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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract.

Public Service - Departmental Tests - Ministerial staff of the Forest Department - Forest Test as an obligatory qualification for promotion of Lower Division Clerks as Upper Division Clerks - Prescribed Orders issued.

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AGRICULTURE (FOREST ESTT.) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. (MS) No. 324/78/AD Trivandrum, dated 13-12-1978

- Read: 1. 1. G.O(P) No. 22 dated 14-1-1968 of Public (Services D) Departments.
2. Correspondence resting with letter No. E3-37666/77 dt 3-9-1977 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. Letter No. A2-(1)24520/76/GW dt. 13-4-1978 from Kerala Public Service Commission.

O R D E R.

In the G.O. read above Government have prescribed unified tests in office procedure and Accountant Test (Lower) for the Ministerial Staff of the different Offices. Accordingly to the G.O., the Lower Division Clerks of the Forest Department should pass a test in Manual of Office Procedure during the period of probation and Account Test (Lower) for confirmation in the Lower Division and ~~the~~ promotion to the Upper Division.

2. The question of prescribing "Forest Test" as an additional obligatory qualification for the Lower Division Clerks of the Forest Department for promotion as Upper Division Clerks has been under consideration of Government. In the letter read as second paper above, the Public Service Commission has concurred with the proposal for introduction of the Forest test for clerical and Protective Staff as an obligatory qualification for promotion of Lower Division Clerks as Upper Division Clerks in the Forest Department.

3. Government are accordingly pleased to order that 'Forest Test' for the clerical and Protective Staff conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission shall hereafter be an obligatory qualification for promotion of Lower Division Clerks as Upper Division Clerks in the Forest Department in addition to Account Test (Lower) subject to the following conditions.

- 1) The Lower Division Clerks should pass this Test within a period of two years from the date of these orders or from the date of their appointment, whichever is later.
- 2) Officers allotted to this state from the former Travancore Cochin State or the erstwhile State of Madras, shall be allowed four years time to pass this Test.
- 3) Penalties for not passing the 'Forest Test' should be held in abeyance in the case of allotted employees during the additional time given under (2) above. In other words, the benefits like increments, promotion should not be withheld merely because an allotted employee had not passed the "Forest Test".

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4) Allotted employees of the age of 45 years or more shall stand exempted from passing this Test and when so exempted they will be eligible for all benefits ~~and~~ equally with the one who has passed the test.

By Order of the Governor,

Sd/-

Joint Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Endt. on E3-37666/77-K-Dis dt. 6-1-1979

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in the section.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

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