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## National Horticulture Board

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. Of India  
Plot No. 85, Sector-18, Institutional Area, Gurugram-122015

**Dated:03.03.2025**

### CIRCULAR

**Subject: Inviting applications for engagement of Technical Advisor for Clean Plant Program Wing at National Horticulture Board, Gurugram, Haryana, India from retired Government Officers of the level of Principal Scientists – reg.**

National Horticulture Board, Gurugram invites applications for engagement of Technical Advisor for Clean Plant Program Wing, initially for a period of one (1) year from the date of engagement, which may be extended by another six month/ one year, subject to the requirement and satisfactory performance. Technical Advisor will be based at the CPP Wing of National Horticulture Board, Gurugram, Haryana, India and work for the implementation of technical programme by coordinating different units of CPP Wing at NHB viz. the capacity building and communication unit, clean plant centre management unit and clean plant certifications scheme unit. The details of the position are as given below:-

S.No.	Description	
1	Name of Post	Technical Advisor CPP Wing -NHB
2	Total no. of positions	01 (One)
3	Period of engagement	The period of engagement will be initially for one year from the date of engagement or until further orders, whichever is earlier. It may be extended by another six month/ one year, subject to the requirement and satisfactory performance
4	Job Location	CPP Wing of National Horticulture Board, Gurugram, Haryana, India
5	Education Qualification	Ph.D. Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture or related life sciences discipline with research area in Plant Pathology/Plant Virology
6	Age eligibility	Candidate should not be more than 65 years of age as on the closing date of application
7	Eligibility criteria	Brief description of duties, Terms and Conditions for engagement, eligibility criteria etc. are enclosed at Annexure -1
8	How to apply	The application in the prescribed format enclosed at Annexure-2 (Complete in all respects) along with self -attested copies of requisite documents viz. copies of PPO, CV, Last Pay Certificate, and other relevant documents may be sent to md@nhb.gov.in
9	Date of interview/ interaction	To be communicated later
10	Last date of Submission of Application	18.03.2025

Encl: As above

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, JOB DESCRIPTION AND TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ENAGEMENT AS TECHNICAL ADVISOR:-**

<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Job Profile</b>
<p>Officers below the age of 65 years having Ph.D. Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture or related life sciences discipline with research area in Plant Pathology/Plant Virology, an expert Plant Pathologist with specialization in Plant Virology and working experience of more than 15 years in modern virus diagnostic tools (preferably nucleic acid and HTS-based virome) and cleaning of viruses from plants as evident from high quality publications. The applicant should also have 10 years of experience in execution of plant certification programme of horticultural crops at National level and should be well versed with the functioning of ICAR organization and its Institutes.</p>	<p>Responsibility to coordinate capacity building, communication, and management activities related to the Clean Plant Program (CPP). The role involves facilitating collaboration among government agencies, researchers, and industry stakeholders through regular meetings, producing and disseminating visual and written materials, managing data and information, and drafting notifications for the Seed Act and Model Nursery Registration Act. Responsibilities also include coordinating Clean Plant Centre (CPC) management by reviewing annual work plans and SOPs, overseeing the clean plant certification system through certification framework development and nursery inspection training, and preparing technical reports for submission.</p>

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Project: Loan 4411 IND Building India's Clean Plant Program**

**Technical Head CPP Wing - NHB**

**I. Objective and Background of the Assignment**

Horticultural crops are vital for India's food and nutritional security. Horticulture is a major income source and employment opportunities for the farming communities, particularly for women, and diversifies their income. The cultivation of fruit and nut trees is one the major components of horticulture. The planting material plays a vital role in growth and productivity of fruit and nut trees. Infection of non-curable viruses and virus-like pathogens (viruses, virioids etc.) which are vegetatively propagated poses a major challenge in realising the production potential of clonally propagated horticultural crops. This along with the issue of lack of healthy and reliable plant material is one of major constraints in production, productivity and profitability of these crops.

To bridge the constraint, Govt of India has launched 'Clean Plant Program (CPP)' for production of clean planting material in important fruit and nut crops to be implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The CPP Wing of NHB will serve as CPP's Project Management Unit.

The objective of this assignment is to coordinate the capacity building and communication unit, clean plant centre management unit and clean plant certifications scheme unit for effective implementation of Clean Plant Programme at CPP Wing of NHB.

## **II. Scope of Work**

Technical Head will be based at the CPP Wing of National Horticulture Board, Gurugram, Haryana, India and work for the implementation of technical programme by coordinating different units of CPP Wing at NHB viz. the capacity building and communication unit, clean plant centre management unit and clean plant certifications scheme unit.

Technical Head will work in coordinating the technical implementation of the India's Clean Plant Programme in close association with EAs and IAs.

## **III. Key Responsibilities**

The Technical Head CPP Wing - NHB will perform the following tasks:

### **1. Coordinating capacity building and communication**

- Coordination among the government, researchers, and nursery/industry/growers by arranging and coordinating regular and ad-hoc meetings
- Production of visual and written materials and their dissemination to the stakeholders
- Management of data and information related with CPP
- Preparation of draft notifications to the seed act and model nursery registration act
- Preparation of training and research programs

### **2. Coordination of Clean Plant Centre Management**

- Reviewing of annual work plan/activities of CPCs
- SOPs of Clean Plant Centres

### **3. Coordinating clean plant certification system**

- Preparing certification system at different levels
- Training programme for inspection of nurseries

### **4. Technical report preparation and submission**

## **IV. Minimum Qualification Requirements**

- i. Ph.D. Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture or related life sciences discipline with research area in Plant Pathology/Plant Virology

### **Desirable qualifications and other required skills**

- i. An expert Plant Pathologist with specialization in Plant Virology and working experience of more than 15 years in modern virus diagnostic tools (preferably nucleic acid and HTS-based virome) and cleaning of viruses from plants as evident from high quality publications.
- ii. The applicant should also have 10 years of experience in execution of plant certification programme of horticultural crops at National level and should be well versed with the functioning of ICAR organization and its Institutes.
- iii. The applicant should have experience in policy planning in the area of plant certification programme of horticultural crops at national level as evident from his involvement in implementation of such programmes.
- iv. The applicant should be able to attend office regularly at the NHB Office located at Gurugram, Haryana and ready to travel across India for implementation and operation of Clean Plant Programme and Clean Plant Centres under it.

## V. Key Deliverables

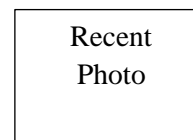
- Coordination and organizing regular and ad-hoc meetings with stakeholders
- Preparation of training and dissemination materials
- Preparation of draft notifications to the seed act and model nursery registration act
- Review and comments to the annual work plan/activities of CPCs
- SOPs of Clean Plant Centres
- Preparing certification system at different levels
- Development of training programme for inspection of nurseries

## VI. Schedule of Assignment

- Estimated start date: 1 April 2025
- Estimated end date: 31 March 2026
- The contract is for a **duration of one year. An extension may be considered based on performance; however, it is important to note that this contract does NOT constitute a legal commitment to extend or offer a longer-term agreement.**

**APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR CLEAN  
PLANT PROGRAMME WING AT NATIONAL HORTICULTURE BOARD,  
GURUGRAM, HARYANA**

1. Name
2. Father's / Spouse Name
3. Date of Birth
4. Gender
5. Mailing address
6. Mobile number
7. Email address
8. Educational Qualification
9. Details of employment (From latest)



S.No.	Ministry / Deptt.	Period	Post held	Details of work experience	Remarks

10. Date of Retirement with copy of PPO
11. Last Pay Drawn (as per 7<sup>th</sup> CPC)
12. Please attach copies of APARs from last five years
13. Any other relevant information

**DECLARATION**

I solemnly declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that in the event of any information being found false OR incorrect/incomplete OR ineligibility being detected at any time before OR after selection/interview, my candidature is liable to be rejected and shall be bound by the National Horticulture Board. I have read the vacancy circular and ready to accept all the terms and conditions for engagement of Technical Head

Place

Signature

Date

(Full name of the Applicant)