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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**Department of Agriculture & Cooperation**  
**Directorate of Economics & Statistics**  
(A.E.R. Division)

Room No.119, F-wing  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi -1

**Dated: 21-12-2015**

To,

Sh. J.S. Raj,  
President,  
Non-Teaching Association,  
Cost of Cultivation Scheme and  
Agro-Economic Research Centre,  
Sardar Patel University,  
Vallabh-Vidyanagar- 388120  
District- Anand, Gujarat

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act 2005 –regarding

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your RTI application dated nil received on 08/12/2015, on the above mentioned subject and to inform the following:

1. The Agro-Economic Research (AER) Scheme, initiated in 1954-55, is implemented through a network of 15 AER Centres/Units which conduct certain research studies in the field of Agricultural Economy on yearly basis as per need of the Government of India. During 12<sup>th</sup> Plan, these AERCs/Us are being funded by M/o Agriculture through 100% grant-in-aid under the Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census, Economics & Statistics (Component No. IV –AERC) of Central Sector Scheme. These AER Centre/Units are functioning under the administrative control of their respective University/Institute. The liability of GoI, M/o Agriculture is only to provide grant-in-aid for the approved budget items for conducting the research studies. The list of AER Centres/Units with their address is enclosed as Annexure-I.
2. The present sanctioned staff strength of all the AER Centres/Units is based on the recommendations of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of PEO, Planning Commission. There is a minimum core staff of 15 in 10 AERCs at Allahabad, Chennai, Delhi, Jabalpur, Jorhat, Pune, Shimla, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Visva-Bharati and Waltair. The two AERCs at Bhagalpur and Ludhiana have staff strength of 11 each. The three AER Units at ISEC-Bangaluru, IIM-Ahmedabad and IEG-Delhi have staff strength of 15, 22 and 12 respectively. Thus at present the approved staff strength for all the AER Centres/Units is 221.

For the purpose of pay, the posts of Director, Dy. Director and Research Officer in AERCs/Us have been equated with the posts of Professor, Reader and Lecturer respectively of the University/Institute. Therefore, they draw pay as per the UGC pay-scales as implemented in the Universities. Similarly, the emoluments of Research Associates and Research Fellows are governed as per UGC guidelines. For other technical and non-technical staff either the pay-scale of the central pay commission or the pay-scales of the respective Universities are followed. A statement showing the sanctioned core staff strength for all the AER Centres/Units with their pay-scales is enclosed as Annexure-II.

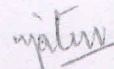
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3. With regard to filling up the vacant post of Deputy Director (more than one year) in AERC V.V. Nagar it is informed that the Directorate of Economics & Statistics has not given permission to AERC V.V. Nagar to fill up the post of Deputy Director.

4. Regarding post wise duties of all officials working in Agro-Economic Research Centres (AERCs) it is informed that the AER Centrs/Units aims at to conduct research studies in the field of Agricultural Economy. The staff under AER Centres/Units has been divided into two categories, i.e., Technical and Non-technical category. The Technical staff of AER Centres/Units comprising posts of Director, Dy. Director, Research Officer, Research Associates/Research Investigators and Research Fellows, is responsible for conducting the Research Studies. The Non-Technical Staff comprising the posts of Research and Reference Assistant, Office Superintendent/Section Officer, P.A. to Director, Account Assistant, Typist and Peon, is supporting administrative staff to help in maintaining day-to-day official work of the Centres/Units. A statement showing duties and responsibilities performed by the staff of AER Centres/Units is enclosed as Annexure-III.

5. The first appeal, if any, against the reply may be made to the First Appellate Authority within 30 days of reply. Sh. Debasish Guha, Adviser, Room No. 449-A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, Ph. No. 23382540, email: [debasish.guha@nic.in](mailto:debasish.guha@nic.in), is the Appellate Authority for Directorate of Economic & Statistics.

Yours faithfully,



(Nagender Jatav)  
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Copy to: 1. Dr. S Chandrashekar, Adviser & CPIO, Dte. of Eco. & Stats, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001, w.r.t. communication no. 1-171/2015-RTI-CC-ES dated 09.12.2015.

2. Technical Director, NIC, Room No. 341, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-1, scanned copy has been sent on email id [rvardhan@nic.in](mailto:rvardhan@nic.in) and [vkhullar@nic.in](mailto:vkhullar@nic.in).

List and address of Agro-Economic Research Centres and Units

Agro-Economic Research Centre, Munirba Building, Chetham Lines, University of Allahabad, <u>ALLAHABAD -211 002.</u>	Agro Economic Research Centre H.P. University, Summer Hills, <u>SHIMLA-171 005.</u>
Agro-Economic Research Centre, Deptt. Of Rural Economics & Coopn., Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, <u>BHAGALPUR -812 007.</u>	Agro-Economic Research Centre, Sardar Patel University, Distt. Kheda, <u>VALLABH VIDYANAGAR-388 120.</u>
Agro-Economic Research Centre, University of Madras, Chepauk P.O. <u>CHENNAI-600 005.</u>	Agro-Economic Research Centre, Visva-Bharati University, <u>SANTINIKETAN -731 235.</u>
Agro-Economic Research Centre, University of Delhi, <u>DELHI-110 007.</u>	Agro- Economic Research Centre Andhra University <u>WALTAIR-530 003.</u>
Agro-Economic Research Centre, J.N. Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, <u>JABALPUR-482 004 (M.P.)</u>	Agro-Economic Research Unit, Institute of Economic Growth, <u>DELHI-110 007.</u>
Agro-Economic Research Centre, Assam Agricultural University, <u>JORHAT-785 013.</u>	Centre for Management in Agriculture, Indian Institute of Management, Vastrapur <u>AHMEDABAD-380 015.</u>
Agro Economic Research Centre, Deptt. Of Economics & Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, <u>LUDHIANA-141 004.</u>	Agril. Dev. & Rural Transformation(ADRT), Instt. For Social & Economic Change, Post: Nagarbhavi, <u>BANGALURU-560 072.</u>
Agro-Economic Research Centre, Gokhle Institute of Politics & Economics, <u>PUNE-411 004.</u>	

## Sanctioned Core staffing pattern for Agro-Economic Research Centres/Units

Name of the post	Pay-Scale (6 <sup>th</sup> CPC)	No. of Sanctioned posts				
		10 AERCs	AERC at Bhagalpur & Ludhiana	AER Unit at ISEC Bangalore	AER Unit at IEG Delhi	AER Unit at CMA Ahmedabad
1. Director/Professor	37400-67000 +AGP 10000	1	1	1	2	6 (Faculty)
2. Dy. Director/Reader	37400-67000 +AGP 9000	1	1	3	2	--
3. Research Officer /Lecturer	15600-39100 +AGP 6000	2	2	3	1	--
4. Research Associate / Sr. Research Investigator	9300-34800+ GP 4600	4	3	4	4 (R.I. Gr-I)	6
5. Research Fellow, Temporary	on consolidated fellowship as per UGC rules	2	--	--	--	--
6. Research and Reference Assistant (Lib.)	9300-34800+ GP 4200	1	--	1 (Tech. Assitt.)	1 (R.I. Gr.-II)	--
7. Office Superintendent / Section Officer	9300-34800+ GP 4200 (4600)	1	1	--	--	1
8. P.A. to Director	9300-34800+ GP 4200	1	--	1 (Steno)	1 (Steno)	4 (Steno)
9. Accounts Assistant	5200-20200+ GP 2400	1	1	1	--	1
10. Typist	5200-20200+ GP 1900	1	1	--	--	2 +1 (G.O.)
11. Peon/Messenger	5200-20200+ GP 1800	--	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Core Staff</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>

Name of AER Centre/Unit	Total sanctioned core staff strength
AERC, Allahabad	15
AERC, Bhagalpur	11
AERC, Chennai	15
AERC, Delhi	15
AERC, Jabalpur	15
AERC, Jorhat	15
AERC, Ludhiana	11
AERC, Pune	15
AERC, Shimla	15
AERC, Vallabh Vidyanagar	15
AERC, Visva-Bharati	15
AERC, Waltair	15
AERU, ADRT- Bangalore	15
AERU, IEG Delhi	12
AERU, CMA -Ahmedabad	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>

**Statement showing duties and responsibilities performed by the staff of AER Centres/Units**

<b>Designation</b>	<b>Duties and Responsibilities</b>
Director / Professor	Overall In-charge of the centre. Performing and discharging all administrative works, monitoring/supervising of progress of studies.
Dy. Director / Reader / Assitt. Professor	Research guidance and to assist Director in progress of studies.
Research Officer / Lecturer	Undertakes project as project leader, conducting field work data analysis, interpretation and report writing.
Research Associate / Research Investigator	Collection of data, processing and tabulation work
Research fellows	Collection of data
Research & Reference Assistant	Library management and marinating research references
Section Officer / Office Superintendent	In-charge of establishment and account section.
P.A. to Director	To assist Director
Account Assistant	To assist Section Officer/Office Superintendent in maintaining accounts.
Typist	Received. Dispatch and day to day typing work of the centre
Peon	Assist office & Research Faculty of the centre.

Note: The technical/research staff of Centre/Unit may undertake teaching and research guidance work for University/Institute or the State Government in such a way that does not affect the work of the Centre/Unit. The studies to be conducted for the Ministry would get overriding priority.