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PART I

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
General Administration (Service D) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(MS) No. 401/78/GAD

Dated, Trivandrum, 23rd August 1978.

S.R.O. No. 839/78 -- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of the Kerala Public Service Act, 1968 (19 of 1968), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules, namely:--

1. Short title and commencement:- (1) These rules may be called the Public Services (Raising of Upper Age Limit for appointment) Rules, 1978.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Raising of upper age limit prescribed for appointment in Public Service-- (1) With effect on and from the commencement of these rules, the Special Rules for the various State Services and Subordinate Service in force such commencement shall stand modified as if the upper age limit prescribed in those Special Rules for eligibility for appointment to posts included in the various services had been raised by five years.

Explanation - For the purpose of this sub rule, upper age limit prescribed in the Special Rules at the commencement of these rules shall where such upper age limit has been modified by the Public Services (Raising of Upper Age Limit for Appointment) Rules, 1972, mean the upper age limit as so modified.

(2) To avoid any possible misapprehension, it is hereby clarified that nothing contained in sub rule (1) shall be deemed to affect the provisions of sub rule (c) of rule 10 of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1978, and accordingly the upper age limit as modified by sub rule (1) of this rule shall be raised as provided in the said sub rule (c) in the case of candidates belonging to any of the Schedule Castes or Scheduled Tribes or other backward classes.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub rules (1) and (2) , the maximum upper age limit for direct recruitment to any post shall in no case exceed 50 years.

By order of the Governor  
Zacharia Mathew,  
Special Secretary.

## **Explanatory Note**

(This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate to general purport.)

In view of the acute problem of unemployment prevailing in the State there has been persistent demand from several quarters, including youth organizations, to enhance the existing upper age limit for recruitment to various posts. After due consideration of these requests, Government have decided that the maximum age limits now prescribed in respect of the various categories of posts, whether by Special Rules or executive order will be uniformly raised by 5 years subject to the usual relaxation allow to backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and subject to the further condition that in no case shall the maximum age limit exceed 50 years. This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

To

All Heads of Departments and Offices.  
All Departments (all sections) of the Secretariat.  
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)  
The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam.  
The Registrar, University of Kerala, Calicut, Cochin.  
The Registrar, Agricultural University, Trichur  
The Advocate General, Ernakulam.  
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board  
The General Manager, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation  
The Secretary to Governor  
The Private Secretaries to Chief Minister and other Ministers.  
The Under Secretary to Chief Secretary.