

HIMACHAL BOARD OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

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Paper No. 4 SAD Administrative Case

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

- Note: i) Attempt both questions.
ii) Examinee is free to attempt answers in either Hindi or English.
iii) Books are not allowed.
iv) Marks are shown in brackets

Q. No.1 Horticulture department has been asked by the State Government to prepare a Rs. 1,000 Crore (approximate) project proposal for funding by the World Bank for modernization of horticulture farming in the State, with focus on modern farming practices, improvement of post harvest marketing of fruits and vegetables, modernization of fruit processing industry, development of cold chains etc.

You are required to prepare a consolidated proposal to be sent to the State Government for consideration of the World Bank. The following inputs may be taken into account for preparing the proposal. You may make other necessary assumptions, also.

- a) Development and Up gradation of Nurseries would be an essential component of the project.
- b) Diversification of horticultural crops/ vegetable crops in the State.
- c) Root stock replacement is a part of the project.
- d) Introduction of modern irrigation techniques including sprinklers/ drip irrigation and water harvesting technology/ measures
- e) Introduction of modern farming practices as poly houses, anti- hail nets, new farming tools and equipment etc.
- f) Development of cold chains both in public and private sector.
- g) Increase in the capacity of Horticulture and Agriculture departments through training, new recruitments etc.
- h) Increase in fruit/vegetable storage and processing capabilities in the State.
- i) Revamping of HPMC
- j) Ensure synergy of extension departments of Horticulture, Agriculture and the University of Horticulture, Nauni and HP Agriculture University, Palampur in project implementation
- k) Project time frame would be 5 years starting from April 2016
- l) Activity involve Marketing Committees of the State.

The project is expected to boost incomes of large numbers of small and marginal farmers and help increase the GDP of the State substantially, besides increasing access to employment opportunities. Thus, it is a very important project for the State.

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The proposal may consider above inputs. Assumptions regarding other data on production of fruits, use farm inputs and other relevant factors may be made by the examinee so that a reasoned and comprehensive project proposal goes to the State Government for the World Bank funding

(50 Marks)

Q. No 2. Prepare a draft Cabinet note for approval by the Minister in the State Government, given the following facts:

“ It is proposed to undertake, in a systematic manner, a recruitment process to fill up 500 posts of Patwaries, 100 posts of Kanungos and 50 posts of Naib Tehsildars in the Revenue department. Large number of these vacancies in the Revenue Department has been adversely affecting public services given by the revenue department and there is a large demand from various quarters including from DCs, MLAs and members of public to fill up these vacancies.

Other information is as follows:

- a) Nearly 30% posts are vacant for these 3 cadres -
- b) Another 20% are expected to retire in next two years in these cadres, which is expected to aggravate the problem even further.
- c) These Revenue Officers work at the cutting edge. Large vacancies has affected Land acquisition work, redressal of public grievances related to partition cases, mutations works, demarcation of lands, land related disputes, implementation of court order etc.
- d) Mention financial implications, the recruitment process to be followed, method of recruitment etc.
- e) Number of vacancies in different districts, departments where these posts are likely to be allocated, to be mentioned.
- f) Whether recruitment would be done in phases or at one go.
- g) Change in R&P rules, if any, may be proposed.

Please make necessary assumptions so that a cogent and reasoned Cabinet Note is put up to the Administrative Secretary/ Minister. Information which is not given in this question may be assumed appropriately by the examinee. While assessing the examinees, due credit would be given to a comprehensive speaking draft even if all the ingredients/ format of a Cabinet Note are not mentioned by the examinee in the answer.

(50 Marks)