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Foreword

It is indeed my proud privilege to present this Annual Report of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) for the period from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022. The report gives an elaborate account of the major activities undertaken by ASRB and its achievements during the year.

The recruitment process was deferred for some time for revamping of the scorecard for recruitment of senior scientific posts (both RMPs and Non-RMPs) of ICAR to make it more objective in order to bring transparency in the selection process and to compute the screening process at ASRB. Now, scorecard for direct selection to senior scientific positions of ICAR on lateral entry bases has been revamped and made completely objective in order to computerize the screening process at ASRB.

After revamping of the scorecard, Board advertised 90 Research Management Positions (RMP) vide Advt. No.1/2021, comprising of four posts of Deputy Directors General, two posts of Directors of National Institutes, seventeen posts of Assistant Directors General, fifty seven posts of Directors of other than National Institutes, two posts of Project Directors and the remaining being Joint Directors. The Board completed the recruitment process for five RMP posts including three Deputy Directors General and two Directors of National Institutes within two months of the advertisement. Recruitment process for other posts is going on and very soon it will be completed.

As a part of time bound implementation of the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for ARS Scientists, 78 proposals in thirty five disciplines for placement from Senior Scientists to the grade of Principal Scientists were processed and cleared during the year. About 89.74 percent (including 5.13 percent deferred promotion) of the candidates were recommended for promotion to the next higher grade.

During the year, a combined examination for ARS 2021 (Preliminary) for 222 vacancies of Scientists in 48 disciplines, Senior Technical Officers (STO) for 65 positions and National Eligibility Test (NET-2021) in 60 disciplines was conducted in online mode at 32 centers across the country from 23rd – 27th August, 2021. A total of 68,473 candidates had registered for the examination and 47,326 candidates actually appeared in the examination. In NET examination, a total of 11,058 candidates qualified for NET certificate.

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I gratefully acknowledge the contribution and support of my colleagues in ASRB Prof. A. K. Misra, former Chairman; Dr A. K. Srivastava, Member (AS); Dr P. K. Chakrabarty Member (PS); Dr K. K. Singh Member (NRM); Sh. Vivek Aggarwal the then Secretary, ASRB; Dr Pramod Kumar Meherda, Secretary, ASRB; Sh. P. K. Bage & Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Director, ASRB and other officers and staff for successful completion of the aforementioned activities.

(Himanshu Pathak)
Chairman, ASRB

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Executive Summary

This report presents a detailed account of the programmes and activities that ASRB undertook in discharge of its mandate of talent search, assessment and input for policy formulation concerning scientific cadre. The period of this Annual Report 2021-22 is particularly significant for revamping of the scorecard-2021 for direct selection to senior scientific positions on lateral entry basis in Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

During the year, a combined examination for ARS-2021 (Preliminary) was conducted in online mode for 222 vacancies of Scientists in 48 disciplines, Senior Technical Officer (STO) for 65 positions and National Eligibility Test (NET) in 60 disciplines at 32 centres across the country from 23rd-27th August, 2021. A total of 68,473 candidates had registered for the examination while 47,326 candidates actually appeared in the examination. A total of 11,058 candidates qualified in National Eligibility Test in 60 disciplines.

Based on the performance of written test & interview, 63 candidates were recommended for appointment to the post of STO (T-6) in ICAR.

During the period, the Board advertised 90 Research Management Positions vide Advt. No.1/2021, comprising of four posts of Deputy Directors General, two posts of Directors of National Institutes, fifty seven posts of Directors of other than National Institutes, seventeen posts of Assistant Directors General two posts of Project Directors and the remaining being Joint Directors.

The Board completed the recruitment process for five posts, which included three Deputy Directors General and two Directors of National Institutes. There were 58 applicants against these positions, of which 32 candidates were called for interview.

During the year, the Board processed 78 proposals of Senior Scientists due for promotion to Principal Scientists under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) in 35 disciplines. The overall promotion was 89.74% including 5.13% deferred promotion.

For ease of access, certificates of NET Examination from 2019-20 onwards were uploaded and made accessible on DIGILOCKER of MeitY, Govt. of India.

ASRB implemented the Official Language Policy of Govt. of India in letter and spirit. All possible assistance and facilities, including options in interviews were provided to the candidates for use of Official Language. Efforts were made to procure maximum possible books in various fields in Hindi to enrich ASRB library for the benefit of officers, staff and visitors including the experts/advisors/paper setters/evaluators.

Special drives were taken during the period to regularly update, upscale and expand the question bank and advisor/expert databases in each discipline through online inputs and regular digitization.

Transparency in working is indeed the hallmark of any organization. This particularly applies to a national recruitment body like ASRB. Whether it is screening of work profile of candidates or interviews or examination processes or even empanelment of advisors/examiners/paper setters/evaluators, etc., the Board has established mechanism of internal scrutiny to ensure objectivity, transparency and quality at all levels.

As regard the matters, grievances or cases involving ASRB admitted/ examined by various courts of law, no instance stricture, by adverse comments, or observations, etc. were made with regard to the decisions of the Board.

The new office building of ASRB in the Pusa Campus is at the stage of completion.

Online Application & Scorecard Information System (OASIS) software for inviting online applications and scrutiny of applications for RMP positions has been developed in house with the help of ICAR-IASRI. OASIS has been successfully tested and implemented by inviting applications of senior RMP positions against the Advt. No.1/2021.

Introduction

1

Historical Background

Since August 2018, ASRB is functioning as an attached office of the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Prior to Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board established by the Government of India in 1973, was an independent recruitment body of Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

As per its mandate, ASRB plays a key role in recruitment of best quality scientists and other management personnel for ICAR and its research institutes across the country. In addition, the Board aids and advises the Council in areas concerning evolving and implementing policies related to induction of human resource and its development including the Career Advancement Schemes for ARS Scientists. Ever since its establishment, ASRB has consistently been endeavouring to reform and refine talent-search strategies to meet existing as well as emerging needs of the National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES).

Mandate

Mandate of ASRB is to make available the best human resource to man various positions in ICAR and its institutes across the country. As per the Cabinet decision, the Board was initially assigned the following responsibilities:

- Recruitment to posts in the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of ICAR and to such other posts and services as the President, ICAR, may specify from time to time.
- Rendering such other assistance to the Council in personnel matters, including promotions as may be required by the President, ICAR.
- Advising the Council on disciplinary matters relating to personnel recruited through ASRB or appointed by the Council in consultation with the Board.

Subsequently, after creation of ARS as an All-India Service, following additional responsibilities were also assigned to the Board:

- Recruitment to the entry level scientists grade of ARS through an All-India Competitive Examination.
- Induction of existing scientists of ICAR to ARS under initial constitution of the ARS.
- Assessment for merit promotion and grant of advance increments to scientists of ARS.

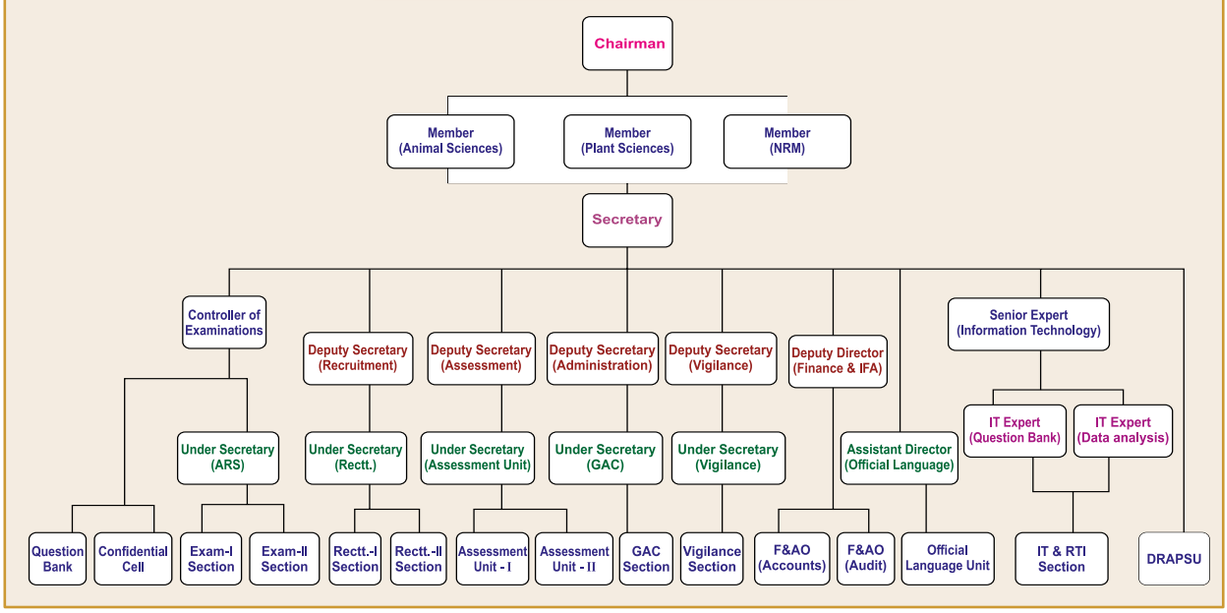
In addition, ASRB has also been entrusted the task of recruitment for technical service, administrative and accounts management posts such as Administrative Officers/ Finance & Accounts Officers and Assistant Directors (OL).

The Board also conducts National Eligibility Test (NET) in 60 approved disciplines, and it is pre-requisite for the candidates to qualify this examination for consideration for appointment as Assistant Professor/ Lecturer in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs).

Organization

The Board comprises of a Chairman and three Members assisted by a Secretary in the Joint Secretary grade to effectively discharge its responsibilities. Besides, the Board has also proposed one post of Controller of Examination, five Deputy Secretaries/ Deputy Director (Finance) along with other financial, administrative and technical functionaries. The revamped organizational structure of ASRB is shown as under:

Organogram of Restructured ASRB



Total sanctioned strength of regular officers and staff of the Board as on 31st March, 2022 was 84 (*Appendix I*). Against sanctioned strength, 34 regular employees were in position. List of officers and staff of the Board actually in position during the period from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 is given in *Appendix II*.

Expenditure

The Board has incurred an expenditure of ₹2,478.06 lakh during the period from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 and revenue received from various sources mainly examinations/applications is ₹628.86 lakh. Details of receipts and expenditure are given in *Appendix III*.

Activities

In discharging its mandated functions, the Board under took various activities. A detailed account of these activities and accomplishment made during the past five years is presented in *Appendix IV*.

Summary of activities during 2021-22

	Activities	Number
I.	**Recruitment by Interviews (Direct Recruitment)**	
	• Posts for which recruitment action was pending from previous years	11
	• Posts for which requisitions were received during the current year	58
	• Posts withdrawn by ICAR	11
	• No.of posts advertised	90
	• Posts for which recruitment action has been completed	5
	• Applications received for various posts	58
	• Candidates called for interview	32
	• Candidates interviewed	29
	• Candidates recommended for appointment	5
	• Cases where no candidate was found suitable for appointment	0
	• Cases where no candidate attended interview	0
	• Applications screened for various posts advertised during the year	58
	• Posts for which recruitment action is in progress	85
II.	**Recruitment by Examinations**	
(i)	**ARS Examination - 2021**	
	• Number of vacancies notified	222
	• Number of applicants registered	38,022
	• Number of applicants appeared	27,433
	• Number of candidates qualified for main examination	2,792
(ii)	**NET Examination - 2021**	
	• Number of applicants registered	60,402
	• Number of candidates appeared	42,943
	• Number of candidates qualified	11,058
(iii)	**Senior Technical Officer (T-6) Examination - 2021**	
	• Number of vacancies notified	65
	• Number of applicants registered	17,805
	• Number of candidates appeared	12,920
	• Number of candidates called for interview	304
	• Candidates recommended for appointment	63
III.	**Assessment**	
	• Assessment of Senior Scientist for Principal Scientist grade under revised CAS	78
	• Induction	0
IV.	**Committees constituted**	
	• Constitution of Departmental Promotion Committees for Career Advancement of ARS Scientists.	95
	• Constitution of Departmental Promotion Committees for Technical Cadre Posts	105

Important events

ASRB Board meetings

Three meetings of the Board were held during the period to discuss important matters and issues pertaining to recruitment and assessment.

New office building of ASRB

The construction work of new office building in the premises of Pusa campus has almost been completed. It is expected that Board may move in its own office building by Feb-March, 2023.

Proposed structure of new office building

Construction work at new office building

2 Examinations

During the year, a combined examination for ARS-2021 (Preliminary) for 222 vacancies of Scientists in 48 disciplines, Senior Technical Officer (STO) for 65 positions and National Eligibility Test (NET) in 60 disciplines was conducted in online mode at 32 centers across the country from 23rd–27th August, 2021. A total of 68,473 candidates registered for the combined examination and 47,326 candidates actually appeared in the examination.

National Eligibility Test (NET) - 2021

A total of 60,402 candidates registered for NET but only 42,943 candidates appeared for the test. Out of 42,943 candidates, a total of 11,058 candidates qualified. The NET is an essential prerequisite qualification for determining eligibility for recruitment of Lecturers/Assistant Professors in State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other general universities with Agricultural Faculty.

ARS Examination - 2021

A combined examination of ARS (Prelim)/ NET/STO-2021 was held in online mode from 23rd -27th August, 2021, a total of 38,022 candidates registered for the ARS examination. However, only 27,433 candidates appeared in preliminary examination. A total of 2,792 candidates in 48 disciplines qualified for main examination. The main examination was held on 28th November, 2021. The candidates who obtain a minimum qualifying mark in the main examination as decided by the Board are eligible to be called for viva-voce. However, a maximum of 5 candidates against each post shall be called for interview.

Senior Technical Officer (STO)

A total of 17,805 candidates registered for STO in the combined examination of ARS/NET/STO–2021 of which 12,920 candidates actually appeared in the examination. Based on result of the combined examination, only 304 candidates were called for interview for 65 posts of Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6). Interview for the posts of STO was held from 2nd – 15th March, 2022. A total of 63 candidates were recommended for appointment to the posts of Senior Technical Officer (T-6) under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). Two vacancies could not be filled due to non-availability of suitable candidates.

Interview in progress for selection of STO posts

Recruitment of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PwBD and EWS categories

The Board recommended the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) for the posts of Senior Technical Officer as per rules of ICAR/Government of India. Breakup of selected candidates and number of advertised vacancies in each category are given as below:

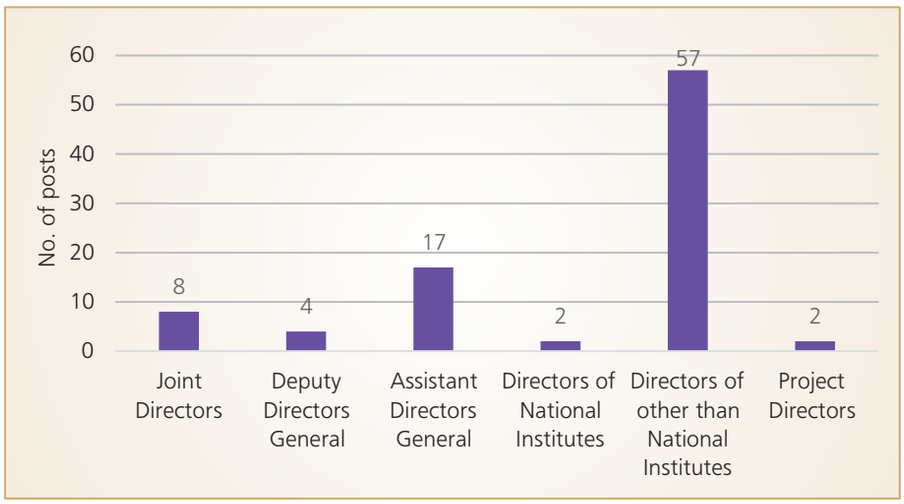
Distribution of posts of reserved categories for Senior Technical Officer (T-6)

Category	Vacancies Advertised	Actually filled	Remarks
SC	6	6	-
ST	1	1	-
PwBD	1	1	-
OBC	15	13	Two vacancies could not be filled due to non-availability of suitable candidates
EWS	5	5	

Direct Recruitment

Direct Recruitment/Lateral Entry

During the period, Board advertised 90 Research Management Positions (RMP) vide Advt. No.1/2021 dated 5th Nov, 2021, comprising Deputy Directors General, Directors of National Institutes, Assistant Directors General, Directors of other than National Institutes, Project Directors and Joint Directors of the National Institutes. Position-wise breakup of various posts advertised during the year 2021-22 is as below:



No. of RMP posts advertised

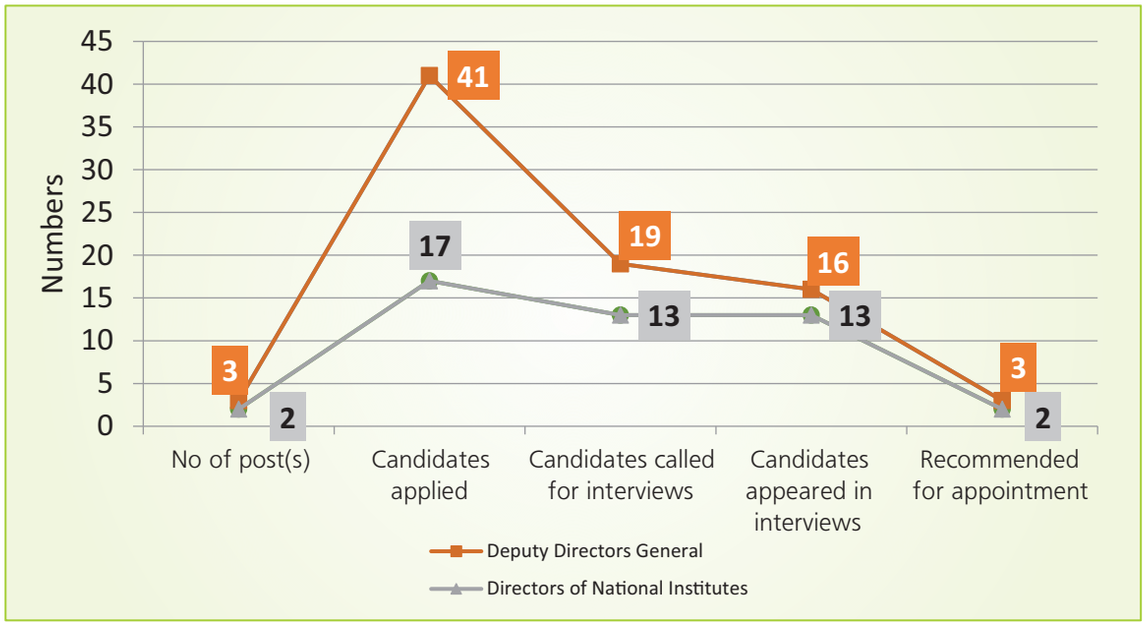
Recruitment process for senior scientific posts (both RMPs and Non-RMPs) of ICAR was put on hold in Feb, 2021 due to revamping of the scorecards. The process of recruitment was started again in November, 2021 after the approval of new revised and revamped scorecards for RMP positions.

The aim of revamping was to make it more objective by minimizing interventions and discretion of human experts in evaluation of application and in order to computerize the process of inviting online applications and screening of applications at ASRB. The scorecards for RMP positions were finalized and accordingly RMP posts were advertised in the month of Nov, 2021. Applications for the above mentioned 90 RMP positions were invited online. The Board completed the recruitment process for five posts (Appendix V) of senior RMP positions till March, 2022 details of which are given in table below:

Summary of Direct Recruitment process completed during the period

Category	No of post(s)	Candidates Applied	Candidates Called for Interview	Candidates Interviewed	Recommended for Appointment
Deputy Directors General	03	41	19	16	03
Directors of National Institutes	02	17	13	13	02
Total	05	58	32	29	05
Per post availability of candidates		11.6	6.4	5.8	100%

In all, the Board had screened 58 applications and called 32 candidates for interview of which 29 candidates actually attended the interview. As per rule, Board invites only top ten ranking candidates obtaining minimum qualifying marks in the scorecard evaluation for interview for each post. However, average number of candidates called for interview for each post is around 6.4.



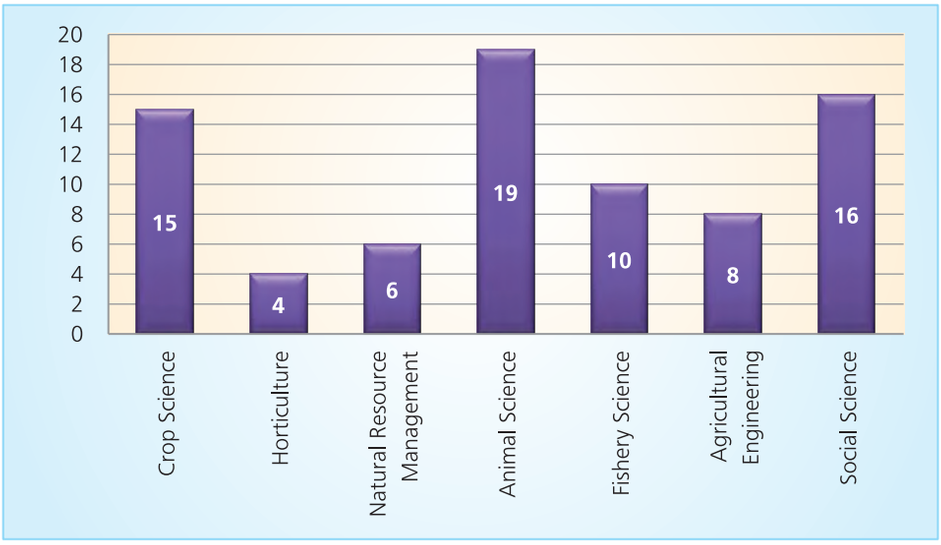
Details of direct selection for RMP positions

Assessment of scientists: Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)

4

Assessment/Promotion of Sr. Scientists under Revised Career Advancement Scheme

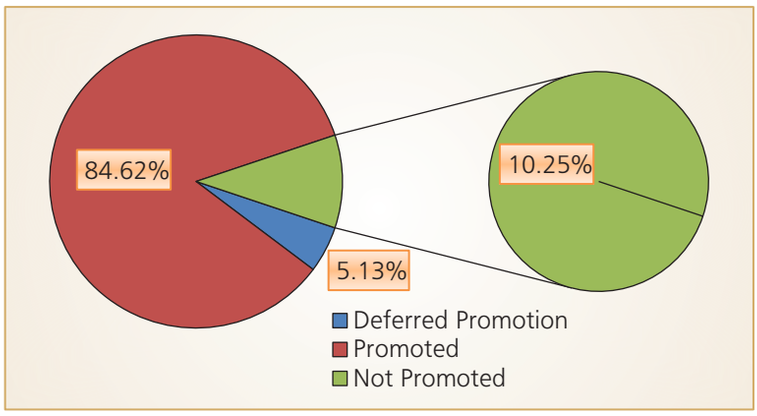
During the year, 78 proposals in 35 disciplines were received from different ICAR institutes for promotion/assessment from Senior Scientist to the grade of Principal Scientist under revised Career Advancement Scheme (CAS). The board assessed all these cases and sent its recommendation to the Council. Major disciplines wise breakup of CAS proposals is as follows:



Major disciplines wise breakup of proposals assessed

View of the interview Board

As per outcome of assessments, 89.75% (including 5.13 % deferred promotion) candidates got promotion to the next higher grade.



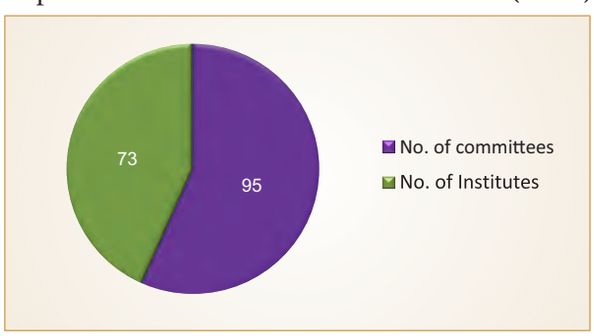
Assessment of Senior Scientists to the grade of Principal Scientists under Carrier Advancement Scheme (CAS)

Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for ARS Scientists (RGP ₹6000 to ₹9000) and Assessment Promotion of Technical Personnel

In accordance with the scheme and rules of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for ARS Scientists, the Chairman, ASRB nominated Chairman of various assessment committees to consider the cases of promotion of scientists in the ICAR. Besides this, nominations were also made by the Chairman, ASRB for constitution of assessment committees for considering the promotion cases of technical cadre staff working in ICAR Hqrs. and its institutes across India.

Assessment/ Promotion of Scientists

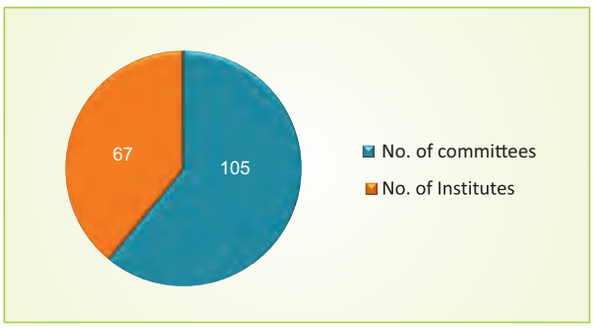
The Board finalized and notified nomination of experts for 73 institutes including ICAR Hqrs. for constitution of 95 Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) for assessment of scientists from RGP ₹6,000 to ₹7,000, from RGP ₹7,000 to ₹8,000 and from RGP ₹8,000 to ₹9,000, details are given in Appendix VII:



Details of assessment committees for Scientists

Assessment/ Promotion of Technical Personnel

The Board nominated experts for 105 assessment committees for promotion of technical staff in 67 institutes including ICAR Hqrs. Details are given in Appendix VIII.



Details of assessment committees for technical personnel

Advice to Council on Tenure Renewal and Departmental Promotion

During the year, Board regularly participated in all the tenure renewal committee meetings of the Deputy Director General (DDG)/ Assistant Director General (ADG) & Directors and departmental promotion committee meetings for promotion of officials of ICAR.

Revision of Scorecard for Research Management Positions (RMP)

During the year, scorecard for direct selection to Research Management Positions (RMP) of ICAR on lateral entry basis has been revamped in order to make it more objective. Important features of the revised scorecard are as follows:

Weightage of marks for direct recruitment

S. No.	Research Management Positions (RMPs)	Scorecard Marks	Interview Marks	Total
1.	Deputy Director General (DDG)/ Director of National Institute & equivalent positions	70	30	100
2.	Director/ Project Director/ Assistant Director General (ADG)/ Joint Director of National Institute & equivalent positions	70	30	100

Summary of Scorecard for ICAR-Deemed Universities (DUs), Deputy Directors General & equivalent positions

Item No.	Attributes/ Accomplishments/ Contributions/ Performance Indicator and Distribution of score/ marks	Maximum Marks
1.	Contribution in research management	16
2.	Professional achievements	02
3.	Recognitions/ Awards/ Special attainments	12
4.	Discoveries, Invention, Innovation, Technologies and Products	12
5.	Teaching/ Research/ Extension	06
6.	Publications	14
7.	APAR	08
	Grand Total	**70**

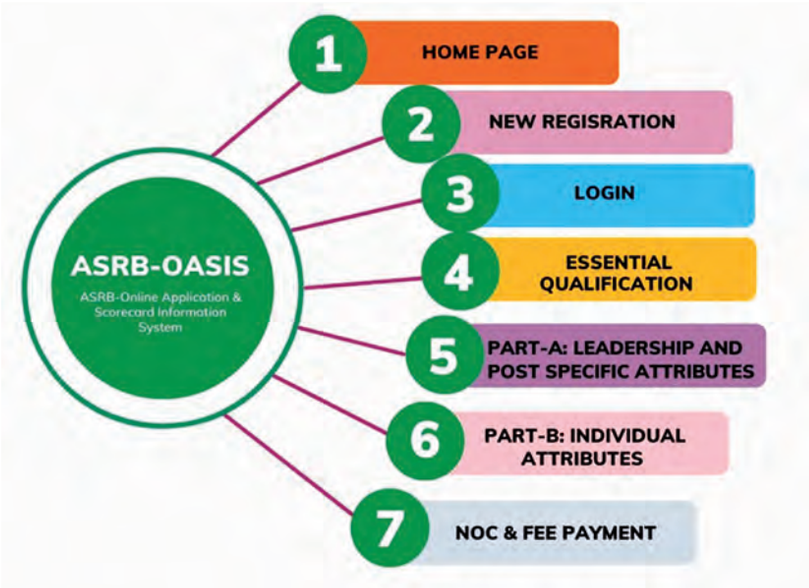
Summary of Scorecard for Assistant Directors General / Directors / Project Director of Institutes, Joint Directors of National Institutes & other equivalent positions

Item No.	Attributes/ Accomplishments/ Contributions/ Performance Indicator and Distribution of score/marks	Maximum Marks
1.	Professional achievements and contributions	5
2	Recognitions/ Awards/ Special attainments	15
3.	Discoveries, Invention, Innovation, Technologies and Products	15
4.	Teaching/ Research / Extension	09
5.	Publications	16
6.	Service in remote/difficult areas (Tough Locations)	02
7.	APAR	08
	Grand Total	**70**

Revision of Application Form for RMP

Online application forms for direct recruitment have been revised in consonance with revised scorecard and the applications were made applicable from Advt. No. 01/2021. Web based application software has been developed to apply online and for screening of applications as per the revised scorecard. The application software is named as OASIS (Online Application & Scorecard Information System) and can be accessed online on URL- https://asrbapplication.in.

ASRB OASIS (Online Application & Scorecard Information System):



Important features of OASIS are:

1. Home Page

- Online application system can be accessed through URL: https://asrbapplication.in
- Home page provides access to the application software.
- A new user has to first register himself/ herself by clicking on "**New Registration**" for creating a Login ID.
- Registered users can further create and submit online application by accessing the system through login credentials.

2. New Registration

- Clicking on "**New Registration**" will open a new window.
- Enter valid Email-Id and valid Mobile number for registration.
- You will receive an OTP on your registered Email and Mobile number.
- Enter the OTP and then proceed further.
- A new Registration Page will be displayed.
- Fill all basic information as required in the Registration Page.
- Set a password for your account.
- Upload photo and signature and click on "**Register**".
- After registration you will get the notification on your Email and mobile number that you have successfully registered and will receive the login credentials.

3. Login

- To access the OASIS, click on **"Login"** button in Home Page and enter the credentials as asked on the screen.
- After login, one can fill the application details and click on **Submit**.
- After submitting, your application Id will be generated.
- Click on **Profile** in left side menu to edit permissible profile details.

- Click on **"My Account"** to see the list of Applications one has submitted/ applied.
- Click on **"Proceed"** to fill application and you will be redirected to **Essential Qualifications** page.

4. Essential Qualifications

- Fill EQ1 and click on **Save Data,** the EQ1 icon will turn green.
- Similarly fill EQ2 and click on **Save Data**.
- Similarly fill EQ3 and click on **Save Data**.
- After filling EQ3 you will see two more options to be filled in left side menu. Part A and Part B.

5. Part-A: Leadership and Post Specific Attributes

- Click on Part A and you will see all the details listed to be filled under Leadership and Post Specific Attributes.
- Fill each detail and then click on **Save Data**.
- After filling data of attribute 1.1, the icon will turn to green showing that this point is visited and filled up.
- Similarly fill all other options given on the right side of **Part A**. As you fill and save the data the icons will turn to green.

6. Part-B: Individual Attributes

- Click on **Part B** and you will see all the details to be filled under Individual Attributes.
- Fill each detail and click on **Save Data**.

6.1 Professional Achievements

- Fill data of attributes 2.1, 2.2(i), 2.2(ii), the icon will turn to green showing that it is filled.

6.2 Recognitions/Awards/Special Attainments

- Fill data of attributes 3.1 and 3.2, the icon will turn to green showing it is filled.
- Similarly fill all other options given on the right side of **Part B**. As you fill and save data, the icons will turn to green.

7. NOC and Fee Payment

- After filling all details, proceed for NOC and Fee Payment.
- Click on "**Print Application**". Check whether all details are filled correctly.
- One can view uploaded files.
- Fill the NOC and **Submit**.

Implementation of Right to Information Act & Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)

6

Right to Information Act - 2005

As per Govt. of India guidelines, ASRB is committed to maintain complete transparency in examinations, recruitments, assessments and selection process and to implement Right to Information Act, 2005 in letter and spirit. In accordance with section 4 of the RTI Act 2005, up to date information pertaining to recruitment and assessment has been made available on ASRB website (www.asrb.org.in) from time to time.

The Board efficiently and satisfactorily responded to various requests and appeals under RTI Act within the stipulated time period as per provisions of the Act. Being a responsible "Public Authority", the Board has taken due and appropriate action in this regard. The Board has appointed three Central Public Information Officers (CPIO) and two Appellate Authorities for systematically handling there quests and appeals received from information seekers. During the period, the Board received 523 cases, mainly concerning the following:

Information sought

- Disclosure of names of experts.
- Bio-data of called candidates in interview for senior scientific positions.
- Marks secured in the screening and interviews.
- Procedure for screening of applications for direct recruitment posts.
- Marks given by the assessment committee.
- Marks secured by other applicants in various examinations/ recruitments.
- Evaluation process of answer sheet.
- Answer Key of examinations.
- Photocopy of answer sheets, OMR sheets and question papers.
- Question papers of previous examinations.
- Proactive orders/decisions of the Board and implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act in the Board.
- Details of outsourced manpower.
- Information regarding various tenders awarded by the Board.
- Information regarding Administrative Officer and Finance & Accounts Officer Examination - 2021.

Out of 523 cases, only 11.47% applicants filed first appeal. These cases were also disposed off successfully to the satisfaction of all concerned and the replies furnished by the Board. Complete details of the cases areas follow:

Summary of cases processed in compliance of RTI Act, 2005 during 2021-22

Block I. (Details about the requests and appeals)

	Opening decisions balance ason 01.04.2021	No. of applications received on transfer from other PAS	Received during the year (including transferred to other PAS)	No. of cases transferred to other PAS U/S 6(3)	Decisions where requests/ appeals rejected	Where requests/ appeals accepted
Requests	01	20	502	17	0	506
First Appeal	02	0	58	0	0	58
		Total No. of CAPIOs designated		Total No. of CPIOs designated		Total No. of AAs designated
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Block II. (Details of fee collected, penalty imposed and disciplinary action taken)

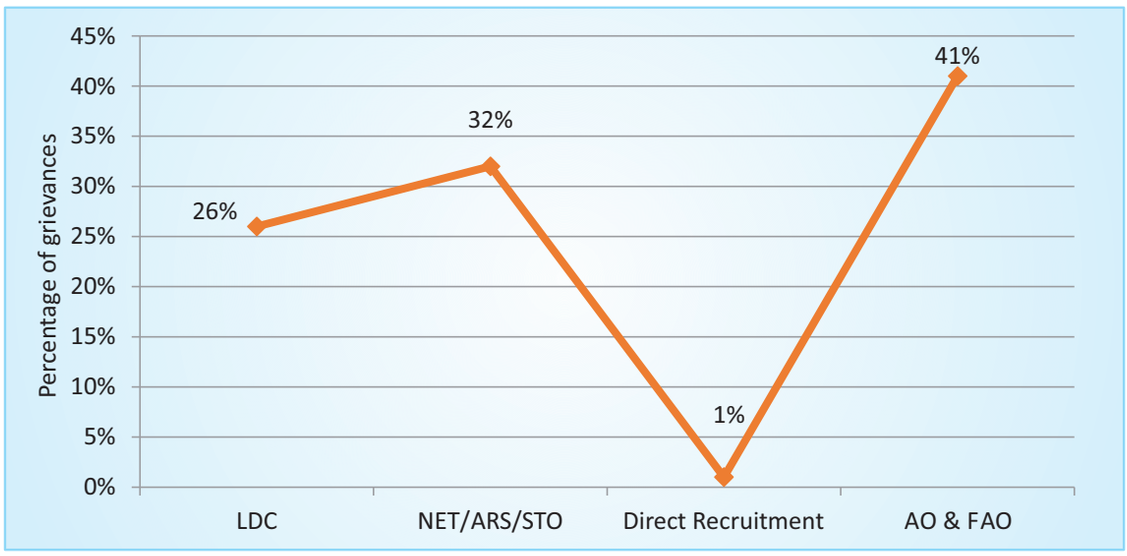
Registration fee collected (in Rs.) U/S 7(1)	Additional fee collected (in Rs.) U/S 7(3)	Penalty amount recovered (in Rs.) as directed by CIC U/S 20(1)	No. of cases disciplinary action taken against any officer U/S 20(2)
Rs 1,116.00	Rs 4,814.00	0	0

Block III. (Details of various provisions of Section 8 while rejecting the requested information)

No. of times various provisions were invoked while rejecting request Relevant Sections of RTI Act 2005													
Section 8(1)										Other Sections			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(9)	(11)	(24)	Others
-	-	-	-	02	02	-	01	-	08	-	-	-	-

Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)

Board received 82 grievances during the period, most of the queries asked by applicants were related to the recruitment through various examinations namely LDC Examination-2017, NET/ARS/STO Examination-2021, AO & FAO-2021 and general information related to direct recruitment/ lateral entry. The Board disposed of all grievances satisfactorily.



Details of grievances during the year 2021-22

Progressive use of Hindi (Rajbhasha)

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During the year 2021-22, ASRB ensured compliance of provisions of the Official Language Act, 1963. Board is committed to promote progressive use of Hindi in its office to fulfil targets fixed in the annual official language programme 2021-22 as per the Official Language Policy of Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. The Board also ensured that bilingual requirement of circulars, reports, question papers and other documents, as per provisions of the Act and Rules, are meticulously complied with.

- Nearly hundred percent of officers and staff working in the Board have working knowledge of Hindi.
- Helping literature, such as Agriculture Glossary, Specimen of standard letters/ drafts in Hindi, Hindi equivalents of common sentences etc. have been made available to the staff.
- Hindi version of examination rules, notices, and syllabi, instructions to candidates, admission certificates, test booklets, answer sheets, question papers, application forms, attendance sheets and attendance lists were printed along with the English version.
- During the year one advertisement issued by the Board was published both in Hindi and English language in leading newspapers of the country including 'Rozgar Samachar'.
- All computer keyboards in the office have letters in Devanagari script.
- English - Hindi dictionary of important technical terms used in agricultural education/ research has been prepared for the benefit of paper setters/ translators.
- Candidates can use option of Hindi as medium in all competitive examinations as well as for answering questions in interview at the Board.
- ASRB website www.asrb.org.in is bilingual (English and Hindi).

Quarterly meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC)

ASRB regularly conducted quarterly meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) under Chairmanship of Chairman, ASRB who is Nodal Officer for implementation of Official Language Policy in the Board. Four meetings of OLIC were organized in June, September, December, 2021 and March, 2022.Various issues pertaining to implementation of Official Language were discussed and decisions were taken in these meetings. Quarterly report of ASRB for the quarter ending on 31st March, 2022 for the progressive use of Official Language showed that:

Quarterly meetings of OLIC

- Performance of Official Language implementation under Section (3)3 was 100%. Similarly replies sent by ASRB to A & B regions were also 100%.
- Correspondence in Hindi with region A & B was 100% and C was 97.14%, while target for region C was 65%.
- Overall performance of noting in Hindi was 97.09%, which exceeded the set target of 75%.

Reports related to Official Language Policy

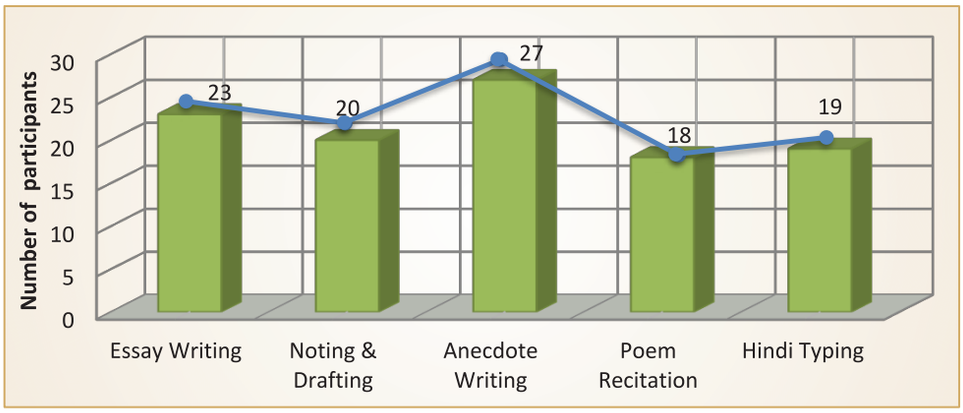
- Quarterly Progress Reports regarding use of Rajbhasha in the Board have been sent to the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- Annual Assessment Report and Quarterly Progress Reports regarding use of Rajbhasha in the Board have been sent to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE).
- Half yearly progress reports regarding use of Rajbhasha in the Board have been sent to the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), North Delhi.

Celebration of Hindi Pakhwada

During the year, ASRB organized ***"Rajbhasha-Hindi Pakhwada"*** from 10th – 27th September, 2021. Hindi Pakhwada was inaugurated on 10th September, 2021. All officials including contractual staff were present on this occasion. Chairman, ASRB in his formal address advised that we should promote progressive use of Hindi in our office to fulfil targets fixed in the annual official language programme 2021-22.

During the Hindi Pakhwada, five competitions were held on different aspects of use of Hindi viz Essay Writing, Noting & Drafting, Poem Recitation, Anecdote Writing and Hindi Typing in Unicode. A total of 107 (regular & contractual) employees participated in these competitions.

The valedictory function was organized on 27th September, 2021. Chairman, ASRB and Members appreciated the celebration of Hindi Pakhwada. Cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners of various events on this occasion.



Event wise participation

Glimpses of Hindi Pakhwada 2021

Rajbhasha Pakhwada Inauguration in Progress

Prize Distribution of Various Competitions during Rajbhasha Pakhwada 2021

Women Empowerment

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National Eligibility Test

NET examination results over the past decade shows that percentage of qualified women candidates in the NET examination has increased multifold. NET certificate is awarded to the qualified candidates for eligibility to apply for positions of Lecturers/ Assistant Professors in State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other general universities with Agricultural Faculty.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Examination

Interest of women candidates has increased at entry level of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the percentage of selected women candidates in ARS examinations during the last five years has progressively increased from 31 to 43%. The Board has been making all possible efforts to encourage women candidates to compete so as to improve gender balance in the system in keeping with the spirit of gender equality and women empowerment.

Recognition/Awards/ Honours

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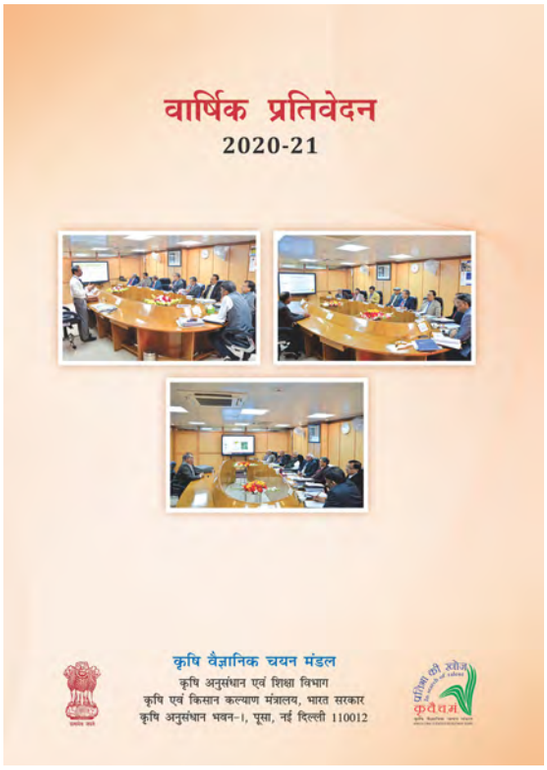
Best Performance Award for work in Hindi (Rajbhasha)

ASRB was awarded with the First Prize in the category of 11 to 50 employee in "A" region for the best performance in promotion and implementation of Official Language and work in Hindi for the year 2018-19 during Regional Rajbhasha Sammelan and Award Distribution function held at Kailash Bhawan Auditorium, Chandra Shekhar Azad Agril & Technology University, Kanpur (UP) on 27th Nov, 2021. The award was presented by Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra in the presence of Secretary (Rajbhasha), Govt. of India.

ASRB officials receiving the awards during Regional Rajbhasha Sammelan at Kanpur

Publications

ASRB Annual Report 2020-21 (Hindi & English)



Appendix I

Sanctioned/Proposed and In-position strength of the Board during 2021-22

Sl No.	Post	Sanctioned/ Proposed	In-position As on 31.3.2022	Vacant
	Sanctioned			
1	Chairman	1	-	1
2	Member	3	3	-
3	Secretary (JS Level)	1	1	-
	Proposed			
4	Sr. Expert (IT) Principal Scientist Level	1	1*	-
5	Controller of Examinations (Director Level)	1	1*	-
6	Deputy Secretary/ Deputy Director Finance	5	2@	3
7	Under Secretary	5	-	5
8	Assistant Director (OL)	1	-	1
9	Finance & Account Officer	2	1***	1
10	Sr. Technical Officer (T-6) IT	3	1**	2
11	Section Officer	11	7*	4
12	Principal Private Secretary	4	2*	2
13	Private Secretary	6	2*	4
14	Assistant	30	6*	24
15	Personal Assistant	4	-	4
16	Steno	4	0	4
17	Hindi Translator	2	0	2
	Total	**84**	**27**	**57**
	Additional Staff			
1	Chief Technical Officer (T-9) (Agronomy)	-	1*	Additional
2	Upper Division Clerk	-	4*	Additional
3	Skilled Support Staff	-	2*	Additional
	Total staff in position		**34**	

* Deemed Deputation,
** Technical Officer (IT) on Deemed Deputation
*** Senior Finance and Account Officer
@ Two Directors on deputation

Appendix II

List of officers and staff of the Board in position as on 31.03.2022

S. No.	Name of officers and staff	Designation
1.	Prof. (Dr) A. K. Srivastava	Member (AS) & Chairman (Additional Charge)
2.	Dr P. K. Chakrabarty	Member (PS)
3.	Dr K. K. Singh	Member (NRM)
4.	Dr Pramod Kumar Meherda	Secretary
Officers		
5.	Dr A. P. Ruhil	Principal Scientist (IT)
6.	Sh. P. K. Bage	Director
7.	Sh. Rajinder Kumar	Director (Rectt.)
8.	Sh. Rakesh Bhardwaj	Director (Controller of Examinations)
9.	Dr Suresh Pal	Chief Technical Officer
10.	Sh. Mukesh Khurana	Private Principal Secretary
11.	Sh. A. K. Pathak	Private Principal Secretary
12.	Sh. Chaman Singh	Sr. Finance and Account Officer
13.	Sh. Lal Singh Rawat	Section Officer
14.	Sh. Anurag Arora	Section Officer
15.	Sh. Vikas Jain	Section Officer
16.	Sh. Ashish Verma	Section Officer
17.	Sh. Upendra Mehta	Section Officer
18.	Sh. Satish Pal Singh	Section Officer
19.	Sh. Rualmuanthang Thawmte	Section Officer
20.	Smt. Neeru Khanna	Private Secretary
21.	Smt. Usha Nair	Private Secretary
22.	Sh. Ravi Bhushan Tiwary	Technical Officer
Staff		
23.	Sh. Pradeep Dagar	Assistant
24.	Sh. Vikram Goyat	Assistant
25.	Sh. Deepesh Aggarwal	Assistant
26.	Sh. Himanshu Kumar Gautam	Assistant
27.	Sh. S. S. Dogra	Assistant
28.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma	Assistant
29.	Sh. Mahadev Pal	Upper Division Clerk (Cashier)
30.	Sh. Roshan Singh Rawat	Upper Division Clerk
31.	Sh. Ravinder Singh Rawat	Upper Division Clerk
32.	Sh. Dheeraj Singh	Upper Division Clerk (Caretaker)
33.	Sh. Shiv Prasad	Skilled Support Staff
34.	Sh. Suresh Kumar	Skilled Support Staff

Appendix III

Receipts and Expenditure of ASRB during 2021-22

		Amount (in lakhs)
A — Receipts		
(i)	Application and Examination Fees	619.65
(ii)	Other Receipts	09.21
Total Receipts		**628.86**
B — Expenditure		
(i)	Salaries	589.40
(ii)	Wages (Contractual Staff)	171.96
(iii)	Over-time allowance (OTA)	0.00
(iv)	Travel expenses (within country/ abroad)	20.13
(v)	Office expenses	162.68
(vi)	Capital expenses	1,149.31
Expenditure on Examinations and Selections/Recruitment		
(i)	Travelling/ Honorarium expenses (Experts, advisors and candidates)	114.54
(ii)	Other expenses	270.04
Total Expenditure		**2,478.06**

Appendix IV

Comparative profile of workload of the Board over the preceding five years

	Description of work	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
A.	**Recruitment by Examination**					
	No. of examinations held	*5	6%	1+	$	2@
	No. of posts filled up	495	963	181		63
	No. of applications received	1,49,560	1,25,069	46,353	-	68,473
	No. of candidates interviewed	831	-	708	-	-
	No. of centers in India where examinations were held	47	34	31	-	32
B	**Recruitment by Direct Selection**					
	No. of posts for which interviews were held	5	-	170	44	5
	No. of applications received	117	1,366	392	1,356	58
	No. of candidates called for interview	56	-	162	429	32
	No. of candidates appeared for interview	44	-	144	316	29
C.	No. of candidates qualified for NET	6,987	11,906	4,271	$	11,058
D.	No. of scientists assessed under CAS	219	102	21	134	78
E.	Five yearly assessments	-	-	-	-	-
F.	Induction into ARS	-	-	1	1	-

* ARS-2016 (Prelim) / NET-2017; ARS (Main Examination)-2016; Stenographer Grade-III Examination-2017; LDC Examination-2016; and Limited Departmental Competitive Examination 2017 for Section Officer and Private Secretary at ICAR Headquarters.

% ARS-2017 (Prelim) and NET 2018 (I); ARS (Main Examination)-2017; T-1 Examination; Skill Test for LDC; Skill Test for Stenographer Grade-III; and NET 2018 (II) Examinations.

\+ NET-2019

$ Examinations could not be conducted due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

@ Combined Examination for NET/ARS-2021(Prelim)/STO; and ARS (Main Examination)-2021.

Appendix V

Direct Recruitment 2021-22

S. No.	Advt. No. & Item No.	Name of the Posts	Interview Date	Candidates applied	Candidates called for interview	Candidates attended interview	Selected	Recommendation sent to ICAR on
1.	01/2021 (05)	DDG (Agricultural Engineering), ICAR Headquarter, New Delhi	30.12.2021	05	04	04	Selected	30.12.2021
2.	01/2021 (01)	Director, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar	31.12.2021	07	07	07	Selected	31.12.2021
3.	01/2021 (04)	DDG (Fisheries), ICAR Headquarter, New Delhi	03.01.2022	09	05	04	Selected	03.01.2022
4.	01/2021 (02)	Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai	03.01.2022	10	06	06	Selected	03.01.2022
5.	01/2021 (03)	DDG (Agricultural Education), ICAR Headquarter, New Delhi	05.01.2022	27	10	08	Selected	05.01.2022
	Total			**58**	**32**	**29**		

Appendix VI

Assessment cases processed under revised Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of ICAR during 2021-22

S.No.	Discipline	Interview date	Candidates interviewed
1.	Farm Machinery Power	01.09.2021	3
2.	Genetics & Plant Breeding	02.09.2021	4
3.	Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering	03.09.2021	3
4.	Seed Science & Technology	03.09.2021	3
5.	Agricultural Meteorology	06.09.2021	1
6.	Agricultural Statistics	06.09.2021	1
7.	Animal Nutrition	06.09.2021	1
8.	Electronic & Instrumentation	06.09.2021	1
9.	Agroforestry	07.09.2021	1
10.	Environmental Science	07.09.2021	1
11.	Geography	07.09.2021	1
12.	Horticulture	07.09.2021	4
13.	Veterinary Microbiology	07.09.2021	1
14.	Agricultural Biotechnology	08.09.2021	2
15.	Animal Physiology	08.09.2021	2
16.	Plant Physiology	09.09.2021	2
17.	Biochemistry (AS)	09.09.2021	1
18.	Aquaculture	10.09.2021	1
19.	Computer Application in Agriculture	10.09.2021	7
20.	Agricultural Microbiology	13.09.2021	1
21.	Fish Resources Management	13.09.2021	1
22.	Livestock Production Management	15.09.2021	3
23.	Plant Pathology	15.09.2021	3
24.	Agricultural Economics	16.09.2021	3
25.	Veterinary Parasitology	16.09.2021	2
26.	Agronomy	17.09.2021	1
27.	Livestock Production Technology	17.09.2021	1
28.	Veterinary Pathology	20.09.2021	2
29.	Agricultural Extension	21.09.2021	4
30.	Biotechnology (AS)	22.09.2021	2
31.	Soil Science	22.09.2021	2
32.	Soil & Water Conservation Engineering	23.09.2021	1
33.	Veterinary Public Health	23.09.2021	2
34.	Fish & Fishery Science	29.09.2021	8
35.	Animal Genetics & Breeding	30.09.2021	2
			78

Appendix VII

List of Institutes for which Departmental Promotion Committees (2021-22) were constituted by ASRB for Career Advancement of ARS Scientists

S.No.	Institute Name	No. of Committees
	AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION	
1.	ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics & Policy Research, New Delhi	1
	AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING	
2.	ICAR-Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal	1
3.	ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibres Engineering & Technology, Kolkata	1
	ANIMAL SCIENCES	
4.	ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats, Mathura	1
5.	ICAR-Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar	2
6.	ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad	1
7.	ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar	1
8.	ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal	1
9.	ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition & Physiology, Bengaluru	2
10.	ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal	1
11.	ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bhopal	1
12.	ICAR-National Research Centre for Equines, Hisar	1
13.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner	1
14.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad	2
15.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema	1
16.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati	1
17.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang	1
	CROP SCIENCES	
18.	ICAR- Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad	1
19.	ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur	1
20.	ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute & Allied Fibres, Kolkata	1
21.	ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh	2
22.	ICAR-Directorate of Rapeseed Mustard Research, Bharatpur, Rajasthan	1
23.	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	2
24.	ICAR-Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi	1
25.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, New Delhi	1
26.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad	1
27.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur	1
28.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad	1

S.No.	Institute Name	No. of Committees
29.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Seed Science, Mau	1
30.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research, Indore	3
31.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow	3
32.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal	1
33.	ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	2
34.	ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms, Mau	1
35.	ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur	1
36.	ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi	1
37.	ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack	1
	FISHERIES SCIENCE	
38.	ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore	1
39.	ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin, Kerela	2
40.	ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneshwar	1
41.	ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Kerela	1
42.	ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal	2
43.	ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow	2
	HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE	
44.	ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur	1
45.	ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, Lucknow	1
46.	ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar, J&K	1
47.	ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair	1
48.	ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla	1
49.	ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvanthapuram	1
50.	ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Kannada, Kerela	1
51.	ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pune	4
52.	ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand	1
53.	ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan	1
54.	ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research, Pune	1
55.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru	1
56.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi	1
57.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode	1
58.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi	1
59.	ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu	1
60.	ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune	2
61.	ICAR-National Research Centre for Litchi, Muzaffarpur	1
62.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Pomegranate, Solapur	2
63.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer	1

S.No.	Institute Name	No. of Committees
	NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
64.	ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna	2
65.	ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa	3
66.	ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad	1
67.	ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal	1
68.	ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur	1
69.	ICAR-ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umaim	2
70.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneshwar	1
71.	ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Nagpur	1
72.	ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Pune	1
	AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTES (ATARIS)	
73.	ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Jodhpur Zone-II	1
	Total	**95**

Appendix VIII

List of institutes for which Departmental Promotion Committees for Technical Cadre Posts (2021-22) were constituted by ASRB

S.No.	Institute Name	No. of Committees
	AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION	
1.	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi	1
2.	ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad	1
3.	ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi	1
	AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING	
4.	ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, Matunga, Mumbai	1
5.	ICAR-Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering, Ludhiana	1
6.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums, Ranchi	2
7.	ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology, Kolkata	1
	ANIMAL SCIENCES	
8.	ICAR-Central Avian Research Institute, Izatnagar	1
9.	ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut	1
10.	ICAR-Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar	3
11.	ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad	1
12.	ICAR-Directorate on Foot and Mouth Disease, IVRI Campus, Mukteshwar	2
13.	ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar	1
14.	ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal	1
15.	ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Bengaluru	1
16.	ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal	1
17.	ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru	1
18.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner	4
19.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema	2
20.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati	1
21.	ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang	3
	CROP SCIENCE	
22.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad	2
23.	ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur	1
24.	ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Barrackpore, Kolkata	2
25.	ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajamundry	2
26.	ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh	2
27.	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	2

S.No.	Institute Name	No. of Committees
28.	ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi	1
29.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research, Ludhiana	1
30.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad	2
31.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research, Indore	1
32.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Raebareli Road, Lucknow	1
33.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal	1
34.	ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	2
35.	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi	1
36.	ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi	3
37.	ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Bidyadharpur, Cuttack	3
38.	ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Veerakeralam, Coimbatore	1
39.	ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora	3
	FISHERIES	
40.	ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai	1
41.	ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin	1
42.	ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal	1
	HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE	
43.	ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur	2
44.	ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner	2
45.	ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kerala	2
46.	ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, Lucknow	1
47.	ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla	1
48.	ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagarh	1
49.	ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Boriavi, Anand	2
50.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kerala	1
51.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi	1
52.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru	1
53.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi	2
	NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
54.	ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna	3
55.	ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi	2
56.	ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur	1
57.	ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa	3
58.	ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad	1
59.	ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal	2

S.No.	Institute Name	No. of Committees
60.	ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur	1
61.	ICAR-ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya	3
62.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun	1
63.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal	2
64.	ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Amravati Road, Nagpur	1
65.	ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Malegaon, Baramati	1
	AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS RESEARCH INSTITUTES (ATARIS)	
66.	ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-I, Ludhiana	1
67.	**ICAR Hqrs, New Delhi**	2
	Total	**105**

Appendix IX

Personnel (Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, Retirements, etc.)

Appointments/ Joining

- Dr. A. P. Ruhil, Principal Scientist (IT), joined ASRB on deemed deputation from NDRI, Karnal w.e.f. 1st April, 2021.
- Shri Chaman Singh, Finance & Account Officer joined ASRB on transfer from IARI, New Delhi w.e.f. 1st June, 2021.
- Shri A. K. Pathak, PPS joined ASRB on transfer from ICAR HQ w.e.f. 1st July, 2021.

Promotions

- Shri Satish Pal Singh, Assistant, promoted as Section Officer w.e.f. 12th July, 2021.
- Shri Rajinder Kumar, Deputy Secretary promoted as Director w.e.f. 27th August, 2021.
- Shri Ajay Gautam, Under Secretary promoted as Deputy Secretary w.e.f. 29th Sep., 2021.
- Shri Chaman Singh, Finance & Account Officer promoted as Senior Finance & Account Officer w.e.f. 18th October, 2021.
- Shri Rualmuanthang Thawmte, Assistant, promoted as Section Officer w.e.f. 5th November, 2021.
- Shri Rakesh Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary promoted as Director w.e.f. 17th March, 2022.

Transfer

- Smt. Suman Lata, PPS, transferred from ASRB to NAHEP, ICAR, HQ, New Delhi w.e.f 1st July, 2021.
- Shri Vijay Kumar, Section Officer, transferred from ASRB to Education Division, ICAR HQ, New Delhi w.e.f. 12th July, 2021.
- Shri Lalit Kumar Pal, Assistant, transferred from ASRB to ICAR HQ, New Delhi w.e.f. 11th November, 2021.
- Shri Puneet Sharma, Section Officer, transferred from ASRB to ICAR HQ, New Delhi as w.e.f. 10th December, 2021.
- Shri Ajay Gautam, Deputy Secretary transferred from ASRB to DKMA, ICAR HQ, New Delhi w.e.f. 16th March, 2022.

Superannuation/ Retirements

- Prof. A. K. Misra, Chairman, relieved on 5th Jan., 2022 on completion of tenure.
- Shri Sukhpal Singh, Assistant, retired on 31st Jan., 2022 on attaining the age of superannuation.
- Shri A. K. Pathak, PPS, retired on 31st March, 2022 on attaining the age of superannuation.

Superannuation/Retirement

Prof. A. K. Misra, Chairman being honoured on completion of tenure

Shri Sukh Pal Singh being honoured
on his superannuation from the Board

Shri A.K. Pathak being honoured
on his superannuation from the Board

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