

Fill up all vacant posts in Agri Dept

JAMMU: A joint delegation of core committee of All Jammu and Kashmir Agriculture Welfare Forum (AJKAOWF) led by Vijay Upadhaya and Executive Committee of Non-Gazetted Agriculture Graduate Association (NGAGA) led by Pradeep Sharma met Director Agriculture, Jammu and urged for filling up of all vacancies at all levels on pattern of Kashmir Division.

Delegation had a detailed discussion with Director Agriculture Jammu, Dr S.S Jamwal relating to vacuum prevailing in the department due to piling up of vacancies at all levels and multi-chargism affecting functioning of the department.

The deputation stressed that if rational deployment of cadre is done, 157 JAEOs can be placed as AEOs; 105 AEOs can be placed in Sub-Division Level; 61 Sub-Divisional Level Officers can go to District Level and seven officers to Divisional Level resulting in filling up of 280 vacancies in total, thus making the department more functional and vibrant at all levels.

AJKAOWF and NGAGA have been pleading to rationalise the department and have represented umpteen times to fill all the vacancies on the basis of one man one post to end-up the injustice with the agriculture cadres of Jammu Division, deputation members said.

Director Agriculture Jammu was also requested to initiate proposal to the Administrative Department for overall rationalisation of the department and assured career progression in light of Chief Minister's review meeting of agriculture sector held on 10th June, 2016 emphasising elimination of rank stagnation and to provide opportunities of assured career progression to the professionals.

Jamwal assured the delegation that interim arrangements for filling of all vacant posts shall be taken-up in best interest of the department at the earliest and proposal for assured career progression shall be submitted to the Administrative Department.