

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Dated the

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In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of the Odisha Forest Service, Class-1 Recruitment Rules, 1980; except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Governor of Odisha hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment and conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Odisha Forest Service, Group-A, (Senior) namely:-

PART - I

GENERAL

1. **Short title and commencement:** - (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Forest Service Group-A (Senior) (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2015.

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

2. **Definitions:** - (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

- (a) "Board" means the Selection Board constituted under rule 6;
- (b) "Commission" means the Odisha Public Service Commission;
- (c) "Government" means the Government of Odisha;
- (d) "Probationer" means a member of the service appointed on probation;
- (e) "Select list" means the list finally approved by Government under rule 9;
- (f) "Service" means the Odisha Forest Service/Group-A, Senior; and
- (g) "Year" means the calendar year.

(2) All other words and expressions used in these rules but not specifically defined shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in the Odisha Service Code.

3. **Constitution of the Service** - The Service shall consist of the following posts, namely:-

- (a) Group 'A' (Senior Branch)
- (b) Supertime Scale
- (c) Superior Administrative Grade

PART - II

METHOD OF RECRUITMENT

4. **Methods of recruitment:** -- Subject to other provisions made in these rules, the recruitment to the posts in the Service shall be made by promotion in accordance with these rules.

5. **Eligibility criteria :-** (1) No Officer shall be eligible for promotion to the post in Group-A (Senior Branch) of the service unless he or she has completed five years of continuous service in the grade of Odisha Forest Service Group 'A' (Junior Branch) as on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Board meets.

(2) Appointment to Supertime Scale in the service shall be made on promotion from amongst the officers who have completed two years of service in Odisha Forest Service Group 'A' (Senior Branch) as on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Board meets.

(3) Appointment to Superior Administrative Grade in the service shall be made on promotion from amongst the officers who have completed one year of service in Odisha Forest Service (Supertime Scale), as on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Board meets.

PART-III

PROMOTION

6. **Constitution of Selection Board:-** (1)(a) There shall be constituted a Selection Board for selection of eligible officers for promotion to Superior Administrative Grade in the Service with the following members, namely:-

(a) Chief Secretary

Chairman

- (b) Secretary, Forest and Environment Member
 - (c) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha & the Head of Forest Force Member
 - (d) Senior Most Principal Chief Conservator of Forests other than Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Head of Forest Force Member
- Additional, Joint or Deputy Secretary, Forest and Environment Department in charge of concerned Establishment shall function as Secretary of the Selection Board.

(b) There shall be constituted a selection Board consisting of the following members for selection of eligible officers for promotion to the Senior Branch and Super Time Scale; namely:-

- (a) Secretary to Government in Forest and Environment Department Chairman
- (b) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha Member
- (c) Senior Most Indian Forest Service Officer other than Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Head of Forest Force Member

Additional, Joint or Deputy Secretary, Forest and Environment Department in charge of concerned Establishment shall function as Secretary of the Selection Board.

(2) The recommendation of the Board shall be valid and can be acted upon notwithstanding the absence of any one or more of its members other than the Chairman:

Provided that the member or members so absenting must have been duly invited to attend the meeting.

7. **Procedure for selection by the Board:-** (1) The Board shall ordinarily meet at least once in a year preferably in the month of January to prepare a list of officers as are held by the Board suitable for promotion to the next higher grade taking into account the existing and anticipated vacancies for the year.

(2) The Board while considering the cases for promotion of suitable officers shall follow the provisions of –

(a) The Odisha Civil Services (Zone of Consideration for Promotion) Rules, 1988.

(b) The Odisha Civil Services (Criteria for Promotion) Rules, 1992; and

(c) The Odisha Civil Services (Criteria for Selection for appointment including Promotion) Rules, 2003:

8. **Consultation with the Commission :-** (1) The recommendations of the Board under sub-rule (2) of rule 6 shall be referred to the Commission along with service particulars in respect of all officers included in the list for its concurrence including those whose cases have not been recommended, being found unsuitable.

(2) The Commission shall consider the lists received along with service particulars and furnish its recommendations to the Government.

9. **Select List:** - (1) The recommendations of the Commission in respect of reference made to under sub-rule (1) of rule 8 shall be considered by Government and the list approved by Government shall form the Select List for appointment to respective grades of the service.

(2) The list referred to under sub-rule (1) shall ordinarily be in force for a period of one year from the date of its approval by Government or until another Select List is prepared afresh, whichever is earlier.

(3) Appointment to any grade in the service shall be in the order in which their names appear in the Select List:

Provided that the Government may, at any time in consultation with the Commission, for grave lapses in conduct or deterioration in standard of performance of duty on the part of any person included in the list remove the name of such persons from the list.

PART – IV

OTHER CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

10. **Inter se seniority:** - The inter se seniority of the officers in different grades shall be fixed in the order in which their names appear in the select list.

Filling up vacancies. - Appointment to the service by promotion shall be made in order in which their names appear in the select list under rule 9.

12. **Probation and Confirmation** : - (1) On appointment against a substantive vacancy, an officer shall be placed on probation for a period of one year, from the date of joining the post.

Provided that Government may, if it thinks fit in any case or class of cases extend the period of probation on the ground of unsatisfactory performance, but in no case it shall be more than a year:

Provided further that such period of probation shall not include the period of,-

(a) Extraordinary leave;

(b) Unauthorized absence; or

(c) Any other period held to be not being on actual duty.

(2) The appointment of a probationer may for good and sufficient reasons to be recorded in writing, be terminated by Government at any time without previous notice during the period of probation including extension of such period, if any, and after such termination, the officer shall deem to be reverted to his or her former grade in the cadre.

(3) On successful completion of probation period an officer shall be eligible for confirmation subject to availability of substantive post in the service.

13. **Other Conditions of Service** .- The conditions of service in regard to matters not covered by these rules shall be the same as are or as may from time to time be prescribed by the Government

PART - V

MISCELLANEOUS

14. **Relaxation**. - whenever it is considered by the Government that it is necessary or expedient to do so in the public interest, it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules in respect of any class or category of officers in consultation with the Commission.

15 Interpretation-If any question arises relating to interpretation of any of the provisions of these rules, the same shall be referred to Government whose decision there on shall be final.

By order of the Governor
(U.N.Behera)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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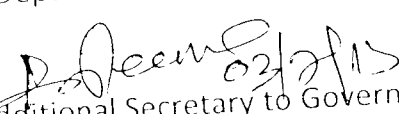
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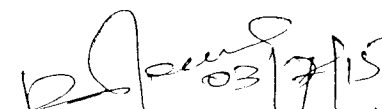
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