

**Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for Accounts Officer (AO) under the Department of Agriculture,
Government of Assam.**

1. Introduction

Presently different Central and State sector schemes of Agriculture department are being implemented through District Agriculture Offices. But due to shortage of technical and non technical staff at District Agriculture Offices, schemes are delayed in implementation. To ease up in timely implementation of the schemes few supporting staff is needed at District Agriculture Office, who will assist the District Agriculture Officers in scheme/ programme implementation, account keeping and extension activities. For the ease of programme implementation, the Govt. of Assam has decided to appoint **1 (one) Accounts Officer** in each of the 33 (Thirty Three) District Agriculture Office under the Government of Assam.

2. Objectives of the assignment & scope

The Accounts Officer will be assisting the District Agricultural Officers (DAOs) in various accounts keeping works.

Key responsibilities:

- The Accounts Officer will work under direct supervision of District Agricultural Officers (DAOs).
- The Accounts Officer will acquaint himself/herself thoroughly with Financial Rules under FR & SR along with related policies and procedures.
- Management and reconciliation of child account of the district in the parent-child banking arrangement.
- Accounts Officer will work in close coordination with Finance and Accounts team of Department of Agriculture
- Accounts Officer will also work closely with District Implementation Units of the Commissionerate/Directorate/Agency as the case may be, as well with the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC).
- Accounts Officer will assist the District Agricultural Officers (DAOs) in maintenance of accounts.
- Maintenance of Cashbook/Ledger/Bank statements/Cheque Book etc. and update the accounting data in accounting software (Tally or other applicable software).
- Preparation of Statement of Expenditure (SOE), Utilization Certificate (UC), Financial Reports, Sanction Proposals, Fund Release Proposals & ensuring timely submission through District Agricultural Officers (DAOs) to Department of Agriculture
- Contribute to preparation of Annual Work Plans (AWPs), Annual Action Plans (AAPs), Procurement Plan of the Districts.
- Any other related task assigned by the District Agricultural Officers (DAOs).

Eligible Criteria:

He/she must be Indian citizen and ordinarily resident of Assam.

Educational Qualification & Working Experience: The requisite qualification of the Accounts Officer must be Masters in Commerce from recognised institute having minimum 3 (three) years of relevant experience.

Computer Skills: The Accounts Officer must have expertise in using Internet based applications, working with advanced word processing/spreadsheet including MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power Point, related applications and software & hardware of computer systems. Candidates may be put through separate computer test to assess their proficiency in Tally Accounting System.

Language: Fluency in English and Assamese is essential.

Desirable Skills: Experience of working in complex, multi stakeholder, fast moving environment and ability to work under pressure, strict deadlines and multitasking. Good social, analytical and planning skills; the candidate must show initiative, synthesis, organization and personal dynamism, be self-motivated and should possess ability to work independently as well as in teams.

Age: Age of the candidate should not be more than 40 years and less than 21 years of age as **on 1st January'2021**.

Selection procedure:

1. The position shall be filled purely on temporary basis through WALK –IN-INTERVIEW.
2. Questions would be based on General Awareness, General Knowledge and relevant subject of the position.
3. The interview board to be constituted for conduct of Walk-in-Interview for the engagement shall be notified by the Govt. of Assam in due course of time.

4. Candidates shall be mandatorily required to bring an application as per the Standard Format along with all the original certificates/documents relating to qualification, experience, age, identity proof, latest salary certificate, two passport size coloured photographs etc. and also a self-attested copies of the same.
5. For the purpose of determining the age limit, authority will accept only the date of birth recorded in the Birth Certificate, Matriculation or equivalent examination certificate/Admit card issued by a recognised Education Board. No other documents pertaining to age such as horoscope, affidavit or any other document will be accepted.

6. Duration of contract, notice period etc.

1. Continuity of the Accounts Officer beyond eleven (11) months from the date of signing the agreement will depend upon his/her performance.
2. The contract with Accounts Officer may be terminated by either side at any point of time during the contractual period by serving a 30 days' notice without assigning any reason and without thereby incurring any liability to the District/Directorate/Department/Govt. of Assam. The assignment is purely contractual in nature and shall not, under any circumstance, be extended beyond the closing date.
3. The Accounts Officer shall not assign or sub-contract, in whole or in part, his/her obligations except with the Reporting Officer's prior written consent. The Accounts Officer will have to serve the project/scheme on full time basis. He/she will provide services from the District Office.

7. Remuneration, payment terms & leave

The payments for the services rendered by the Accounts Officer will be made by the appointing authority at a fixed total remuneration per month as **Rs. 35000/-** as per HR manual.

- The consolidated fixed remuneration will be paid from the State Budget of the appointing authority. Taxes as applicable shall be dealt with as per applicable laws. The remuneration would be given in equally monthly instalments.
- The provisions of leave would be as per prevailing rules of the HR manual.

8. Reporting & performance review

Accounts Officer will report to the District Agricultural Officer of respective districts. The performance of the Accounts Officer will be evaluated by the DAO and a consolidated quarterly report shall be submitted to the Directorate of Agriculture Office for further processing.

9. Facilities to be provided to Accounts Officer

Access to the required documents, correspondence, contact details and any other information associated with the project/scheme and as deemed necessary. The Accounts Officer will be provided with one office cubicle/workstation/ shared office space along with computer, printer, computer stationery/office consumables, and internet access.

Note: This is a draft ToR and the appointing authority reserves the right to change, update or modify this ToR at any stage till recruitment process is completed.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture

STANDARD FORM OF APPLICATION

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To,
 The
 Name of the Post
 Department/Office

1. Name in Full (Block letter) :
2. Present Address : Vill/Town.....
3. Permanent Address : Vill/Town.....
4. Father's Name & Address :
5. Place of birth including Police Station and District & P.O :
6. Are you a citizen of india and if so how? (Copy of citizenship certificate should be enclosed where necessary) :
7. Educational qualification and also the name and full address :
8. Other Qualifications :
9. Community :
- (a) State your religion :
- (b) Are you a member of Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe :
- (Answer 'Yes' or 'No') If 'Yes' give particulars supported by a certificate copy of which should be enclosed.
10. Age on the 1st January 20.... (According to H.S.L.C certificate copy of which should be enclosed) : 11.
- Present occupation (if any) : 12.
- Previous appointment held (if any) :
13. Are you a temporary or retrenched personal of Temporary Departmental of the Govt. of Assam (Answer 'Yes' or 'No') State particulars :
14. Are you trained in or a member of the National Cade Crops of Territorial Army or trained Home Guards and Civil Defence Volunteers, if so give particulars. :
15. Employment Registration No. :
16. Whether there is any Govt./Semi Govt. Employees in your family if any, Particulars of such family member like relationship, name of the job, pay drawn, place of posting, permanent /Temporary etc. should be furnished. :
17. Family's income certificate from the Gaon Panchayat /DC/SDO/Circle Officer to be furnished :
18. Examination Centre :

I am a candidate for the postand the stated above are true to the best of my knowledge and behalf. In case of any false statement, I am liable to any action the Government deem fit andproper.

A treasury challan of Rs..... is attached herewith.

19. To be filled in by
 Candidate

Date.....

Place:

Signature of Candidate