

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3358**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/01/2019

**SELECTION OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS**

3358. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed for the selection of agricultural scientists in the country;
- (b) whether the responsibility of selecting Agricultural Scientist has been given to a multi-member Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board;
- (c) if so, the details of the areas from which these members are appointed;
- (d) whether few members are serving in the Multi-Member Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board even after the completion of their tenure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the reformative measures taken in this regard by the Government?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) The norms for selection of Agricultural Scientists are governed by the model qualifications as had been approved by the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) conducts an All India Written Examination followed by viva-voce for recruiting Scientists at the entry level. All other senior scientific positions are filled up based on interview as per prescribed procedures.
- (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Members of the Board shall be selected amongst the scientists holding the position of Professor or equivalent in the Pay Level 14 or above of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and having at least 20 years of experience with the following attributes:-

- (i) Ability to communicate and inspire confidence among scientists and administrators.
- (ii) Impeccable record of integrity with ability to take a firm stand on principles.
- (iii) Capability to look at problems particularly in the field of recruitment with broader scientific perspective and vision.

Modern and forward looking approach and outlook towards Agricultural Research in the global environment as also in the context of Government's policy.

**(d) & (e):** No. Does not arise.

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