



# Public Service Commission, West Bengal

161A, S. P. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700026

## Advertisement No. 05/2023

Online applications are hereby invited from Indian Citizens and others declared eligible by Government of India for recruitment to the under mentioned posts. The posts are temporary but likely to be permanent.

**N.B.:** ABILITY TO READ, WRITE AND SPEAK IN BENGALI IS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT BUT SUCH KNOWLEDGE IS NOT MANDATORY FOR CANDIDATES WHOSE MOTHER TONGUE IS NEPALI, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. SUCH ABILITY WILL BE TESTED AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW.

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| <b>NAME OF THE POST</b> | ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE   |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>SERVICE/ CADRE</b>   | WEST BENGAL AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (ADMN.)  |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>       | DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL   |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>DIRECTORATE</b>      | —   |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>PAY:</b>             | PAY LEVEL-16 (Rs.56,100/-— Rs.1,44,300/-) AS PER WBS(ROPA) RULES, 2019  |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>VACANCIES</b>        | 122 (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO)  |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>RESERVATION</b>      | <b>SC</b>   | <b>ST</b> | <b>OBC-A<br/>(NON CREAMY LAYER)</b> | <b>OBC-B<br/>(NON CREAMY LAYER)</b> | <b>EWS</b> | <b>PwBD</b> |      |
|                         | 25  | 07        | 12                                  | 08                                  | 12         | UR          | SC   |
|                         |   |           |                                     |                                     |            | 05*         | 01** |
|                         | <b>N.B.: RESERVATION OF VACANCIES IS SHOWN AS REPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.</b>   |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
|                         | * Out of 5 (five) vacancies in UR, one (1) vacancy is reserved for Blindness or Low Vision, three (3) vacancies for Deaf & Hard of Hearing and one (1) for Autism, Intellectual Disability, Specific learning Disability, Mental Illness & Multiple Disabilities. |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
|                         | ** The vacancy is earmarked for Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy, in terms of Labour Department Notification No. Labr/280/Emp/EMP/1M-2/16 dated 08.07.2019.                     |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>   | A Bachelor Degree in Agriculture with four years Degree Course from a recognized University/Institute   |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>a) Essential:</b>    |   |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>b) Desirable:</b>    | Knowledge of Agricultural condition in West Bengal  |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |
| <b>AGE</b>              | Not more than 36 years on 01.01.2023  |           |                                     |                                     |            |             |      |

**FEE:** Rs. 210/- (Rupees two hundred ten) only Candidates may in addition have to bear the following charges:

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| For online payment through debit/credit cards: | Convenience fee @ 1% of the examination fee subject to a minimum of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five) only plus 18% G.S.T. on such convenience fee. |
| For online payment using net banking facility: | Convenience fee of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five) only plus 18% G.S.T. on such convenience fee.  |
| For offline payment through Bank Counter:      | Service Charge of Rs. 20/- (Rupees Twenty) only.  |

S.C./S.T. candidates of West Bengal and Persons with benchmark disabilities (PwBD) having physical disability of 40% and above are not required to pay any fee. OBC candidates of West Bengal are, however, required to pay usual fee as aforesaid. NO EXEMPTION OF FEE IS AVAILABLE TO S.C./S.T. CANDIDATES OF OTHER STATES. No claim for refund of the fee will be entertained nor will it be held in reserve for any other examination.

Online applications are to be submitted at <https://wbpsc.gov.in> according to the following schedule:

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| Commencement of online applications                             | : | The 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023                 |
| Closing date for receipt of online application                  | : | The 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023 (upto 3 p.m.) |
| Last date of payment of fees through online                     | : | The 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023 (upto 3 p.m.) |
| Last date for payment of fees Offline in Branches of PNB        | : | The 18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023               |
| Last date for Generation of Payment Challans by Branches of PNB | : | The 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023               |

**Edit Window: From the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023. (upto 3 p.m.)**

The 'Edit Window' in connection with the above mentioned examination shall be opened from 25.08.2023 to 31.08.2023 (upto 3 p.m.). Applicants intending to edit their profile and/or Application Form are advised to go through the instruction carefully before proceeding to edit their Profile and/or Application Form which will be available at the Commission's website during the period of 'Editing'.

## IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING EDITING OF APPLICATION FORM FOR THIS EXAMINATION

- 1) The Edit Window may be accessed by the applicants by logging into their individual accounts at <https://wbpsc.gov.in> with valid user id and password.
- 2) The applicants are advised to verify the details provided in the online application form very carefully. They are advised to identify the discrepancies, if any and rectify the same in the 'Edit Window'. The applicants are particularly advised to obtain a printout of the edited form for future reference.
- 3) The applicants would be allowed to edit all the fields in the Application Form except Applicant's Name as stated above.
- 4) The Edit option can be availed during the aforesaid period as and when required. No request for any change would be entertained after clicking of 'Submit the Application' button within the above mentioned period. **It may, however, be noted that once 'Submit the application' button is clicked, the system will not allow editing of any field further. 'Submit the Application' button can be clicked only once after all the required fields are filled in properly, duly checked. Applicants are hereby cautioned to be careful in editing the fields before clicking the 'Submit the Application' button.**
- 5) In case of change of category (e.g. from S.C/S.T to GEN/OBC and/or from PwBD to Non PwBD GEN/OBC) of the applicant in the 'Edit Window' and thereby making the applicant liable for payment of fee, the applicant will be allowed to make the payment through the Payment Window from **01.09.2023 to 04.09.2023**. If such payment of fee is not made within the aforesaid period, the edited application will not be considered for the examination.

**N.B.:** The changes made in the 'Edit Window' for this examination will not be reflected in the Profile Section of One Time Registration. For making such changes the applicant should follow the Commission's website for necessary updates in this regard.

### INFORMATION

1. SUBMISSION OF MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR THE POST BY THE SAME CANDIDATE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AND SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE LIABLE TO CANCELLATION.
2. The qualifications prescribed in the advertisement are as per the notified recruitment rules issued by Government.
3. All the degrees/diplomas/certificates mentioned in the advertisement must have been obtained from Universities/Institutions, duly recognized by competent authority.
4. The prescribed qualifications are the bare minimum and mere possession of the same does not entitle applicants to be called for the interview. If the number of applications received in response to the advertisement is large and it is not conveniently possible for the Commission to interview all the applicants, the Commission may restrict the number of candidates to be called for interview to a reasonable limit on the basis of either higher qualifications/ higher marks/grade obtained in the essential qualifications or experience in relevant field higher than the minimum prescribed in the advertisement or on the basis of a **Screening Test**.

**Note I:** Commission has fixed the following qualifying marks in Interview and candidates unable to secure such qualifying marks would not be considered for the post, irrespective of their academic qualification and/ or marks obtained in Screening Test.

| Sl. No. | Category of vacancies | Qualifying Marks (Percentage) |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.      | Unreserved            | 40%                           |
| 2.      | EWS                   | 40%                           |
| 3.      | OBC                   | 38%                           |
| 4.      | SC                    | 35%                           |
| 5.      | ST                    | 30%                           |
| 6.      | PwBD                  | 30%                           |

The Commission will however have the liberty of further relaxing the qualifying marks, if sizable numbers of posts in reserved category remain unfilled.

**Note II:** Marks obtained in Screening Test will not be considered for preparation of Merit List for recommendation. Marks obtained in the Screening Test will only be considered for selection of candidates for interview for the purpose of restricting the number of candidates to be called for interview to a reasonable limit.

**Note III:** After display of Model Answers (MCQ Type) in the PSC website, objections by the candidates need to be filed strictly within the specific time limit, beyond which no objections shall be entertained.

**Note IV:** In the Screening Test, Tie-Breaking amongst same marks are not applied. Instead, all eligible candidates securing cut-off marks i.e., same marks with the last candidate in respective category will be called to interview. This may cause to a large numbers of candidates called to interview for a particular category with respect to other categories.

However, if same marks obtained in the interview by two or more candidates, preference would be given to seniors by virtue of date of birth in course of recommendation. If dates of birth are found same, higher percentage of marks in the examination meant for minimum academic qualification required for the post would be given priority in seniority.

**Provisions regarding PwBD candidates:**

In case of Screening Test, Candidates having Benchmark Disabilities with limitation in writing including that of speed may be allowed the help of Scribe, if required. For convenience, PwBD candidates are requested to bring their own Scribe (wherever applicable). The Scribe should possess educational qualification one step below the qualification of the candidate taking examination. The person with Benchmark Disabilities opting for own scribe should submit details of the own scribe as per Proforma supplied by the Commission at the time of examination. In case of category of persons with Benchmark disabilities, the provisions of scribe can be allowed on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution as per Proforma at APPENDIX-I (Available at the end of this advertisement). The facility of Scribe would be allowed to any person with Benchmark Disability as defined under section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016 and has limitation in writing including that of speed. In case persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the category of Blindness, Locomotor Disability (both arms affected – BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe shall be given, if so desired by the person. Engagement of scribe shall not be accepted after submission of the application (i.e. after closing date for Edit Window).

Candidates with benchmark disabilities having limitation in writing including that of speed and producing valid Appendix-I, will be allowed compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour.

5. In cases where no Division/Class is awarded and only grading is done, exact percentage of marks and conversion formula adopted are to be mentioned with documentary evidence, if required.
6. Where experience of a number of years is prescribed as an item of qualification this would mean only experience/research experience gained in full time employment/research in the relevant field within the closing date of receipt of applications.

[Certificate(s) from the Head(s) of the Organization(s)/Department(s) or Competent Authority for the entire experience claimed, clearly mentioning the duration of employment (date, month and year) and field of experience indicating basic pay and consolidated pay must be obtained. The certificate(s) should also mention the nature of duties performed/experience obtained in the post(s) with duration(s)].

7. Besides pay, the posts carry allowances as admissible.
8. The benefits of upper age concession up to 5 years are admissible only to S.C. and S.T. candidates of West Bengal and up to 3 years to O.B.C. (category 'A' & 'B') (non creamy layer) candidates of West Bengal. S.C., S.T. and O.B.C. candidates of other States may apply for unreserved vacancies as general candidates. Such benefits are also available up to the age of 45 years for Persons with benchmark disabilities.
9. A candidate claiming to be EWS (Economically Weaker Section), S.C., S.T., O.B.C. (non creamy layer) or persons with benchmark disabilities (40% and above) must have a certificate in support of his/her claim from a competent authority of West Bengal as specified below:

**(a) For EWS candidates:**

The benefit of reservation under EWS category can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by any of the following authorities in prescribed format as given in Annexure-C:

i) In the district, the District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Officer of the Sub-Division concerned.

ii) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata for Kolkata Municipal area.

[in terms of PAR Department Memo No. 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09.07.2019.]

**(b) For S.C., S.T. and O.B.C. (non creamy layer) candidates:**

(i) In the district, the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Sub-Division concerned, and

(ii) In Kolkata, the District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas or such Additional District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas, as may be authorized by the District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas, on behalf and the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, Backward Classes Welfare.

[vide the W.B.S.Cs. & S.T.s. (Identification) Act, 1994 and S.C. & S.T. Welfare Deptt. Order No. 261-TW/EC/MR-103/94 dated 6.4.95 read with B.C.W. Deptt. Order no. 6320-BCW/MR-84/10 dated 24.9.2010 and No. BCW/MR-61/2012 (Pt.) dated 12.7.2013.]

**(C) For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities:**

Medical Board constituted at Government Medical College Hospitals in Kolkata, District Hospitals and Sub-Divisional Hospitals as per extant provisions laid down in RPwD Acts and rules.

10. The Public Service Commission may require such further proof of particulars from the candidates as it may consider necessary and may make enquiries about their character and other particulars regarding suitability and eligibility. In case a candidate is unable to produce the relevant valid certificate in support of the declaration/claim made by the candidate at time of document verification, his/her candidature will be summarily rejected.
11. EWS, S.C., S.T., O.B.C. (NON CREAMY LAYER) OR PERSON WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITY CERTIFICATE MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE CLOSING DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND NO CLAIM IN THIS REGARD WILL BE ENTERTAINED AFTERWARDS.
12. (a) O.B.C. (Non Creamy Layer) candidates must submit their renewed / revalidated O.B.C. (Non Creamy Layer) certificate prior to interview and at the time of appointment.  
(b) EWS candidates must submit their renewed/revalidated Income & Asset Certificate (in prescribed format given in Annexure-C) prior to interview and at the time of appointment.  
[in terms of PAR Department Memo No. 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09.07.2019.]
13. Candidates must fulfill the essential qualifications by the closing date.
14. All requisite certificates regarding educational qualifications, proof of age, other relevant experience certificates and other requisite documents must be furnished as and when required by the Commission.
15. If at any stage even after issue of a letter of recommendation for appointment a candidate is found ineligible in terms of the advertisement his/her candidature will be cancelled without further reference to him/her.
16. CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL DISQUALIFY THE CANDIDATURE.
17. In case of screening test, the candidates must abide by the instruction as may be given by Supervisors/Invigilators of the Examination. If the candidate fails to do so or indulges in disorderly or improper conduct, he/she will render himself/herself liable to expulsion from the Examination Hall and/or such other punishment as the Commission may deem fit to impose.
18. A candidate who has been reported against by the Supervisor of the Examination Centre for violating any of the instructions will be punished with cancellation of candidature of the examination related to this advertisement and also debarment from future examinations and selections as may be decided by the Commission according to the circumstances of the case.
19. ALL INFORMATION REGARDING RECRUITMENT TO THE POST WILL BE AVAILABLE, FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT <https://wbpsc.gov.in>
20. Date of Examination/Interview will be notified later in the Commission's website at <https://wbpsc.gov.in>

N.B.: Mobile Phones, Bluetooth, Smart Watch or any other communication device are not allowed inside the premises where the examination is being conducted. Any infringement of this instruction shall entail disciplinary action including ban from the examination related to this advertisement as well as from future examination.

**Place:** Kolkata.

**Date:** 20.07.2023

Certificate regarding physical limitation in an examinee to write

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the candidate with \_\_\_\_\_ disability), a person with \_\_\_\_\_ (nature and percentage of disability as mentioned in the certificate of disability), S/o/D/o \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (Village/District/State) and to state that he/she has physical limitation which hampers his/her writing capabilities owing to his/her disability.

Signature

Chief Medical Officer/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution

Name & Designation.

Name of Government Hospital/Health Care Centre with Seal

Place:

Date:

Note:

Certificate should be given by a specialist of the relevant stream/disability

(e.g. , Visual impairment – Ophthalmologist, Locomotor disability – Orthopaedic specialist/ PMR).

**ANNEXURE - C**

**Government of West Bengal  
(Name & Address of the issuing the certificate )**

**INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS**

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VALID FOR THE YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Passport  
size attested  
photograph of  
the applicant

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_ a permanent resident of \_\_\_\_\_ village/Street \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Pin Code \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of West Bengal whose photograph is attested below belongs to economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income\* of his/her family \*\* is below Rs 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year \_\_\_\_\_. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets \*\*\*:

- I. 5 acres agricultural land and above
- II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft and above
- III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities
- IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ caste which is not recognized as a scheduled Tribe and other Backward Classes (Central List)

Signature with seal of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Note 1: Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

Note 2: The term "Family" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years

Note 3: The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test or determine EWS status.