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स्वामी रामानंद तीर्थ मराठवाडा विद्यापीठ, नांदेड
“ज्ञानतीर्थ” परिसर, विष्णुपुरी, नांदेड - ४३१६०६ (महाराष्ट्र)
SWAMI RAMANAND TEERTH MARATHWADA UNIVERSITY NANDED
“Dnyanteerth”, Vishnupuri, Nanded - 431606 Maharashtra State (INDIA)
Established on 17th September 1994 – Recognized by the UGC U/s 2(f) and 12(B), NAAC Re-accredited with 'A' Grade

Advt. No. SRTMUN/NMDCH-CHB/06/2020, Date.09.12.2020
NEW MODEL (ARTS, COMMERCE AND SCIENCE) DEGREE COLLEGE, HINGOLI

Sr. No	Name of Posts	Name of the Courses	Number of the Posts
1	Assistant Professor	B.A. English	01
2		B.B.A. English	01
3		B.A. Marathi	01
4		B.B.A. Marathi	01
5		B.A. Hindi	01
6		B.B.A. Hindi	01
7		B.A. Economics	01
8		B.A. Sociology	01
9		B.B.A.	04
10		B.Sc. Computer	04

Tenure of Post: Academic Year 2020-21 up to 30-04-2021 from the date of joining.

Note: The above vacancies subject to change.

Salary 1. Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Maha.R.No.1 ch. k2018@%185@18%ef' k&3] fn-14-11-2018
2. C.H.B. Pay Resolution of Management Council Meeting Subject of 19/58-2019, Dated.14-03-2019 & 18-03-2019
Period @ basis rates As per University/Government of Maharashtra norms.

: QUALIFICATION FOR TEACHING POSTS:

(Post of Sr. No. 1 to 8)

- A Master's degree with 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale wherever the grading system is followed) in a concerned/relevant/allied subject from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign university.
- Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC or the CSIR, or a similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET or who are or have been awarded a Ph.D. Degree in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time as the case may be exempted from NET/SLET/SET: *Provided*, the candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009, shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances/Bye-laws/Regulations of the Institution awarding the degree and such Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities Colleges/Institutions subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:-
 - The Ph.D. degree of the candidate has been awarded in a regular mode;
 - The Ph.D. thesis has been evaluated by at least two external examiners;
 - An open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate has been conducted;
 - The Candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work, out of which at least one is in a refereed journal;
 - The candidate has presented at least two papers based on his/her Ph.D. work in conferences/seminars sponsored/funded/supported by the UGC/ICSSR/CSIR or any similar agency.

Note: NET/SLET/SET shall also not be required for such Masters Programmes in disciplines for which NET/SLET/SET is not conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET

Or

B. The Ph.D degree has been obtained from a foreign university/institution with a ranking among top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following:

- (i) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)
- (ii) The Times Higher Education (THE)

Or

(iii) The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai).

(Post of Sr. 10)

1. BE / B Tech and ME / M Tech in relevant subject with first class or equivalent either in BE B Tech or ME / M Tech

Or

BE / B Tech and MCA with first class or equivalent either in BE / B Tech or MCA

Or

MCA with first class or equivalent either with two years relevant experience.

Or

1. Good academic record as defined by the concerned university with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at the Master's Degree level in a relevant subject from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign university.
2. Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) to the Clause 4.4.1 of UGC Regulations, candidates, who are, or have been awarded a Ph. D. Degree in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 shall be exempted from the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET/SET.
4. NET/SLET/SET shall also not to be required for such Maters Programs in disciplines for which NET/SLET/SET is no conducted.

(Post of Sr. No.09)

1. Good academic record as defined by the concerned university with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at the Master's Degree level in a relevant subject from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign university.
2. Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) to the Clause 4.4.1 of UGC Regulations, candidates, who are, or have been awarded a Ph. D. Degree in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 shall be exempted from the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET/SET.
4. NET/SLET/SET shall also not to be required for such Maters Programs in disciplines for which NET/SLET/SET is no conducted.

Or

i. Essential:

1. First Class Masters Degree in Business Management/Administration/ in a relevant management related discipline or first class in two year full time PGDM declared equivalent by AIU / accredited by the AICTE / UGC.

Or

2. First class graduate and professionally qualified chartered accountant/cost and works accountant / company secretary of the concerned statutory bodies.

Desirable:

- i. Teaching research, industrial and / or professional experience in a reputed organization;
- ii. Papers presented at Conference and / or publish referred journals.

: Important instructions:

- 1. Reservation for Physical Handicapped person/s will be as per the State Government norms.**
- 2. Reservation for Women will be as per the State Government norms.**
3. A relaxation of 5% may be provided at the graduate and master's level for the Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Differently-abled (Physically and visually differently-abled) categories for the purpose of eligibility and for assessing good academic record during direct recruitment to teaching positions. The eligibility marks of 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible, based on only the qualifying marks without including any grace mark procedures.
4. A relaxation of 5% may be provided, from 55% to 50% of the marks to the Ph.D. Degree holders, who have obtained their Master's Degree prior to 19th Sept., 1991.
5. Relevant grade which is regarded as equivalent of 55% wherever the grading system is followed by a recognized university shall also be considered eligible.
6. The period of time taken by candidates to acquire Ph.D. Degree shall not be considered as teaching / research experience to be claimed for appointment to the teaching positions.
7. Applicants for Assistant Professors are to provide documentary evidence to the effect that the Ph.D. was awarded as per UGC Regulation, 2009.
- 8. Candidates applying for more than one post should submit separate application for each post.**
- 9. University reserves the rights to reduce or increase the number of posts & to fill up or not to fill up any of the advertised posts, without assigning any reasons.**
- 10. University reserves the rights to decide criteria / procedure for short listing of the candidates.**
11. Candidates belonging to reserved categories, as notified by the State Government of Maharashtra and also belonging to specific reserved category from Maharashtra State will alone be considered for reserved posts.
12. As per G.R. dated 29-03-1997 the reservation in favour of VJ (A), NT (1), NT (2) & NT(3) will be interchangeable if the candidate/s not available from required category, Hence, candidate belongs to all categories (i.e VJ(a), NT(1), NT(2) & NT(3)) can apply for the concerned reserved post.
13. Preference will be given to Sports person as per provision under Maharashtra State Govt. Resolution No. jk0h/M&2002@i70-68@0h; ¶ &2]fn- 30 , fi M] 2005-
14. As regards instructions, Women and Sports candidates from the Open, OBC, NT-2 & NT-3 category must submit Non-Creamy layer Certificate for getting the benefit of Horizontal Reservation in the said category as per Government norms.
15. As per provision laid down in State Govt. Notification No. SRV.2000/CR(17/ 2000)/XII dated 28th March, 2005 issued by General Administration Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai, candidates must submit the prescribed declaration of the small family as one of the essential qualifications for recruitment, in the prescribed proforma with Application Form, as Declaration FORM-A.
16. A candidate must fill all the columns in the application form.
17. A candidate furnishing incorrect or false information shall stand disqualified at any stage.
18. Interview of candidates found eligible will be preceded for oral interview.
19. No application shall be entertained if it is incomplete.
20. Those who are already in service should submit the application through proper channel & also submit No Objection Certificate from previous employer at the time of interview.
21. Mere possession of minimum qualifications does not confer any right to be appeared for interview and / or selection.
22. No queries or correspondence regarding selection of candidates will be entertained at any stage.
23. The University will not be responsible for any postal lapses or delay.
24. No TA/DA will be paid either for attending the interview or for joining the post.
- 25. The University shall not be held responsible for postponement or cancellation of scheduled interviews for any unforeseen / unavoidable reasons.**

26. Canvassing in any form, directly or indirectly, will disqualify the candidate immediately.
27. Candidate should enclose attested copies of all the following documents / certificates with each application form.
- (i) Degree / Diploma, Statement of Marks and other certificates of the educational qualifications and experience.
 - (ii) Caste Certificate from Competent Authority, if candidate belong to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Nomadic Tribe and Vimukta Jati/OBC. It is compulsory to attach the Non Creamy Layer Certificate (current year) with application form to the candidates who belongs to the VJ-A, NT-B, NT-C, NT-D and OBC categories vide Government of Maharashtra's Circular No. CBC 10/2006/Pra.Kra.15/MAVAK 5 dated 5th June, 2006.
 - (iii) Caste validity certificate (for reserved posts).
 - (iv) SSC certificate or other equivalent certificate in support of age. The original certificates would be required at the time of interview only and
 - (v) All other relevant documents / certificates.
28. The last date for submitting application in prescribed form, duly completed, in **02 copies** before the **24th December 2020 on 05:40 p.m.**
- 29. The Application along with relevant documents should reach in the name of "The Registrar, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Vishnupuri, Nanded- 431606 (Maharashtra)" on or before 24th December 2020**
30. The Actual date of interview will be informed to the concerned qualified candidate and published on the University website: www.srtmun.ac.in under the Head of **University Recruitment**.
31. The Government Resolutions / Circulars issued by the Government of Maharashtra and the Provisions of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 will be applicable.

Date: 09/12/2020

Registrar



APPLICATION

Please attached
Recent Pass Port size
photo

Post Applied for & Subject :
Name of College : New Model Degree College, Hingoli
Advt. No & Date : SRTMUN//NMDCH-CHB/06/2020, Date.09.12.2020
Applied Category : (SC/ST/ VJ (A)/NT-1/NT-2/NT-3 / SBC / OBC / OPEN/S.E.B.C./E.W.S)

- Name of the applicant** _____
Father's Name _____
Surname _____
- Date & Place of Birth** _____
- Nationality** _____
- Male or Female** _____
- Marital Status** _____

(Married / Unmarried)

(It is mandatory to fill up the Family Declaration form for all applicants)

- Correspondence address :** _____
Mobile.No: _____
Email.ID.: _____
- Whether from backward class :** _____
Or open category, if backward, mention Category & Caste
- Whether Physically Handicapped, :** _____
if yes, please specify details (attach supporting document)

- Academic Vitae (attach documents) : (Appendix-I)**

Exam	Name of University/Board	Passing Year	Subject	% Obtained	Class/ Grade
S.S.C					
H.S.C.					
Graduation					
Post Graduation.					
M.Phil.					
Ph.D					
NET					
SET					
MS-CIT or Equivalent					
Other if any					

- Field of Specialization :**

11. University Approved Teaching Experience: Total No. of Years

Sr. No	Name of the Institution	Post held R/T/C & Pay Scale	Period		Present Basic pay Full Time /Part Time	Reason for Leaving Services, If any
			From	to		

(R-Regular, T-Temporary, C-Contractual)

12. Administrative Experience : Total No. of years

Sr. No	Name of the Institution	Post held	Period		Pay Scale. Basic pay	Reason for Leaving Services, If any
			From	to		

13. Reference- give names of two eminent persons with postal address email Id & mobile number not related to you who can provide authentic information about you.

1.	2.
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14. Demand Draft / University Receipt, details:

University/Bank Name	Receipt/DD.No & Date	Amount

CATEGORY – II

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

II (A) STUDENT RELATED CO-CURRICULAR, EXTENSION AND FIELD BASED ACTIVITIES.

(i) Discipline related co-curricular activities (e.g. remedial classes, career counselling, study visit, student seminar and other events).

Academic Year	Actual Hours spent per academic year / 10					Score
	Field Work	Study Visits	Student Seminar	Career Couns	Other Events	
Total Scores						

(ii) Other co-curricular activities (Cultural, Sports, NSS, NCC etc.)

Academic Year	Actual Hours spent per academic year / 10						Score
	Cultural	Sports	NSS / NCC	Student Welfare activity	PG/Research Scholar forum	Other Events	

					Total Scores
(iii) Extension and dissemination activities (Public /popular lectures/ Talks / seminars etc.)					
Academic Year	Actual Hours spent per academic year / 10				Score
	Public/Popular Lectures	Public/Popular Talks	Public/Popular Seminars	Others activities of such nature	
Total Scores					
(GRAND TOTAL {II (a)(i)+II(a)(ii)+II(a)(iii)})					

Maximum API score 15

II (B) CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE LIFE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES \$

(i) Administrative Responsibilities (including as Dean/Principal / Chairperson/ convener/ Teacher-in-charge/ similar other duties that require regular office hrs for its discharge)								
Actual Hours spent per academic year / 10								
Academic Year	Dean	HOD	Chairperson	Convener	Admission work	Faculty Advisor	Coordinator of Refresher Courses	Any other activity of similar nature that require regular office hrs for its discharge
Scores								
Grand Total								

(ii) Participation in Board of Studies, Academic and Administrative Committees				
Actual Hours spent per academic year / 10				
Academic Year	Board of Studies	Academic Committees	Administrative Committees	Any other activity of similar nature that require regular office
Scores				
Total Scores				
\$ GRAND TOTAL {II}				

\$ Maximum API score 15

II (C) **Professional Development Activities** (such as participation in seminars, conferences, short term training courses, industrial experience, talks, lectures in refresher/ faculty development courses, dissemination and general articles and any other contribution) \$

Actual Hours spent per academic year / 10			
Event	Organizer and Place	Period / Duration	Scores
Participation in Conferences / Seminars / Workshops / Summer and Winter Schools			
Refresher Courses / Training programmes			
Short term Courses			
Methodology workshop			
Industrial Experience – Study / Consultancy			
Invited Talks			
Lectures in Refresher Courses / Faculty Development Courses			
Membership in Professional Bodies			
Dissemination of Academic / Research Knowledge / General Articles			
Any other contribution of similar nature (Please specify)			
\$ Total Scores			

\$ Maximum API score 15

SUMMARY OF API SCORES CLAIMED UNDER CATEGORY II

Category	Scores
II (a)	
II (b)	
II (c)	
Total Scores (Maximum API score 45)	

CATEGORY III. RESEARCH/ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

(A): DETAILS OF RESEARCH PAPERS PUBLISHED

(i): Refereed Journals as notified by the UGC#

Sr. No.	Title of the Article	Name of the journal Vol. No. & PP / Month & Year	Whether you are the main Author	No. of Co-Authors	Impact Factor	Claimed Score	Annexure No.

Note: 25 points per publication..

Refer Note (I & II) in the end of the form.

(ii): Other reputed Journals as notified by the UGC#

Sr. No	Title of the Article	Author	Co-Author(s)	Name of the journal Vol. No. & PP / Month & Year	Impact Factor	Total	Annexure No.

Note: 10 points per publication.

Refer Note (I & II) in the end of the form.

III (B): PUBLICATIONS OTHER THAN JOURNAL ARTICLES (Books, Chapters in Books)

(i) : Text / reference books by International Publishers, with ISBN/ISSN number.

Sr. No.	Title of the Book	Author	Co-Author(s)	Name of the Publisher / Month, Year	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 30 points per book for single author. Refer Note (II) in the end of form.

(ii): Subject	Title of the Book	Author	Co-Author(s)	Name of the Publisher	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 20 points per book for single author. Refer Note (II) in the end of form.

(iii): Subject books, published by other local Publishers, with ISBN/ISSN number as approved by the University and posted on its website. The list will be intimated to UGC.

Sr. No.	Title of the Book	Author	Co-Author(s)	Name of the Publisher	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 15 points per book for single author. Refer Note (II) in the end of form.

(iv): Chapters in Books published by National & International level Publishers, with ISBN.ISSN number as approved by the University and posted on its website. The List will be intimate to UGC.

Sr. No	Title of the Book	Number of Chapters contributed	Title of the Chapter	Author	Name of the Publisher of the Book/ Month, Year	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: International: 10 points per chapter. National: 5 points per chapter. Refer Note (II) in the end of form.

III (C): RESEARCH PROJECTS

(i): Details of Sponsored Projects

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Grant sanctioned	Duration		Project Status completed / on-going	Project Type: Research/ Consultancy/ Action	Policy Document	Total points	Annexure No.
			From	To					

Note: (i) Major projects of over 30 lakhs in Science / Engineering/ Agriculture/Medical/Veterinary Sciences and grants above 5 lakhs in Languages /Humanities/arts/Social Sciences/Library/Physical education/Management will get 20points per project.

(ii) Projects of 5-30 lakhs in Science / Engineering/ Agriculture/Medical/Veterinary Sciences and grants above 3-5 lakhs in Languages /Humanities/arts/Social Sciences/Library/Physical education/Management, etc. will get 15 points per project

(iii) Minor projects of 1 lakh – Rs. 5 lakhs in Science / Engineering Agriculture/Medical/Veterinary Sciences and grants Rs.1 lakh – 3 lakhs in Languages /Humanities/arts/Social Sciences/Library/Physical education/Management, etc. will get 10 points per project.

(ii): Details of Consultancy Projects

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Grant sanctioned	Duration		Project Status completed / on-going	Project Type: Consultancy/ Action Research	Policy Document	Total points	Annexure No.
			From	To					

Note: Consultancy mobilized for more than 10 lakhs in Science and Engineering and 2 lakhs in Social Science, etc. will get 10 Points for every Rs.10 lakhs and Rs. 2 Lakhs respectively.

(iii): Projects Outcome / Output

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	National /International	Project Outcome/Outputs		Total points	Annexure No.
			Details of Patents / Technology Transfer / Product / Process (Science &Engineering)*	Major Policy Documents of Central / State Govt./ WHO/ UNO/ UNESCO / UNICEF etc. Bodies prepared (Humanities & Management)**		

* Faculties of Science /Engineering / Agriculture / Medical / Veterinary Sciences

** Faculties of Languages / Humanities / Arts / Social Sciences / Library / Physical Education / Management.

Note: 30 points for each International or patent / 20 points for each National level output or major policy document / State Government 10 points and for Local bodies 5 points.

III (D): RESEARCH GUIDANCE

(i): Details of M.Phil. Awarded

Name of the Scholar	Title of the Dissertation	Name of the University	Month and Year	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 5 points per candidate.

(ii): Details of Ph. D Awarded / submitted

Name of the Scholar	Title of the Thesis	Submitted	Awarded	Name of the University	Month and Year	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 15 points per candidate for degree awarded and 10 points per candidate for thesis submitted

III (E): FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND INVITED LECTURES DELIVERED IN CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

(i): Details of Fellowships/ Awards

Name of the Award / Fellowship	Sponsoring Agency	International/ National/State/University level	Date	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 15 points for International level, 10 points for National level and 5 for State/University level per award/fellowship

(ii): Details of invited lectures / papers presented in Conferences / Seminars, etc.

Name of the Programme	Name of Organising Agency	International/ National/ State/University level	The Paper / Talk	Duration (Dates of Event)	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note: 7 points per lecture and 5 points per paper presented for International level, 5 points per lecture and 3 points per paper Presented for National level and 3 points per lecture and 2 points per paper presented for state/University level.

[For Professor and Associate Professor:-The score under this sub-category (III (E) (ii)) shall be restricted to 20 % of the minimum score fixed for category III for any assessment period]

III (F): DEVELOPMENT OF E-LEARNING DELIVERY PROCESS/MATERIAL

Name of the subject/discipline for which e-learning resource is developed (Eg. Science: Physics)	Name of the Subject / course for which e-learning resource is developed (Eg: B.E, M.E, M.Sc., B.Sc., MA, BA, B.Com, M.Com)	Level of Course Material (Eg. UG/PG)	Details of the URL/website where available or if CD/DVD enclose a copy	Number of Modules	Total Points	Annexure No.

Note : 10 points per module. 70% to the first author and remaining 30% to be shared equally by all the other authors.

SUMMARY OF API SCORES CLAIMED UNDER CATEGORY III

Category	Scores
III (A)	
III (B)	
III (C)	
III (D)	
III (E)	
III (F)	
Total Scores	

SUMMARY OF API SCORES CLAIMED UNDER CATEGORY II & CATEGORY III (Cumulative)

Category	Scores
II	
III	
Total Scores	

UGC has notified the List of Journals vide Notification F.No. 1-2/2016(PS) dated 10th January, 2017 which is available on UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in for the perusal of all stakeholders. Any addition/deletion made by UGC in the list of Journals shall also be applicable.

NOTES:

- (I) Wherever relevant to any specific discipline, the API score for papers in refereed journal would be augmented as follows: (i) Papers with impact factor less than 1 by 5 points (ii) Papers with impact factor between 1 and 2 by 10 points (iii) Papers with impact factor between 2 and 5 by 15 (iv) papers with impact factor between 5 and 10 by 20 points (v) papers with impact factor above 10 by 25 points.
- (II) The API for Joint Publications shall be calculated in the following manner: of the total score for the relevant category of publications by the concerned teacher, the first and principal/corresponding author/supervisor/mentor would share equally 70 % of the total points and the remaining 30% would be shared equally by all other authors.
- (III) Attach the self-attested proofs of all the self-assessment claims made in category II and III.

DECLARATION

I _____, hereby declare that the particulars furnished above are true to my knowledge.

Place:

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT

Date:

CERTIFICATE

1. The above information furnished by me is correct.
2. I am neither convicted nor any criminal case, departmental enquiry or disciplinary action is pending against me.
3. In case any false information is detected, I understand that my application is liable to be rejected or the appointment made would stand terminated.

Signature of applicant

Place :

Date :

If employed, the application should be forwarded through proper channel.

Recommendation of forwarding authority _____

Place :

Date :

Name & Signature

Seal of the Department / Institute

Declaration FORM "A"

(See Rule - 04)

I Shri./ Smt. / Sow. _____

Son / Daughter / Husband / Wife of Shri. _____

aged _____ years, resident at _____

_____ do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I have filled my application for the post of _____.
2. I have _____ (Number) living children as on today, out of which number of children born after 28th March 2005 is _____ (mention dates of Birth, if any).
3. I am aware that, if any total number(s) of living children are more than two due to the children born after 28th March 2005, I am liable to be disqualified for the same post.

Place :

Date :

Signature of Applicant