BASMATI EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
(Founded by APEDA, Ministry of Commerce)
Regd. Office: 3rd floor, NCUI Auditorium Building,
August Kranti Marg (Opps. Asiad Village), New Delhi-110016

Advertisement No. 04 /2026

Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF), a society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, has been founded by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). BEDF in furtherance of its objective has setup a state of the Art laboratory and Demonstration cum Training (D&T) Farm at the campus of SVP University of Agriculture and Technology, Modipurram, UP. The activities undertaken at these facilities include: Quality Assurance in Export; Authorized Centre For Samples Drawn By Customs; Production Of Basmati Breeder / Foundation Seed; Farmers Awareness And Capacity Building; Implementation Of Basmati Registration As Geographical Indication (GI) Product.

BEDF offers excellent opportunity to Indian nationals with proven academic credentials, professional achievements, strong communication, interpersonal skills, good working knowledge and leadership qualities for engaging with BEDF as Principal Scientist on contract basis. The details of advertisement are as follow:

S.No.	Particulars	Description
1.	**Name & no. of Post**	Principal Scientist– Farm (01)
2.	Essential & Preferable Qualification	**Essential:** Masters in Agronomy/Genetics and Plant Breeding/ Seed Technology/ Plant Protection/Agricultural Extension/ Agriculture Marketing from a recognized University and Post Masters work experience of 15 years. **Desirable:** • PhD in relevant subject • Good knowledge of Rice/ Basmati Rice • Knowledge of International Standards for Quality Management Systems such as ISO/IEC. • Administrative experience
3.	Age (maximum)	Not more than 55 years of age as on the date of interview.
4.	Mode of Recruitment	Interview

5.	Period of appointment	Initially for a period of **01 year,** extension shall be considered on the workload and efficiency of the candidate.
6.	Remuneration	₹ 1,10,000 The payment shall be subject to deduction of applicable taxes.

Other Conditions of Engagement

a) TA/DA: The Principal Scientist- Farm may be required to travel to any place in India. While on tour, TA/DA will be admissible to officials as per their entitlement.

b) Working Hours: Working hours is from 09.00 Hrs to 17.30 Hrs. However, in the exigency of work, Principal Scientist may be required to sit late and attend office on Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays. No compensatory leave will be given for attending office on Saturdays/ Sundays/ Holidays. Principal Scientist would be required to compulsorily enroll himself in Aadhaar based Biometric Attendance System (BAS) and mark their attendance at the time of arrival and departure.

c) Leave: Paid leave @ 2.5 days for each completed month, subject to approval of controlling officer. There will be no accumulation of leave beyond a calendar year. Further, leave up to one month can be considered without remuneration with the prior approval of controlling officer.

However, in rare and exceptional cases like need for professional development, training etc., this condition may be relaxed with the approval of Chairman, APEDA subject to official exigencies.

Apart from the above, the female Principal Scientist may be eligible for maternity leave as per the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 issued by Ministry of Labour & Employment vide letter No. S-360 1 7/03/20 15-SS-1 dated 12th April, 2017.

d) Termination: The engagement can be terminated at any time by the Department by giving 30 days' notice or "pay in lieu" thereof. Similarly, Principal Scientist may also resign after giving notice for a similar period.

The Department reserves the right to terminate any Principal Scientist at any stage in event of a serious failure to perform the task assigned or of failure to be serve any standards of conduct.

e) Applicability of Official Secrets Act & other relevant acts/Rules etc.

Principal Scientist will be governed by the Official Secrets Act, 1923 and shall not disclose any information/data that they may gather by virtue of being Principal Scientist in BEDF, to any unauthorized person during or after period of their engagement as Principal Scientist in BEDF. In this regard their attention is also drawn to various Circulars issued by the CVC/other Statutory Bodies under which any misuse of official position makes them accountable and triable under due process of law. Principal Scientist must work and act at all times, in the interest of society and render service with professional integrity, transparency, competitiveness and courtesy.

NOTE

i. Candidates, who do not possess the required essential educational qualification and experience at the time of receipt of application, will not be eligible.
ii. As per the Ministry of Human Resource Development Notification No. 44 dated 01.03.1955 published in Gazette of India edition dated 08.04.1955, a Degree obtained through Open Universities/Distance Education mode needs to be recognized by the Distance Education Council, IGNOU.
iii. All candidates will be required to produce the relevant documents in original or where the original degree has not been awarded, mark sheet and provisional certificate as and when asked for by BEDF.
iv. It is the responsibility of the candidates to provide proof in support of their claim proving any specific course as equivalent to the essential educational qualification prescribed.
v. Application received after the last date and found incomplete will be summarily rejected.
vi. BEDF shall not be responsible for the non-receipt of application by the application deadline due to any reasons including postal delays or holidays in between.
vii. Applications should be with contact number and email-id.
viii. Shortlisted candidates to be called for selection procedure would be informed through e-mail/telephone.
ix. They are also requested to visit APEDA website for any updates.
x. BEDF may prepare a reserve panel.
xi. In case the candidates offered the assignment do not join or leave prematurely after joining, the slots would be filled up by the candidates in the reserve panel. The reserve panel will be valid for one year.
xii. BEDF reserves the right not to select any candidate or not to prepare a panel of suitable names or to cancel the procedure at any stage without assigning any reasons.
xiii. Principal Scientist may seek voluntarily cessation of the contract with 30 days' advance notice. However, the BEDF reserves the right to terminate the contract at any point of time without assigning reason thereof.
xiv. Candidates fulfilling the requirement of minimum educational qualification and experience may apply for the position of Principal Scientist (purely on contract basis**).**
xv. The applications shall be submitted in the prescribed format (given in Annexure-A), candidates may submit their signed and typed application along with their scan CV and self attested copies of the relevant documents.
xvi. Last Date of Submission of Application is **10th December 2026**

The typed and signed application should be sent through email at directorbedf@apeda.gov.in

NOTE: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email for the interview

Director, BEDF

ANNEXURE-A

FORM OF APPLICATION

To

Director
Basmati Export Development Foundation 3rd Floor, NCUI Auditorium Building, August Kranti Marg
New Delhi-110016

Recent Passport Size Photograph

1)	Position applied for (In BLOCK letters)	
2)	Name of the applicant (In BLOCK letters)	
3)	Father's/Husband's Name	
4)	Present Postal Address for communication (In BLOCK letters with PIN code)	
5)	(a) Telephone no. (with STD code) (b) Mobile no. (c) Email ID	
6)	Permanent Address	
7)	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
8)	Nationality	

9. Educational Qualification starting with Secondary Education: (Please attach attested photocopies of certificates/mark sheets)

Examination /Degree	University / Board	Year of Passing	Percentage of Marks / Division	Subject Studies

10. Experience (Please start with the latest):

Name of Employer	Post Held	Period		Pay Scale/ CTC/ Pay Band with Grade Pay and Basic Pat	Nature of Work (Please attach separate sheet if required)
		From	To		

11. Have you ever been discharged/ reprimanded/ suspended from any position? If YES State Reason.

12. Additional Information, if any, which you would like to mention in support of your suitability for the post. (Please enclose a separate sheet)

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand that at any time I am found to have concealed / distorted any material information, my candidature/appointment shall be summarily terminated without any notice.

Place: Signature of the Applicant

Date: