

Job Title : **Agriculture Extension Officer**

No. of Posts : **5**

Station Headquarter : **Satara, Nandurbar, Osmanabad, Yawatmal**

Educational Qualification : **B.Sc. (Agri)/ Diploma (Agri)**

Experience:

- Candidate having experience Training & Extension services to farmer groups in the areas of Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Resilient Agriculture, Agro. biodiversity promotion, horticulture, agro forestry, Silvi-pasture will be given preference
- Candidate having experience in working with small producers practicing rainfed agriculture & promotion of producer collectives/ cooperatives / Producer Companies is desirable.

Job Description:

- Facilitate information meetings with farmers, assessment of existing agriculture practices, need assessment meeting with focus groups, formation of producer groups.
- Undertake agriculture training and extension activities including demonstrations & trials on improved agriculture technologies with focus on sustainable agriculture, Farmers Field days/ field schools, Exchange Visits, Farmers Training & Workshops.
- Conduct evaluation and planning meeting with Farmer groups and need assessment meetings with APG's at the end of each cropping season.
- Prepare the Training / Resource Material in local dialect, participate as a resource person and/or arrange outside expert resource persons in agriculture extension activities.
- Provide information on marketing extension and market intelligence to Producer groups.
- Empowering Producer groups to participate in markets effectively by increasing their awareness about the functions of markets and prices, the importance of quality and standards, increasing their participation in decision-making and negotiating through training.
- Promote producer groups to increase their bargaining power in the market place and to gain the benefits of market institutions, and commodity exchanges.
- Improve the ability of Producer groups and to overcome their cash constraints through linkages with banks and market institutions
- Create and strengthen discussion between the private sector and Producer groups for enhancing the market environment, particularly with regard to prices and quality
- Facilitate PPP arrangements for the production & marketing of agri. Commodities through contract farming, organic farming, milk production and collection canners, grain storage and ware houses etc.;