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FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 26th February, 2021

No.4295—FE-FE3-FE-0115/2019/FE.— In exercise of the power conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Odisha is pleased to make the following rules to amend the Odisha Subordinate Forest Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Forest Guards) Rules, 2018, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Subordinate Forest Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Forest Guards) Amendment Rules, 2020.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Subordinate Forest Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Forest Guards) Rules, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 2, after clause (p), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(q) 'Persons with Disabilities (PWD)' means persons who have been granted with Certificate of disability issued by a Competent Certifying Authority as per provisions of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act., 2016 (49 of 2016)".

3. In the said rules, in rule 6, after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:—

"(4) Since the post of Forest Guard is Division cadre post, applicants should indicate their choice of Divisions in order of preference at the time of filing application.

(5) There shall be conducted a Written Test carrying (100 marks) first to shortlist the numbers of successful candidates in the ratio of 1:3 and the candidates shall be subjected to physical standard Test as prescribed under sub-rule (6):

Provided that while deciding the syllabus of written test, the Commission shall decide minimum qualifying marks subject wise and/ or in aggregate.

(6) Physical Standard- (i) The minimum physical standard of candidates of different categories is as follows:—

Category of Candidate		Minimum Height (in cm)	Minimum Chest (in cm)	
			Un-expanded	Expanded
Men	UR/SEBC/SC	168	81	up to 5 cm
	ST	158	81	up to 5 cm
Women	UR/SEBC/SC/ST	153	-	-

Provided that candidate having colour blindness shall be deemed to be a disqualification.

(ii) If a candidate does not qualify in any of the physical standard i.e. (height and chest) as specified under clause (i) he or she shall not be allowed to participate in further recruitment process.

(iii) Physical standard measurement shall also be conducted by the Selection Board.

(7) Physical Efficiency Test- The candidates who have successfully qualified in the Physical Standard Test, they shall be called for the following Physical Efficiency Test, which is qualifying in nature, namely:—

(i) Male Candidate:

Walking Test – Qualifying distance 25 Kms. in 4 hours.

(ii) Female Candidate:

Walking Test – Qualifying distance 16 Kms. in 4 hours."

4. In the said rule, in rule 7, for sub-rule (4), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

be falling in the functional classification of (i) OL(MNR)- One leg affected (mobility not restricted) (ii) OSCD- Only skin covered disfigurement (iii) MNR- mobility not restricted, subject to fulfillment of below listed physical requirements.

(i) W- work performed by walking

(ii) L- work performed by lifting

(iii) KC- work performed by kneeling and crawling

(iv) SE- work performed by seeing

(v) H- work performed by hearing/speaking,

if he is a PwD candidate under the categories as mentioned under rule 5(c).

5. In the said rule, in rule-9, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that the Collector and Divisional Forest Officer may nominate their nominees for the scrutiny of the eligibility criteria and conduct of tests but the ultimate recommendation to the Commission shall be made by the Committee in its meeting:

Provided further that an officer, not below the rank of Assistant Conservator of Forests, be nominated to represent the Divisional Forest Officer in the Selection Board”.

6. In the said rule, the rule 10 shall be omitted.

7. In the said rule, in rule 11, for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rules shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Commission shall prepare select list of successful candidates on the basis of total marks secured in the Written Test Division wise separately.

(1-a) The list shall contain the names of the successful candidates equal to the number of vacancies and the list so prepared under sub-rule (1) after being approved by the Appointing Authority shall form the ‘select list’.”

8. In the said rule, the rule 13 shall be omitted.

9. In the said rule, in rule 14,—

(i) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(c) He/she shall have the minimum physical standard as prescribed in rule-6 (6)”; and

(ii) for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) He/she shall not be Persons with Disabilities as mentioned in rule- 5(c)”.

By Order of the Governor

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