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## Jobs for agricultural graduates

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Agriculture as an applied science has been accepted widely throughout the modern world. Bangladesh being an agro-based country, agriculture can play a vital role in shaping her economy in a desired manner. Needless to say, efficient application of modern scientific knowledge through agricultural graduates is of prime importance for the increase in the output of country's agriculture. A problem lately been cropped up regarding the placement of agricultural graduates in different fields of Government and Semi-Government organisation for employment. I like to put here some points for consideration.

Agricultural graduates had appeared in the special BCS examination seven months ago under the Cadre Agriculture (BCS Agriculture: Agriculture), (BCS Agriculture: Livestock), (BCS Ag: Fish). The qualified candidate in the written examination of the above Sub-cadres have also appeared at the psychological test and viva voce examination 3 months back. The principal objective of the special BCS examination was to select the meritorious on an urgent basis and thus to meet the existing crisis in different fields of production. But it is a matter of regret that the DSC authority entirely failed to do so.

Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) had invited application from those candidates having B.Sc. Ag. (Hons) degree 3 months back with a view to filling the vacant posts. At least one hundred Assistant Can Development Officers (ACDO) are needed urgently to achieve the production target

which should meet the domestic demand and may earn foreign currency. No positive steps have yet been taken regarding this.

Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) had invited applications from those having B.Sc. Ag. (Hons) or preferably M.Sc. Degree, a few months back. It has been reported that non-agriculturists will compete with agriculturists.

Recently, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) has also invited application from those having at least B.Sc. Ag. (Hons) or preferably M.Sc. Ag. in Agronomy, Soil Science, Horticulture, Entomology, Pathology etc. There is no certainty regarding the absorption of the graduates in the different divisions of BARI.

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) is the biggest Corporation in agricultural sector which plays a due role in supplying agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, deep tube wells and other machineries to the farmers in time of need.

Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) is indifferent to recruiting agricultural graduates where majority of the personnel are non-agriculturists.

Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agricultural (BINA) at BAU campus has no specified policy to absorb agricultural graduates as scientific officers where non-agriculturists are appointed.

Cotton Development Board (CDB) is also silent regarding recruitment of fresh agricultural graduates. It has been gathered that some posts are vacant.