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ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT.

### Amendments to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service.

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No. SRO B-44/2014—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service (Section 12 of Part III B of the Tamil Nadu Services Manual, 1970).

2. (i) The amendments relating to the post of Forest Guard with Driving Licence hereby made shall be deemed to have come into force on the 5th October 2005.

(ii) The amendments regarding the physical standards for female candidates hereby made shall be deemed to have come into force on the 29th May 1990.

(iii) All the other amendments hereby made shall come into force with effect on and from the 9th July 2014.

#### AMENDMENTS.

In the said Special Rules,-

(1) in rule 1, under "Class - I", after the Category "3 Forest Guards", the following Category shall be inserted, namely:-  
"3-A. Forest Guard with Driving Licence";

(2) in rule 2, in the tabular column under sub-rule (a),-

(i) in column (2), against the entry 'Foresters' in column (1) thereof,-

(a) for the entry "(2) Promotion from among the holders of the post of Forest Guards;", the following entry shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2) Promotion from among the holders of the post of "Forest Guards and Forest Guard with Driving Licence;"

(b) in the first proviso, for the expression "Forest Guards", the expression 'Forest Guards and Forest Guard with Driving Licence' shall be substituted;

(c) in the second proviso, for the expression "by promotion from the post of Forest Guards", the expression "by promotion from the common seniority list for the posts of Forest Guards and Forest Guard with Driving Licence, prepared based on the date of joining in the post" shall be substituted;

(d) for the third proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-

"Provided also that if a qualified and suitable members of Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service working in Forest Department or Assistant Draughtsman or Forest Guards or Forest Guard with Driving Licence are not available for appointment as Forester in the turn allotted for them in the cycle, then the turn shall lapse and the vacancy shall be filled up by direct recruitment.";

(ii) in column (2), against the entry 'Forest Guard' in column (1) thereof, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided also that if a qualified and suitable Forest Watcher are not available for appointment as Forest Guard in the turn allotted for them in the cycle, then the turn shall lapse and the vacancy shall be filled up by direct recruitment.";

(iii) after the entries "Forest Guard", in column (1), and the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:-

"Forest Guard with Driving Licence

Direct recruitment.";

(3) in rule 3, in the tabular column, for the entries under the heading "CLASS - I", the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

"1. Rangers  
5. Forest Apprentices

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

2. Foresters  
3. Forest Guards  
3-A. Forest Guard with Driving Licence  
4. Forest Watchers  
6. Mali

Forest Utilisation Officer,  
Working Plan Officer, District  
Forest Officer, Wildlife Warden, Deputy Conservator  
of Forests, Divisional Forest Officer, Assistant  
Conservator of Forests, Forest Protection Squad,  
Forestry Extension Officer, Forest Engineer, Trichy and  
Deputy Directors, as the case may be."

(4) For rule 3-B, the following rules shall be substituted, namely:-

**" 3-B Selection of Foresters, Forest Guards by promotion and recruitment by transfer.-** (i) Selection of Foresters and Forest Guards by promotion and recruitment by transfer shall be made by the Regional Committee, which consists of three or four officers, constituted for the purpose by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for every year. The respective Region falling within the geographical jurisdiction of each territorial circle comprising of various territorial divisions and wildlife units shall be the unit for the above purpose. Separate lists shall be prepared for promotion from posts of Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence, Assistant Draughtsman Forest watchers Malis and recruitment by transfer from among the members of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Services, Tamil Nadu Basic Services in the Forest Department.

(ii) The Selection of Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence, Assistant Draughtsman, Forest Watcher, Mali, members of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service, members of the Tamil Nadu Basic Service in the Forest Department in each region for promotion, or for recruitment by transfer as Foresters or Forest Guards as the case may be, finalised by the Regional Committee concerned. With reference to the recommendation rolls are to be sent by the District Forest Officers, Divisional Forest Officers or Other Unit Officers under whom the Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence, Assistant Draughtsman, Forest, Watchers, Malis, members of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service or, members of the Tamil Nadu Basic Service are working.

(iii) The finalised recommendation rolls shall be sent to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests by the Regional Committee concerned. The Statewide lists so prepared shall be consolidated and be approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and it shall be communicated to the individuals in the consolidated list through the officers under whom they are serving.

**3-C Selection of Forester, Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence and Forest Watcher by direct recruitment.—**Selection of Forester, Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence and Forest Watcher by direct recruitment shall be made by the Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee. The said Committee, every year and as and when need arises, shall publish notification in leading daily newspapers inviting applications from the eligible candidates as per qualification prescribed for that post by following the rule of reservation for the selection of the said posts by direct recruitment to the estimate of vacancies approved by the Government. On receipt of the applications, the same will be scrutinised and finalised according to their eligibility by the said Recruitment Committee. The eligible candidates shall attend physical and endurance tests as prescribed in these rules, followed by written and oral tests. The selection shall be made in the order of physical and endurance tests, written and oral tests. The candidates shall have to qualify themselves at every stage before they move to the next stage. After completion of the selection process, a list of selected candidates shall be approved by the Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee and the candidates in the approved list will be deputed to undergo training. On successful completion of training, they will be allotted to the respective divisions:

Provided that the appointments of Forest Watchers are made from among the eligible members in the Statewide seniority list of Plot Watchers / Village Social Forestry Workers. Selection of Forest Watchers by direct recruitment shall be made by the Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee as detailed above after the Statewide seniority list of Plot Watchers / Village Social Forestry Workers is exhausted.

**3-D Physical standards and Endurance test.-** No person shall be eligible for the selection by direct recruitment or recruitment by transfer from the members of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service or the Tamil Nadu Basic Service and by promotion from among the holders of the posts of Assistant Draughtsman, Forester, Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence, Forest Watchers and Malis in the Forest Department unless he possesses the physical standards and passed the endurance test as specified below:-

**(a) Physical Standards.-**

	Height (cms)	Chest (cms) Normal Expansion	
Male Candidates	163	79	5
Female Candidates	150	79	5.

Provided that in respect of candidates belonging to the Jungle Tribes specified in the Annexure to these Rules, and Scheduled Tribes defined in clause (17) of rule 2 of the Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Services Rules, the following shall be the minimum height standards ,-

Male Candidates 152 Cms.  
Female Candidates 145 Cms.:

Provided further that the persons in the State Level Seniority List of Social Forestry Workers and Plot Watchers with a height of below 163 cms shall also be eligible for appointment as Mali.

**(b) Endurance test.-** The candidates must successfully undergo a walking test covering the following distance in four hours:-

Male Candidates - 25 Kms.  
Female Candidates - 16 Kms.:

Provided that in respect of direct recruitment candidates selected by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee, they have to undergo a walking test which will be conducted by the above said Committee. In respect of recruitment by transfer from the members of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service, Tamil Nadu Basic Service and by promotion from among the holders of the post of Assistant Draughtsman, the Regional Committee will conduct the test and a certificate to this effect must be produced from a Gazetted Forest Officer nominated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for the purpose.

(c) The direct recruitment candidate must satisfy a Medical Board in Chennai as to his / her physical fitness and capacity for rough outdoor work in the Forest Department.” ;

(5) in rule 4,—

(i) in the first proviso to sub-rule (a), for the expression “Forest Guard”, the expression “Forest Guard or Forest Guard with Driving Licence” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (b),—

(a) in clause (ii), for the expression, “Forest Guard”, the expression “Forest Guard, Forest Guard with Driving License and Forest Watcher” shall be substituted;

(b) in clause (iv), for the expression “Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes”, the expression “Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes” shall be substituted;

(6) in the Table under rule 5,—

(i) in column (3), against the category “Forester” in column (1) and the entry “Direct recruitment” in column (2) thereof, for the entry “(a) A Bachelors’ Degree”, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a) A Bachelor’s Degree in Science or Engineering in any one of the following subjects of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission:—

- (1) Agriculture
- (2) Animal Husbandry
- (3) Botany
- (4) Chemistry
- (5) Computer Applications / Computer Science
- (6) Engineering (All Engineering subjects including Agricultural Engineering)
- (7) Environmental Science
- (8) Forestry

- (9) Geology
- (10) Horticulture
- (11) Marine Biology
- (12) Mathematics
- (13) Physics
- (14) Statistics
- (15) Veterinary Science
- (16) Wildlife Biology
- (17) Zoology

(ii) against the entry "Foresters" in column (1), for the entry "Promotion of Forest Guard" in column (2) and the corresponding entries in item (a) in column (3) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:—

"Promotion of Forest Guards or Forest Guard with Driving Licence	(a)	Must possess the Minimum General Educational qualification specified in the Schedule to the General Rules and must have rendered satisfactory service in the cadre of Forest Guard or Forest Guard with Driving License, as the case may be, for a period of not less than eight years.";
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(iii) against the entry "Forest Guard" in column (1), after the entry "(ii) Promotion of Forest Watchers" in column (2) and the corresponding entries in column (3) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:-

"(ii-a) Promotion of Malis	Must possess the physical qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment to the category of Forest Watchers" ;
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(iv) after the entries "Forest Guard" in column (1) and the corresponding entries in columns (2) and (3) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:-

"Forest Guard with Driving Licence	Direct recruitment	(i) A pass in Higher Secondary Course. (plus two) with Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Zoology or Botany as one of the subjects;
		(ii) Must possess a valid driving licence issued by the Competent Transport Authority;
		(iii) Must possess a certificate from a reputed firm or company to the effect that the candidate possess experience in driving of Light Motor Vehicles / Heavy Motor Vehicles for a period of not less than three years after getting the driving licence;
		(iv) Must possess basic knowledge about the general mechanism of automobiles;
		(v) Must possess first aid certificate issued by the recognized organization in Tamil Nadu; and
		(vi) Must be certified to possess the visual standard specified below without glasses.

	Right Eye	Left Eye
(1) Distant Vision	6/6	6/6
Near Vision	0.5	0.5
		(Snellen)

- (2) Each eye must have full field of vision
- (3) Colour blindness, squint or any morbid condition of the eyes or lies of either eye shall be deemed to be a disqualification
- (4) Lasik / Laser Surgery / Excimer Laser Surgery underwent by the candidate is either of the eye shall be deemed

to be a disqualification

(5) A certificate from the District Government Head Quarter Hospital should be obtain to effect that the vision of the candidates conforms in the above standard

(v) against the entry "Forest Apprentices" in column (1) and the entry "Direct recruitment" in column (2), for the entries in item (1) in column (3) thereof, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) Among the vacancies earmarked for direct recruitment 25% of the vacancies shall be filled up by the candidates who possess a Bachelor's degree in Forestry or its equivalent degree in any University recognised by the University Grants Commission and the remaining 75% of the vacancies shall be filled up by the candidates who possess a Bachelor's degree in any University recognised by the University Grants Commission in anyone of the following subjects:—

- (1) Agriculture
- (2) Animal Husbandry
- (3) Botany
- (4) Chemistry
- (5) Computer Applications / Computer Science
- (6) Engineering (All Engineering subjects including Agricultural Engineering)
- (7) Environmental Science
- (8) Geology
- (9) Horticulture
- (10) Marine Biology
- (11) Mathematics
- (12) Physics
- (13) Statistics
- (14) Veterinary Science
- (15) Wildlife Biology
- (16) Zoology.";

(7) in rule 7, for the expression, "Forest Guards" occurred in two places, the expression "Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence" shall be substituted;

(8) in the first proviso to rule 8, for the expression "Forest Guard ", the expression "Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence" shall be substituted;

(9) in rule 13, for the expression, "Forest Guards", the expression "Forest Guards, Forest Guard with Driving Licence" shall be substituted.

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