

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department - Establishment - Exemption from acquiring revised qualifications prescribed for the categories coming under Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules 2010 - Orders of Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal complied with - Orders issued.

FOREST AND WILDLIFE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS)No. 115/2013/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30/12/2013

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- Read: (1) GO(MS)No.652/62/PD dated 29/11/1962
(2) GO(P)No.60/2010/F&WLD dated 30/8/2010
(3) Representation dated 08/10/2012 submitted by Sri.Krishnankutty.R and 16 others Depot Watchers.
(4) Order dated 01/11/2012 of Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in OA 2064/2012 filed by Sri.R.Krishnankutty & others.
(5) Order dated 25/2/2013 in OP (KAT) 734/13 filed by Sri.Kannan.A.
(6) Order dated 6/3/2013 in OA 2404/12 filed by Sri.Sanal.S and another.
(7) Letter No.E4-31192/12 dated 5/12/2012 of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Administration), Thiruvananthapuram.
(8) Letter No.A VIII(1) 15228/10/GW dated 18/11/2013 from the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission.

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The Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Rules 1962 issued vide Government Order read as 1st paper above had stipulated that Last Grade Servants and Forest Watchers who were literate and had put in five years of service in the Forest Department were eligible for by transfer appointment as Forest Guard. But the amendment in Special Rules for Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Rules issued as per Government Order read as 2nd paper above, had unified the basic qualification for appointment to the post of Forest Guard for direct recruitment and by transfer appointments as plus two with Science or Mathematics as optional subjects or equivalent examination.

2) In the representation read as 3rd paper above, the petitioners' have requested the Government to amend the Special Rules for Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special rules so as to make them eligible for the benefits enjoyed by them before the issuance of the Government Order read as 2nd paper also.

3) Meanwhile the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in its order read as 4th above directed the Principal Secretary, Forest & Wildlife Department to consider and pass orders on Annexure A6 representation in accordance with law after affording an opportunity of being heard to a representative of the applicants within one month from the date of receipt of copy of the order. Accordingly, the Principal Secretary heard the petitioners on 03/12/2012. During the hearing, the applicant has argued that vide G.O (P) No.39/2011/P&ARD dated 23/12/2011, the revised qualification fixed by Government for appointment to the post of Last Grade Servant, Lower Division Clerk etc. were made applicable with effect from 1/7/2011 and those who were already in service were exempted from possessing revised qualification for by transfer appointment to their respective posts. Hence, the applicant has requested to extend the same benefits to the Last Grade Servants of the Forest Department from possessing the revised qualification for recruitment by transfer appointments.

4) As per the letter read as 7th paper above, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) has also recommended the Government to consider the petitioners prayer favourably and to give them exemption from acquiring the revised qualifications prescribed for the categories coming under Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules 2010, for those who entered service in the relevant categories before the issuance of amended rules and the revised qualification may be made applicable only to those employees for by transfer appointments who entered service on or after 30/08/2010.

5) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to grant exemption to watchers and Last Grade Employees of Forest Department who were in service before 30/8/2010 from possessing the revised qualification and upper age limit for recruitment by transfer appointment to the post of Forest Guard. Amendment to relevant Special Rules will be issued separately.

6) Thus the orders of Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in OA 2064/12 dated 1/11/2012, OA 2404/12 dated 6/3/2013 and OP (KAT) 734/12 in 25/2/2013 are complied with as above.

By Order of the Governor

P.K.MOHANTY
Addl. Chief Secretary

To

The Advocate General, Kerala Administrative Tribunal,
Thiruvananthapuram Branch, Vanchiyoor.
The Advocate General, Ernakulam
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration),
Thiruvananthapuram
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram
The Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department
The Principal Accountant General (Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
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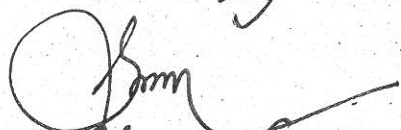
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