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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest and Wildlife (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G O. (P) No. 84/2014F&WLD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20th September, 2014.

S. R. O. No. 574/2014.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 2 of Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Special Rules for the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service 2010 issued under G. O. (P) No. 60/2010/F&WLD dated 30th August, 2010 and published as S.R.O. No. 861/2010 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2001 dated 31st August, 2010, namely:—

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1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service (Amendment) Special Rules, 2014.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*—In the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules, 2010,—

(1) for the words 'Deputy Ranger', 'Forester' and 'Forest Guard' wherever they appear in the rules, the words 'Deputy Range Officer', 'Section Forest Officer' and 'Beat Forest Officer' shall respectively be substituted;

(2) in rule 2,—

after category 4, the following categories shall be inserted, namely:—

"Category 4A Forest Driver

Category 4B Forest Boat Driver";

(3) in the Table under rule 3,—

(i) after serial No. 4, the following serial numbers and corresponding entries against them in columns (1), (2) and (3) shall be inserted respectively, namely:—

"4A, Forest Driver (a) By direct recruitment.

(b) By transfer from among the eligible members of Depot Watchers, Reserve Watchers and other Last Grade Servants in the Kerala Forest Department who have been declared to be an approved probationer.

4B, Forest Boat Driver (a) By direct recruitment.

(b) By transfer from among the eligible Boat Lascar, Boat Cleaners and Boat Watchers in the Kerala Forest Department who have been declared to be an approved probationer";

(ii) after Note 6 under Rule 3, the following notes shall be inserted, namely:—

"*Note 7:*—Quota reserved for the methods of appointments under items (a) and (b) against the category 4A shall be 90% and 10% respectively and under item (a) and (b) against category 4B shall be 70% and 30% respectively. Candidates from the above two items in respect of category 4A and 4B will be selected according to the percentage allotment. In the case of Category 4A, the first 9 turns will be filled up by candidates through Direct Recruitment and the tenth turn will be reserved for item b. In the cases of Category 4B, the third, sixth, ninth, thirteenth, sixteenth, etc., turns will be reserved for item b. If required number of suitable candidates are not available for appointment under item (b) against Categories 4A and 4B, such vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment";

"*Note 8:*—Direct recruitment as well as appointment by transfer under item (b) of categories 4A and 4B shall be made by the Kerala Public Service Commission."

(4) in the Table under rule 4, under the heading "qualification".

(i) in column (3) against category 3, for item (c), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

Basic academic qualification as in the feeder category and successful completion of Beat Forest Officers training in any of the Forest Training Schools".

(ii) after the said item (c), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

"(d) shall pass the following departmental test:—

(1) Forest Test for Clerical and Protective Staff

(2) Manual of Office Procedure

*Note:*—The amendment to Rule 4 (ii) above shall be deemed to have come into effect from 30-8-2010.

(iii) the entries in item (a) in column (3) against category 4, the words "with Science or Mathematics as optional subjects" shall be deleted and after the words "or equivalent examination" the words "recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala" shall be inserted.

(iv) after serial No. 4 in column (1) and the entries against them in columns (2) and (3), the following serial numbers and corresponding entries against them shall be inserted respectively in columns (2) and (3), namely:—

"4A, Forest Driver	By direct recruitment or By transfer	(a) Only male candidates can apply for this post. (b) SSLC or its equivalent examination recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala. (c) All candidates must have a valid Motor Driving licence endorsed for all types of transport vehicles and experience of not less than 3 years in driving motor vehicles. (d) All candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81cm round the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5cm on full inspiration. Minimum height measurement of SC/ST candidates shall be 160 cm. But no relaxation in chest expansion of 5cm shall be allowed for SC/ST candidates. (e) All 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 of the previous rule. (f) All candidates must possess the medical standards specified in Schedule II of the previous rule.
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4B, Forest  
Boat  
Driver

By direct  
recruitment or  
By transfer

- (a) Only male candidates can apply for this post.
- (b) SSLC or its equivalent examination recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala.
- (c) All candidates must have a valid Motor Driving licence issued by a competent authority to drive motor boat and must have experience for not less than 3 years as boat driver.
- (d) All candidates must have basic knowledge in motor boat engine mechanism and the ability to carry out minor repairs.
- (e) All candidates must be able to swim.
- (f) All candidates must have not be less than 168 cm in height and 81cm round the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5cm on full inspiration. Minimum height measurement of SC/ST candidates shall be 160 cm. But no relaxation in chest expansion of 5cm shall be allowed for SC/ST candidates.
- (g) All 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 of the previous rule.
- (h) All candidates must possess the medical standards specified in Schedule II of the previous rule.

(v) after category 11, the following Notes shall be inserted, namely:—

*Note 1:*—Basic academic qualification for promotion to category 3—Section Forest Officer shall be SSLC or equivalent examination in the case of Beat Forest Officers who were in service before 30-8-2010.

*Note 2:*—Basic academic qualification for by transfer to the category 4—Beat Forest Officer shall be SSLC or equivalent examination in the case of applicants who were in service before 30-8-2010”.

(5) in rule 5,—

(i) in sub-rule (1), for the figure “28”, the figure “30” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (2), for the figure “35”, the figure “40” shall be substituted;

(iii) after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3) person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the post of category 4A Forest Driver and category 4B Forest Boat Driver, if he has not completed 23 years of age for category 4A Forest Driver and 25 years of age for category 4B Forest Boat Driver, or has completed 36 years of age as on the 1st day of January of the year in which the applications for appointments are invited, with usual relaxation of age limit for SC/ST and other Backward Communities as provided in rule 10 (c) of Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules 1958”.

(6) in the Table under rule 6,—

(i) in column (3) against serial No. 3 for the words “Chief Conservator of Forests (in-charge of Administration)”, the words “Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests (in-charge of territorial Circle)”, shall be substituted.

(ii) after serial No. 4 in column (1) and entries against it in column (2) and (3), the following serial numbers and entries against them shall respectively be submitted, namely:—

“4A Forest Driver                      Divisional Forest Officer having territorial jurisdiction as designated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

4B Forest Boat Driver                  Divisional Forest Officer having territorial jurisdiction as designated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.”

(7) in rule 7, for the figures and words ‘1 and 4’ the figures and words “1, 4, 4A and 4B” shall be substituted;

(8) in rule 8, in sub-rule (1), the words and figures “after successful completion of training prescribed in rule 9” shall be omitted.

(9) in rule 9,—

(i) in sub-rule (1), for the words “followed by”, the symbol “/” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (2), for the words “followed by field training for one year as prescribed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests” shall be omitted;

(iii) after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2a) Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver appointed by direct recruitment shall undergo training for not more than three months in any of the Forest Training Schools as prescribed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver who do not complete successfully the training course as prescribed will be terminated and will be discharged from service”;

(iv) in sub-rule (3), the words “in the Forest Training School as well as in the Forest Department” shall be deleted.

- (v) in sub-rule (5), the words "of Wildlife Assistant Grade II in the Forest Training School or institution recognized by Government and the period of training of Forest Guards in Forest Training School and the period of their field training in the Forest Department" shall be omitted.
- (vi) for sub-rule (7), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—
- "The Beat Forest Officer, who does not complete successfully the training course as prescribed in sub-rule (2) of rule 9 will not be eligible for promotion".
- (10) in rule 10, the sub-rule (2) shall be omitted.
- (11) *Savings*.—Nothing contained in these rules will adversely affect those who are already in service in accordance with the rules and orders then in force.

P. K. MOHANTY,  
*Additional Chief Secretary,  
 Forest and Wildlife Department.*

#### Explanatory Note

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

Government have renamed the posts of Forest Guard, Forester and Deputy Ranger as Beat Forest Officer, Section Forest Officer and Deputy Range Forest Officer vide G. O. (Ms.) No. 97/12/F&WLD dated 5-6-2012. The Government have raised the upper age limit for recruitment of Beat Forest Officers and Wildlife Assistants considering representations received from various organizations to enhance the upper age limit for recruitment to the post of Beat Forest Officers and Wildlife Assistants. Government vide G. O. (Ms.) No. 77/12/F&WLD dated 16-7-2012, have included the post of Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver in the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules, 2010. In order to give effect to the changes, amendment to the special rules is required.

The notification is intended to achieve the above objects.

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