Senior Technical Assistant (Instrumentation) in level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400) in the pay matrix with five years' regular service in the level and have successfully completed four weeks' training in installation, calibration and maintenance of electronics and electrical instruments for automatic measurement and controls, handling strain gauge, sound and vibration equipment from Indian Council of Agricultural Research or State Agricultural Universities or Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

**Note 1:** Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.

**Deputation (including short term contract):**

Officers under the Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-Government or autonomous or statutory organisations: -

- (a) (i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or
- (ii) with five years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400) in the pay matrix in the parent cadre or department; and
- (b) possessing the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column (7).

**Note 1:** The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall be not eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

**Note 2:** Period of deputation (including short term contract) including period of deputation (including short term contract) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed three years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short term contract) shall be not exceeding fifty six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

(12)	(13)
<p><b>Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(3) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Member;</p> <p>(4) Director, Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute - Member.</p> <p><b>Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of: -</b></p> <p>(1) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Chairman;</p> <p>(2) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and : Member;</p>	<p>Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary while appointing an officer on direct recruitment.</p>

Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	
(3) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare : Member;	
(4) Director, Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute : Member.	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
7. Agricultural Engineer *	16* (2024)	General Central Service, Group 'B', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-7 in the pay matrix (Rs. 44900-142400)	Selection
*On posting at DA and FW (Hq), the incumbent will be designated as Assistant Engineer (M and T)	* Subject to variation dependent on workload.			

(6)	(7)
<p>Not exceeding 30 years.</p> <p>(Relaxable upto five years for Government Servants in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time.)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti district and Pangi sub-division of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep.</p>	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p>(i) Degree in Agricultural Engineering of a recognised University.</p> <p>(ii) Two years' experience in testing and evaluation of agricultural machinery from Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-Government or autonomous or statutory organisations.</p> <p>or</p> <p>(iii) Two years' experience of teaching or as a trainer, including experience in operation or maintenance of tractors and agricultural implements or machinery, the experience sought is to be from Central Government or state governments or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-Government or autonomous or statutory organisations or private listed institutes.</p> <p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <p>One year practical experience of mechanised farming practices.</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> Qualifications are relaxable, for reasons to be recorded in writing, at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, in case of candidates otherwise well qualified.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, at the discretion of Union Public Service Commission in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes if, at any stage of selection, the Union Public Service Commission is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the required experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.</p>

(8)	(9)	(10)
Age: No	Two years for direct recruits.	(i) 60% by promotion failing which by deputation including short term contract, failing both by direct recruitment;
Educational qualifications : Yes.		(ii) 40% by deputation (including short term contract) failing which by direct recruitment.

**Promotion:**

Senior Technical Assistant with five years' regular service in level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400) in the pay matrix and have successfully completed four weeks' training in testing or development of agricultural machinery, operation or maintenance of tractors and agricultural implements or machinery.

**Note:** Where junior who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.

**Deputation (including short term contact):**

Officers under the Central Government or state government or union territory administrations or public sector undertakings or agricultural universities or recognised research institutions or councils or semi-Government or autonomous or statutory organisations:

(a) (i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or

(ii) with five years' service in the level rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400) in the pay matrix in the parent cadre or department; and

(b) possessing the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column (7).

**Note 1:** The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall be not eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

**Note 2:** Period of deputation (including short term contact) including period of deputation (including short term contact) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily, not exceed three years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short term contact) shall be not exceeding fifty six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

**Group 'B' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: -**

- (1) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), - Chairman;  
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (2) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology - Member;  
Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (3) Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology - Member;  
Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (4) Director, Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute - Member.

**Group 'B' Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of: -**

- (1) Joint Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology Division), - Chairman;  
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (2) Director or Deputy Secretary (Mechanisation and Technology - Member;  
Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary while appointing an officer on direct recruitment.

(3)	Additional Commissioner (Mechanisation and Technology - Member; Division), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	
(4)	Director, Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute - Member.	

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