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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 73/2010/F & WLD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21st October, 2010.

S. R. O. No. 986/2010.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968) and in supersession of the Special Rules for the Kerala Forest Service, 1966 issued under G. O. (P) No. 429/66/PD dated 5th November, 1966 and all the existing rules and orders issued on the subject, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Special Rules for the Kerala Forest Service, namely:—

RULES

1. *Short Title and Commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called Kerala Forest Service Special Rules, 2010.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Constitution.*—The Service shall consist of the following categories of Officers, namely:—

Category 1—Deputy Conservator of Forests (Non IFS)

Category 2—Assistant Conservator of Forests

Category 3—Range Forest Officer.

3. *Appointment.*—Appointment to various categories of posts mentioned in column (1) of the table below shall be made by the method of appointment specified in column (2) thereof, namely:—

TABLE

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Methods of Appointment</i>
(1)	(2)
(1) Deputy Conservator of Forests (Non-IFS)	By promotion from Assistant Conservator of Forests
(2) Assistant Conservator of Forests	By promotion from among Range Forest Officer
(3) Range Forest Officer	(i) Direct Recruitment from among candidates who possess (a) a Degree in Forestry; (b) a Degree in Science or Engineering (ii) Appointment by transfer from among the Deputy Rangers in the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service. (iii) Recruitment by transfer:— (a) From Forest Officers namely Wildlife Assistant, Deputy Ranger, Forester and Forest Guard. (b) From approved probationers in the Kerala Ministerial Subordinate Service and the Kerala Ministerial Services in Forest Department only.

Note 1:—The quota reserved for the methods of appointments (i) a, (i) (b), (ii), (iii) (a) and (iii) (b), shall be 25%, 25%, 25%, 20% and 5% respectively of the cadre strength.

Note 2:—When the quota in percentage of total number of posts available at a time is calculated, fractions if any remaining shall be kept as such against that method of appointment and it shall be filled up, when the fraction becomes a whole number in the subsequent rotation.

Note 3:—Recruitment by transfer under item (iii) (a) and (iii) (b) shall be made through the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Note 4:—If qualified hands under item (iii) (a) and (iii) (b) for recruitment by transfer are not available, those vacancies shall also be filled up by Direct Recruitment.

4. *Qualifications.*—No person shall be eligible for appointment to any of the categories mentioned in column (1) of the table below by the method of appointment specified in column (2) unless he possesses the qualifications prescribed in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

TABLE

<i>Category</i>	<i>Method of appointment</i>	<i>Qualification</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Deputy Conservator of Forests (Non. IFS)	By Promotion	As in the feeder category
2. Assistant Conservator of Forests	By Promotion	(a) Shall possess basic academic qualifications as in the feeder category. (b) Probation in the feeder category of Range Forest Officers shall have been declared. (c) Must have passed the Departmental Tests prescribed in Rule 10.

(1)	(2)	(3)
3. Range Forest Officer	By Direct recruitment	<p data-bbox="921 337 1549 417">(i) (a) For candidates from among Forestry graduates</p> <p data-bbox="921 439 1549 689">(i) A degree in Forestry from Kerala Agriculture University or any equivalent Degree from any University, Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala for this purpose.</p> <p data-bbox="921 712 1549 870">(ii) Male candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81 cm round the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5 cm on full inspiration.</p> <p data-bbox="921 893 1549 1143">(iii) Male candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight specified for men in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test, which are specified in the Schedule I to these rules.</p> <p data-bbox="921 1165 1549 1245">(iv) Female candidates must not be less than 157 cm in height.</p> <p data-bbox="921 1267 1549 1517">(v) Female candidate must qualify any of the five events out of the nine specified for women in the national Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test, which are specified in the Schedule I to these rules.</p> <p data-bbox="921 1539 1549 1664">(vi) All candidates must possess the medical standards as specified in Schedule II to these rules.</p> <p data-bbox="921 1687 1549 1766">(i) (b) For candidates from among Science or engineering graduates</p> <p data-bbox="921 1789 1549 2009">(i) A degree in Science or Engineering from a University, Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala.</p>

(1)

(2)**(3)**

(ii) Male candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81 cm round the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5 cm on full inspiration.

(iii) Male candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight specified for men in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test, which are given in the Schedule I to these rules.

(iv) Female candidates must not be less than 157 cm in height.

(v) Female candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the nine specified for women in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test, which are given in the Schedule I to these rules.

(vi) All the candidates must possess the medical standard specified in Schedule II to these rules.

By Transfer

(ii) Appointment by transfer from among the Deputy Rangers

(i) Basic academic qualifications as in feeder category.

(ii) Probation should have been declared in the feeder category.

(1)	(2)	(3)
By Transfer	(iii) (a) Recruitment by transfer from Forest Officers namely, Wildlife Assistant, Deputy Ranger, Forester and Forest Guard	
		<p>(i) A Degree in Science or Engineering from a University, Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala.</p>
		<p>(ii) Male candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81 cm round the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5 cm on full inspiration.</p>
		<p>(iii) Male candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight specified for men in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test which are given in the Schedule I to these rules.</p>
		<p>(iv) Female candidates must not be less than 157 cm in height.</p>
		<p>(v) Female candidates must qualify in any of the five events out of the nine specified for women in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test which are given in the Schedule I to these rules.</p>
		<p>(vi) All candidates must possess the medical standards as specified in Schedule II to these rules.</p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
By Transfer	(iii) (b) From approved probationers in the Kerala Forest Ministerial Subordinate Service and Kerala Forest Ministerial Service	
		<p>(i) A Degree in Science or Engineering from a University, Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala.</p>
		<p>(ii) Male candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81 cm round the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5 cm on full inspiration.</p>
		<p>(iii) Male candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight specified for men in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test, which are given in the Schedule I to these rules.</p>
		<p>(iv) Female candidates must not be less than 157 cm in height.</p>
		<p>(v) Female candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the nine specified for women in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test which are given in the Schedule I to these rules.</p>
		<p>(vi) All candidates must possess the medical standards as specified in Schedule II to these rules.</p>

5. *Age.*—(1) No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment under item (i) (a) and (i) (b) under Category 3 of Rule 3, if he has not completed 19 years of age or has completed 28 years of age on the 1st day of January of the year in which applications for appointment are invited. Relaxation of age limit as provided in Rule 10 (c) of Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958, shall apply to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities.

(2) No person shall be eligible for appointment by transfer under item (iii) (a) and (iii) (b) in Category 3 of Rule 3 if he has completed 32 years of age on the 1st January of the year in which applications for recruitment are invited. Relaxation of age limit as provided in Rule 10 (c) of Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958, shall apply to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities.

6. *Appointing Authorities.*—Appointing Authority for Category 1 and 2 under rule 2 shall be the Government and that in respect of category 3 shall be The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

7. *Reservation of Appointment.*—The rules relating to reservation of appointments under Rules 14 to 17 of Part II of Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958, shall apply to the appointments by direct recruitment.

8. *Probation.*—Every person appointed to any of the categories shall be on probation:—

(i) If appointed by direct recruitment or by transfer through Kerala Public Service Commission or by transfer to a category to which direct recruitment is one of the methods of appointment, for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous service of three years from the date on which he joins duty after successful completion of training prescribed in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9.

(ii) If appointed by transfer to a category to which direct recruitment is not one of the methods of appointment or by promotion, for a total period of one year on duty within a continuous service of two years from the date on which he joins duty.

9. *Training.*—(1) Every Officer appointed to service shall undergo training as stipulated hereunder or special courses of study as prescribed by the Appointing Authority, from time to time.

(2) (a) Range Forest Officers appointed by direct recruitment under item (i) (a) and (i) (b) and by appointment by transfer under item (iii) (a) and (iii) (b) under Category 3 of Rule 3 shall undergo Rangers training in any of the institutions under the Director of Forestry Education, Government of India for a period as prescribed by the Government of India from time to time.

(b) On completion of Rangers' training in the institution as prescribed in clause (a) above, they shall undergo a practical training for one year in the Forest Department.

(c) During the period of training in the Forest College as well as in the Forest Department the officers shall be paid basic pay and other admissible allowances.

(d) The cost of training including travelling allowances at the rates admissible to them for journeys and tours performed by them in connection with the training shall be borne by the Government.

(e) The period spent on training in the Institution as prescribed in clause (a) above and practical training in the Forest Department shall be counted for leave and pension.

(f) The Range Forest Officers appointed by direct recruitment under item (i) (a) and (i) (b) under category 3 of Rule 3 who do not complete successfully the Rangers training course in the institution as prescribed in clause (a) above will be terminated and will be discharged from service.

(g) The Range Forest Officers appointed by transfer under item (iii) (a) and (iii) (b) under Category 3 of Rule 3 who do not complete successfully the Rangers training will be reverted to the posts which they were occupying prior to their appointment by transfer.

(h) Range Forest Officers appointed by transfer under item (ii) under category 3 of Rule 3 shall undergo a training course for 3 months organized for this purpose in Kerala Forest School during the period of probation which shall be prerequisite for declaration of satisfactory completion of probation.

10. *Tests.*—The Range Forest Officers appointed by direct recruitment under item (i) (a) and (i) (b) and recruitment by transfer under item (iii) (a) and (iii) (b) under Category 3 of Rule 3 shall pass the following Departmental tests and the probation of such Range Forest Officers shall be declared to have been satisfactorily completed only after passing such tests.

- (1) Manual of Office Procedure
- (2) Account Test for Executive Officers
- (3) Forest Test for Executive and Controlling Officers.

SCHEDULE I

(See Rule 4)

NATIONAL PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY ONE STAR STANDARD TEST

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Items</i>	<i>Minimum standard of efficiency</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
Male Candidates must have a minimum height measurement of 168 cm and 81 cm round the chest and must have chest expansion of 5 cm on full inspiration and must qualify in any 5 events out of eight specified below of National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test		
1	100 meters run	14 seconds
2	High Jump	132.20 cm.
3	Long Jump	457.20 cm.
4	Putting the shot of 7264 grams	609.60 cm.
5	Throwing the cricket ball	6096 cm.
6	Rope climbing (only with hands)	365.80 cm.
7	Pull ups or chinning	8 times
8.	1500 meters run	5 minutes & 44 seconds

(1)	(2)	(3)
Female Candidates must have a minimum height measurement of 157 cm and must qualify in any five (5) events out of nine specified below of National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test		
1	100 meters run	17 seconds
2	High Jump	106 cm.
3	Long Jump	305 cm.
4	Putting the shot of 4000 grams	400 cm.
5	200 meters run	36 seconds
6	Throwing the throw ball	1400 cm.
7	Shuttle race (2500 cm x 400 cm)	26 seconds
8	Pull ups or chinning	8 times
9	Skipping (One minute)	80 times

Note:—Minimum height and chest measurement for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates shall be relaxed 5 cm and 2.5 cm respectively. The minimum chest expansion of 5 cm shall however be applicable for them also.

SCHEDULE II

(See Rule 4)

MEDICAL STANDARDS SPECIFIED FOR RECRUITMENTS OF RANGE FOREST OFFICER

1.	Ear	:	Hearing should be perfect.
2.	Eye	:	Must be certified to possess visual standards specified below without glass.
	(a) Distant vision		6/6 snellen
	(b) Near vision		0.5 snellen
	(c) Colour vision		Normal
	(d) Night Blindness		Nil
3.	Muscles and Joints	:	No paralysis and all joints with free movements.
4.	Nervous system	:	Perfectly normal. Free from any infectious diseases.

By order of the Governor,

V. P. Joy,
 Secretary to Government,
 Transport Department in charge of
 Forest and Wildlife Department.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport).

The Special Rules for the Kerala Forest Services was issued in G. O. (P) No. 429/66/PD dated 5th November, 1966 and thereafter several amendments were issued to the said rules. As per G. O. (Ms.) No. 48/2009/F&WLD dated 27th October, 2009, the post of Forest Range Officer has been included in the category of Gazetted Officers and as such the said post has to be included in the Kerala Forest Services Special Rules.

As per the pay revision orders issued under G. O. (P) No. 3000/98/Fin. dated 25th November, 1998 the post of Senior Grade Assistant Conservator of Forests was redesignated as Deputy Conservator of Forests (Non-cadre) and as per G. O. (Ms.) No. 24/02/F&WLD dated 4-5-2002 the post was declared as Deputy Conservator of Forests (Non Cadre).

Government have decided to earmark 5% of the total posts in the category of Range Forest Officers for appointment by transfer from the Kerala Forest Ministerial Subordinate Service and Kerala Forest Ministerial Service.

It has also been decided that the candidates appointed by direct recruitment or by transfer through Kerala Public Service Commission shall have the physical standards as prescribed in National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test and shall have certain prescribed Medical Standards.

As per G. O. (Ms.) No. 90/2005/F&WLD dated 25th October, 2005 orders were issued fixing the upper age limit as 45 years for the Departmental candidates for the selection through the Kerala Public Service Commission for the Forest Rangers' Course to be conducted by the Directorate of Forests Education, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. But, now, in view of the arduous nature of duties of Range Forest Officers, it has also been decided that the minimum age for direct recruitment should be brought down for improving the efficiency of the service.

Therefore, Government have decided to issue these Revised Special Rules for Kerala Forest Service, by superseding the existing Special Rules.

This notification is intended to achieve the above objects.