

**SPEED POST/Email**



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To

The Vice Chancellors  
of all SAUs, CAUs, ICAR-DUs and  
the Central Universities with Faculty of Agricultural

Sub.: **NET Essentiality for Recruitment to the Post of Assistant Professor and  
Equivalent – regarding**

Sir,

In partial modification of this office No.23(46)/2010-EQR(Edn.) dated December 26, 2011, Competent Authority in Indian Council of Agricultural Research, consequent to the recent notification of UGC published in the Gazette of India on dated 11.07.2016 for NET exemption to the candidates registered for Ph.D programme prior to 11.07.2009, has approved that NET essentiality for recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor and equivalent in the disciplines in which NET is conducted, for the candidates registered for Ph.D. prior to July 11, 2009 shall be exempted subject to the conditions that:

- a) Ph.D. degree of the candidate awarded in regular mode only;
- b) Evaluation of the Ph.D thesis by at least two external examiners;
- c) Open Ph.D viva-voce of the candidate had been conducted;
- d) Candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D work out of which at least one must be in refereed Journal;
- e) Candidate has made at least two presentations in conference/seminars, based on his/her Ph.D. work.

(a) to (e) as above are to be certified by the vice-Chancellor/Pro-Vice-Chancellor/  
Dean (Academic Affairs)/Dean (University Instructions)"

Yours faithfully,

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