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Amendments to the Special Rules of the Madras High Court Service Rules

(R.O.C.No.9A/2015/ Rule Amendment Cell)

No. SRO C-23/2015.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 229 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of India and of all other powers connected thereto, the Hon'ble The Chief Justice is pleased to make the following amendments to the Madras High Court Service Rules:

AMENDMENT-I

In Rule 1, the sub-rule '(g)A' shall be read as '(ga)'.

AMENDMENT-II

In Rule 1, after the existing entries in sub-rule '(ga)', the following entries shall be added as '(gb)':

"Any Other Law Degree" means: "A degree of Bachelor of Academic Law (Three years), which is not recognized by the Bar Council of India for admission as an Advocate or Attorney, conferred by any Recognised University in India, pursued after obtaining any Bachelor Degree in Science, Arts, Commerce, Engineering, Medicine, or any other discipline of a Recognised University in Indian Union, in 10+2+3 or 11+1+3 pattern along with a qualification in the Civil and Criminal Judicial Tests Parts-I, II and III for members of the Judicial Department conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission."

AMENDMENT-III

In Rule-3, the existing entries under heading 'Division-I (Gazetted Posts)', shall be substituted by the following entries:

"Category-I:

- (a) Registrar General
- (b) Registrar (Vigilance)
- (c) Registrar (Judicial)
- (d) Additional Registrar (Vigilance)
- (e) Registrar (Administration)
- (f) Registrar (Management)
- (g) Registrar-cum-Private Secretary to the Hon'ble

The Chief Justice

- A: Chief Editor, Tamil Law Journal
- B: Official Assignee

"Category-2: Master

- A: (a) Joint Registrar (Computer)
 - (b) Joint Registrar-cum-Special Officer (Liaisoning)
 - (c) Joint Registrar (Protocol)
 - (d) Joint Registrar (RTI Act)

"Category-3:

- (a) Deputy Registrar (A.S.)
- (b) Deputy Registrar (Judicial)
- (c) Deputy Registrar (O.S.)
- (d) Deputy Registrar (Accounts)

(Prl. Seat and Madurai Bench)

(Prl. Seat and Madurai Bench)

(e) Deputy Registrar-*cum*-Additional Private Secretary to the Hon'ble The Chiief Justice (Prl. Seat and Madurai Bench)

(Prl. Seat and Madurai Bench)

(f) Deputy Registrar (Per.Admn.)	
(g) Deputy Registrar (Admn.)	(Madurai Bench)
(h) Deputy Registrar (Lok Adalat)	
 (i) Deputy Registrar (Lok Adalat/Mediation and Conciliation Centre) 	(Madurai Bench)
(j) Deputy Registrar (Grouping)	
(k) Deputy Registrar (Writs)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(I) Deputy Registrar (Records)	
(m) Deputy Registrar (Crl.Side)	
(n) Deputy Registrar (Admn-I)	
(o) Deputy Registrar (Admn-II)	
Category 4:	
A: Associate Editor, Tamil Law Journal	
B: Deputy Official Assignee	
Category 5:	
(a) Assistant Registrar (Pondy)	
(b) Assistant Registrar (A.E.)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(c) Assistant Registrar (C.O.)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(d) Assistant Registrar (O.SI)	
(e) Assistant Registrar (O.SII)	
(f) Assistant Registrar (Crl.Side)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(g) Assistant Registrar (AdmnI)	
(h) Assistant Registrar (T&P)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(i) Assistant Registrar (Records)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(j) Assistant Registrar (Rules)	
(k) Assistant Registrar (Protocol)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(I) Assistant Registrar (Writs)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(m) Assistant Registrar (Admn.II)	
(n) Assistant Registrar (A.S.)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(o) Assistant Registrar (Mediation and Conciliation Centre)	
(p) Assistant Registrar (Per.Admn.)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(q) Assistant Registrar (C.S.II)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(r) Assistant Registrar (C.S.III)	
(s) Assistant Registrar (C.S.IV)	
(t) Assistant Registrar (C.S.V)	
(u) Assistant Registrar (Computer)	
(v) Assistant Registrar (J Section)	
(w) Assistant Registrar (Lok Adalat)	
(x) Assistant Registrar (RTI Act)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)
(y) Assistant Registrar (Admn.)	(Madurai Bench)
(z) Assistant Registrar (Admn-III)	

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(aa) Assistant Registrar (C.SVI)			
(ab) Assistant Registrar (C.SVII)			
(ac) Assistant Registrar (CCC)			
(ad) Assistant Registrar (C.SI)	(Madurai Bench)		
A Chief Accounts Officer			
Category-6:			
(a) Sub Assistant Registrar (AdmnI)			
(b) Sub Assistant Registrar (Statistics)			
(c) Sub Assistant Registrar (Accounts)			
(d) Sub Assistant Registrar (A.S.)			
(e) Sub Assistant Registrar (O.SI)			
(f) Sub Assistant Registrar (T&P)			
(g) Sub Assistant Registrar (C.OI)			
(h) Sub Assistant Registrar (C.OII)			
(i) Sub Assistant Registrar (AdmnII)			
(j) Sub Assistant Registrar (A.E.)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)		
(k) Sub Assistant Registrar (Estt.)			
(I) Sub Assistant Registrar (Writs)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)		
(m) Sub Assistant Registrar (COFEPOSA)			
(n) Sub Assistant Registrar (C.S.I)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)		
(o) Sub Assistant Registrar (C.S.II)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)		
(p) Sub Assistant Registrar (Admn.)	(Madurai Bench)		
(q) Sub Assistant Registrar (Judl.)	(Madurai Bench)		
(r) Sub Assistant Registrar (C.O)	(Madurai Bench)		
(s) Sub Assistant Registrar (P.AI)			
(t) Sub Assistant Registrar (P.AII)			
(u) Sub Assistant Registrar (P.A. Section)	(Madurai Bench)		
(v) Sub Assistant Registrar (Admn-III)			
(w) Sub Assistant Registrar (O.SII)			
(x) Sub Assistant Registrar (Crl.Side)			
(y) Sub Assistant Registrar (Records)			
(z) Sub Assistant Registrar (C.SIII)	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)		
(aa) Sub Assistant Registrar (Liaisoning)	(Madurai Bench)		
A: (a) Assistant Editor-I, Tamil Law Journal			
(b) Assistant Editor-II, Tamil Law Journal			
B: Sub Assistant Registrar (Insolvents, Accounts)			
C: Librarian	(Prl.Seat and Madurai Bench)		
D: Accounts Officer	(Madurai Bench)		

Amendment-IV

The existing entries in Rule 6(b) shall be substituted by the following entries:

"(b) (1) No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service in categories-1 to 5 of Division-I, unless he-

(i) is an Advocate or Attorney **OR** is duly qualified for admission as an Advocate or Attorney of the High Court *i.e.* holding of a 'Law Degree', as defined under Rule 1(ga),

OR

(ii) holds "Any Other Law Degree", as defined under Rule I(gb).

Provided the persons holding a "Law Degree" as defined under Rule 1 (ga) **ALONE** be eligible to hold the following posts in categories 1 to 5 of Division-I:

(i) Registrar General [Category 1(a)]

(ii) Registrar (Vigilance)[Category 1(b)]

(iii) Registrar (Judicial) [Category 1(c)]

(iv) Additional Registrar (Vigilance) [Category 1 (d)]

(v) Registrar (Administration) [Category 1(e)]

(vi) Chief Editor, Tamil Law Journal [Category 1A]

(vii) Official Assignee [Category 1B]

(viii) Master [Category 2]

(ix) Deputy Registrar (A.S.) [Category 3 (a)]

(x) Deputy Registrar (Judicial) [Category 3 (b)]

(xi) Deputy Registrar (O.S.) [Category 3(c)]

(xii) Associate Editor, Tamil Law Journal [Category 4A]

(xiii) Deputy Official Assignee [Category 4B]

(xiv) Assistant Registrar (O.S.-I) [Category 5(d)]

(xv) Assistant Registrar (O.S.-II) [Category 5(e)]

(xvi) Assistant Registrar (A.S.) [Category 5 (n)]

(2) (i) No Member of the service shall be eligible for promotion to category 6 of Division-I *viz.* Sub Assistant Registrar, unless he/she possesses any Bachelor Degree in Science, Arts, Commerce, Engineering, Medicine, or any other discipline of a Recogniosed University, in the Indian Union, in 10+2+3 or 11+1+3 pattern and unless he is qualified in the Civil and Criminal Judicial Tests, Parts I, II and III for members of the Judicial Department, the Translation Tests and the Account Test for Subordinate Officers, Part-I conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

(ii) No member of the service shall be eligible for promotion/to hold the posts in Category 6(s), (t) and (u) of Division-I *viz*. Sub Assistant Registrar (P.A.-I) (PrI.Seat); Sub Assistant Registrar (P.A.-II) (PrI.Seat) and Sub Assistant Registrar (P.A. Section) (Madurai Bench) respectively, unless he/she has passed the Government Technical Examination in Shorthand and Typewriting in English by the Higher Grade, in additon to possessing the qualifications, prescribed in Rule 6(b)(2)(i) above.

(3) No person shall be eligible for appointment to Category 6A of Division-I *viz*. Assistant Editor, Tamil Law Journal unless he/she holds a 'Law Degree' as defined under Rule 1(ga) and possess sufficient experience in Translation of Acts, Rules, Notifications and Judgments, *for* not less than two years.

(4) No person shall be eligible for appointment to category 6B of Division-I *viz.*. Sub-Assistant Registrar (Insolvents, Accounts), unless he/she is qualified either in "Law Degree" as defined under Rule 1(ga) or "Any Other Law Degree", as defined under Rule 1(gb) and Chartered Accountant Examination (either Intermediate or Final) or B.Com., along with a pass in the other Departmental Tests *viz.*, Translation Tests and Account Test for Subordinate Officers-Part I, conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

(5) No person shall be eligible for appointment to category 6C of Division-I, *viz.*, Librarian unless he/she possesses any Bachelor Degree in Science, Arts, Commerce, Engineering, Medicine, or any other discipline of a Recognised University, in the Indian Union, in 10+2+3 or 11+1+3 pattern and a Bachelors Degree in Library Science of a Recognised University, in the Indian Union, and also qualified in the Civil and criminal Judicial Tests, Parts I, II and III for members of the Judicial Department, the Translation Tests and the Account Test for Subordinate Officers, Part-I conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. The method of appointment, by direct recruitment, shall be as prescribed in the Annexure to these Rules.

Amendment-V

Rule 7(a)(1)(ii) stands deleted. Consequently, Rule 7 (a) 1(i) shall be numbered as 7(a)(1)

AMENDMENT-VI

In **Rule 14-Promotion**, the existing entries beginning with 'Promotion to any of the categories 1 to 5 of Division-I' and ending with 'Promotion to Category 7 in Division-I shall be from category 4 of Division-II', shall be subsituted by the following entries:

1. (a) Promotion to posts in Category-1 of Division-I, except the posts of Registrar General [category 1(a)], Registrar (Vigilance) [Category 1(b)]; Registrar (Judicial) [Category 1(c)] and Additional Registrar (Vigilance) [Category 1(d)], shall be from Category 2A of Division-I (Joint Registrar).

The posts of Registrar General, Registrar (Vigilance), Registrar (Judicial) and Additional Registrar (Vigilance) *i.e.* Categories 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) of Division-I respectively, shall be filled up from the senior most District Judges / District Judges.

(b) The post in Category-1A of Division-I viz. Chief Editor, Tamil Law Journal, shall be filled up from the senior most District Judges/District Judges.

(c) Promotion to the post in Category 1B of Divison-I viz. Official Assignee, shall be from Category-2A of Division-I (Joint Registrar).

2. (a) The post in Category 2 of Division-I, *viz*. Master shall be filled up from the Judicial Officers in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge.

(b) Promotin to posts in Category-2A (Joint Registrar) shall be from Category-3 of Division-I viz. Deputy Registrar.

3. Promotion to posts in Category-3 of Division-I (Deputy Registrar) shall be from Category-5 of Division-I *viz.* Assistant Registrar.

4. The posts in Categories 4A and 4B of Division-I *viz*. Associate Editor, Tamil Law Journal and Deputy Offficial Assignee, respectively, shall be filled up from the Judicial Officers in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge.

5. (a) Promotion to posts in Category-5 of Division-I (Assistant Registrar) shall be from Category-6 of Division-I *viz*, Sub Assistant Registrar.

Provided that members of merit and ability in Category 6B of Division-I viz. Sub Assistant Registrar (Insolvents, Accounts) and Category 6C of Division-I viz. Librarian may also be considered.

Provided further that if no eligible persons are avilable in Categories 6, 6B and 6C of Division-I *viz.*, Sub Assistant Registrar, Sub Assistant Registrar (Insolvents, Accounts) and Librarian respectively, possessing qualification, as prescribed in Rule 6(b) for promotion to Category-5 of Division-I *viz.* Assistant Registrar, the eligible candidates from Category-3 of Division-II *viz.* Court Officer/Section Officer/Appeal Examiner and Category-4 of Division-II *viz.* Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Judges, possessing such qualifications as prescribed in Rule 6(b) for Promotion to Category-5 of Division-I *viz.* Assistant Registrar, may be promoted to Category-5 of Division-I *viz.* Assistant Registrar in the ratio of **2:1** respectively *i.e.* from out of every three vacant posts, two posts shall be filled up with Court Officer/Section Officer/Appeal Examiner and one post shall be filled up with Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Secretary to Hon'ble Secretary to Hon'ble Secretary to Hon'bl

(b) The post in Category-5A of Division-I *viz*. Chief Accounts Officer, shall be filled up from Class-II Officer of Tamil Nadu State Treasury and Accounts Service, on deputation basis.

6. (a) Promotion to posts in Category-6 of Division-I *viz*. Sub Assistant Registrar, shall be from Category-3 of Division-II *viz*. Court Officer/Section Officer /Appeal Examiner and Category-4 of Division-II *viz*. Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Judges in the ratio of 2:1 respectively *i.e.* from out of every three vacant posts, two posts shall be filled up with Court Officer/Section Officer/Appeal Examiner and one post shall be filled up with Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Ju

Provided that members of merit and ability in Category-2 of Division-II viz. Interpreter may also be considered.

(b) The Posts in Category-6A of Division-I *viz.* Assistant Editor, Tamil Law Journal, shall be filled up from the Judicial Officers in the cadre of Civil Judge.

(c) Promotion to Category-6B of Division-I *viz.*, Sub Assistant Registrar (Insolvents, Account) shall be from Category-3 of Division-II *viz*, Court Officer/Section Officer/Appeal Examiner; Category 4 of Division-II *viz* Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges/Personal Assistant to the Hon''ble Judges and Category-2 of Division-II *viz*, Interpreter.

(d) Promotion to Category-6C of Division-I *viz*, Librarian shall be from Category-3 of Division-II *viz*. Court Officer/Section Officer / Appeal Examiner; Category-4 of Division-II *viz*, Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges / Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges / Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Judges; Category-2 of Division-II *viz*. Interpreter and Category-4A of Division-II *viz* Private Secretary to the Registrar-General.

The ratio of 2:1 shall be adopted while making promotion to Category-6C of Division-I *viz*. Librarian among the categories 3 and 4 of Division-II *viz*. Court Officer / Section Officer / Appeal Examiner and Senior Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges / Private Secretary to Hon'ble Judges / Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Judges respectively.

(e) The post in category 6D of Division-I *viz.*, Accounts Officer (Madurai Bench) shall be filled up from Class-III Officer of Tamil Nadu State Treasury and Accounts Service, on deputation basis.

The above amendments shall come into force with effect from 29-07-2015

High Court, Madras, 29 July 2015.

P. KALAIYARASAN, Registrar General.