

SKUAST-TAJ demands immediate regularisation of ReZs as VAEA

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Jammu, Aug 17/14: while extending full moral support to Jammu and Kashmir Agricultural Technocrats Association (JKATA), President of the Teaching Association SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma demands immediate absorption of all ReZs as Village Agricultural Extension Assistants (VAEA) in the grade of 9300-34800+GP of Rs 4200 in the Agricultural Production Department of State Government.

"These Agricultural Technocrats possess higher qualification like MSc (Ag), Ph.D (Ag) etc and while

serving to the State Government on merely stipendiary basis from the last seven years they have already suffered a lot, so, there should be no more queries and State Government should issue order by immediately releasing list of regularized candidates as done by Director, Agriculture Production Department of Kashmir Division", stressed Dr Sharma.

"The State Government introduced ReZ scheme for the very first time in the State Agriculture Production Department under which all Agricultural Technocrats were engaged as ReZ on a monthly sal-



ary of Rs.400 and their services were regularized as JAAs within a period of 4 months", said TAJ

president Dr. Vikas Sharma.

Dr. Sharma further pointed out that 7 years have passed when

vide cabinet Decision No. 348/14 dated 23.10.2006 and vide order No. 20 Agri of 2007 dated 06.02.2007 all Agricultural Technocrats who were unemployed as on October 2006 were engaged under the ReZ scheme at a monthly stipend of Rs.1500, but till date State Govt. is silent regarding regularization of their services as VAEA

Dr. Vivak M. Arya, General Secretary of SKUAST-TAJ, said that State Govt. has issued various orders related to the services REZS, but could not issued even a single order for the regularization of these aggrieved agricultural tech-

nocrats.

"SKUAST-TAJ extend full support to their Insaaf Rally on 18.08.2014", said TAJ Joint Secretary Dr. P.K. Rai. He further said that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sh. Omar Abdullah is duty bound to see that the cabinet decision is implemented in letter and spirit without any further delay and services of these agricultural technocrats will be regularized for the welfare of the farming community. Dr. Devinder Sharma, Dr. Rajeev Bharat, Dr. Poonam Parihaar, Dr. Vinod Gupta, Dr. Mahital Jamwal were also present in the discussion.