Applications are invited from qualified officers of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security who wish to be considered for appointment as Principal Agricultural Officer in the Ministry.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

By selection from among officers in the grades of Divisional Scientific Officer and Principal Agricultural Engineer who reckon at least two years’ service in a substantive capacity in their respective grades and who possess:

(a) organising and administrative abilities;

(b) good communication and leadership skills; and

(c) marked ability in the formulation and implementation of agricultural policies and programmes.

III. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To be responsible for planning, co-ordinating agricultural, food production and security policies and implementing agricultural strategies, systems and processes.

IV. DUTIES AND SALARY

1. To ensure the planning and execution of all Government agricultural policies in relation to crops, livestock, development and extension activities of the Agricultural Services on the basis of an Annual Work Programme.

2. To assist in the formulation of agricultural policies and in the framing of appropriate agricultural legislation.

3. To supervise and co-ordinate the activities of the Divisions under his responsibility so as to achieve the Ministry’s corporate goals and objectives.

4. To co-ordinate agricultural programmes in liaison with Divisional Scientific Officers and other heads of Division for the purpose of regular information exchange, manpower development, monitoring and evaluation of Agricultural Services.

5. To monitor the implementation of new projects and the introduction of new technology in the field of Agricultural Engineering.
6. To advise on ways to improve the operational efficiency of the Division under his responsibility.

7. To organise appropriate training courses for subordinate staff.

8. To assist in the preparation of tender documents for the Ministry and Parastatal Bodies falling under its aegis.

9. To assist in the implementation of the Performance Management System.

10. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.

11. To perform such other duties directly related to the main duties listed above or related to the delivery of the output and results expected from Principal Agricultural Officers in the roles ascribed to them.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 60,575 x 1,800 – 69,575 x 2,425 – 72,000 x 2,500 – 77,000 x 3,000 – 80,000 a month plus salary compensation at approved rates.

V. MODE OF APPLICATION

1. Qualified candidates should submit their application on PSC Form 7 which may be obtained either from the Enquiry Counter of the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Ground Floor, Emmanuel Anquetil Building, Port Louis or from the Enquiry Counter of the Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side or from the Chief Commissioner’s Office, Port Mathurin, Rodrigues or from the offices of the Mauritius High Commission/Embassies overseas.

2. Applications should be submitted in duplicate, the original to be sent directly to the Secretary, Public Service Commission and the duplicate through the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security.

3. This circular together with the application form (PSC Form 7) are available on the website of the Public Service Commission at http://psc.govmu.org

4. Candidates are encouraged to submit on-line application through the government web portal at http://www.govmu.org

5. Acknowledgement of applications will be made, as far as possible, by e-mail. Candidates are therefore advised to submit their e-mail address.
6. Candidates are also advised to read carefully the “NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES” before filling in the application form. Care should be taken to fill in the application form correctly. **Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the application form may entail elimination of the applicant.**

VI. **CLOSING DATE**

Applications should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side, **not later than 3.00 p.m. on 12 April 2016.**

Date: 23 March 2016

Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, **FOREST SIDE.**