Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Subject : Advertisement for filling up the post of Chief Coconut Development Officer, Coconut Development Board, Kochi in Level-12 of the pay matrix

Applications are invited for filling up one vacancy of the post of **Chief Coconut Development Officer (Group 'A')** in Level-12 in the pay matrix (Rs.78,800-2,09,200/-) in the Coconut Development Board (CDB), Kochi, Keralam, an autonomous organization under this Department on deputation or promotion basis. The eligibility conditions are as follows:-

Deputation:-
Officers under Central/State Governments/Union Territories/Indian Council of Agricultural Research/ Agricultural Universities/ Public Sector Undertakings/ Recognized Research Institutions or Councils/ Semi-Government/ Autonomous or Statutory Organizations:-

1. (a) (i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre/ Department; or
(ii) with 5 years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in Level-11(Rs.67,700-2,08,700/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre/Department; and
(b) Possessing the educational qualifications and experience as follows:

Essential:-
(i) Master's Degree in Horticulture or Agriculture or Plant Sciences of a recognized University or equivalent.
(ii) Knowledge of all aspects of coconut cultivation, marketing and processing so as to be able to advise the Board on the implementation of suitable development programmes.
(iii) Ten years' experience in agricultural research/ development, extension, processing, marketing work with particular reference to coconut.

Desirable:-
(i) Doctorate of any of the subjects mentioned under essential qualifications.
(ii) Should possess experience of preparation of development projects on the various aspects of the coconut industry.
(iii) Administrative experience in a responsible capacity.
(iv) Working knowledge of computers.

Note: Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the selection committee in case of candidates otherwise well qualified.

2. Period of deputation including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding the appointment in the same or some other organization shall ordinarily not exceed four years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

3. The officer selected on deputation basis will have the option to draw his pay plus deputation (duty) allowance or to have his pay fixed in the scale of the post in accordance with DOPT's OM No.6/8/2009-Estt.(Pay II) dated 17.06.2010, as amended from time to time.

4. Application (three copies) in the given proforma, along with attested photocopies (to be got attested by an officer not below the rank of Under Secretary to the Government of India) of APAR of preceding 5 (five) years (up to the year 2024-25) and Integrity Certificate of eligible officers, who could be spared in the event of selection, may be forwarded to the **Under Secretary (MIDH), Horticulture Division, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001, within 45 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News**. Further, soft copy (PDF format) of application along with all relevant documents may also be **emailed within prescribed time limit at ushorticulture-agri@gov.in**. Application of those candidates only will be considered whose applications have been received through proper channel. Advance copy of the application will not be entertained.

5. While forwarding the applications, it may also be verified and certified that the particulars furnished by the officers are correct and that no vigilance/disciplinary case is either pending or contemplated against them and no major/ minor penalty has been imposed on the officers during the last 10 years. Applications received after due date or without the APARs, Vigilance Clearance, Integrity Certificate and a statement showing major/minor penalty, if any, imposed on the officers during the last 10 years or otherwise found incomplete will not be considered.

Promotion:-

The Directors in Level-11 (Rs. 67,700- 2,08,700/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent working in the Coconut Development Board and possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed in para 1 (b) above shall also be considered and in case any of them is selected for appointment, he shall be treated as having been appointed on promotion.

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