

Copy of the letter no. 3-1/64-F dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 1965 from the Under A Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi to all State Forest Department.

Sub:- Physical standards prescribed for the Diploma and Rangers course in forestry- relaxation of the height in favours of certain communities

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I am directed to say that the height prescribed for admission to the Diploma and rangers courses in forestry is 5ft. 4 inches or 163cm. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that a strict application of the prescribed height would cause hardship to candidates belonging to certain tribe's communities whose average height is distinctly lower than that of others. It was also observed that in respect of granting commission in the Army, relaxation from the prescribed height is allowed in favours of candidates from such communities. The matter has been considered by the Central Board of forestry at its meeting held at Ranchi in January 1965. The Board recommended that relaxation respect of height in favour of candidates from the hilly areas may be given on the same lines as for commissions in the Army.

2. The Government of India has accepted the spirit behind the recommendation of the Central Board of forestry and have decided that rule 12 of the Diploma course in Forestry and rule 12 of the Revised rules for rangers course in forestry shall be amended as follows:

For the entries regarding height in both the sets of rules the following entries shall be substituted.

“Height: 1.6256 Meters or 163 cm. (round)”. This minimum height limit is relatable By 5cm, in the case of Gorkha, Nepalese, Assamese, NEFA, Naga, Manipuri, Garhwali, Kumaoni, Sikkimese and Bhutanese candidates.

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Endt. B4-F. Dis 16515 dated 26-6-65.

Copy to all Sub officers, stockfile, personnel Assistant, Administrative Officer and College Rules.

Endt. F.Dis. 12125/65 dated -7-65

Copy to E.1 and E2 sections.

For Conservator of Forests.

