

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Linguistic Minorities – Recruitment to State Services – Tests in Minority Languages –  
Conducting of – Orders issued

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PUBLIC (RULES) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS).NO.697

Dated 01-09-1965.

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- Read:-
1. G.O.Ms.No.89/PD dated 19-02-1963
  2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, letter No.8/2/65/OL dated 12-08-1965.
  3. From the Public Service Commission letter No.A-13/16870/65 dated 14-07-1965.

**ORDER**

As a measure of safeguards to the Linguistic Minorities in this State, Government in G.O.Ms.No.89/Public (O&M) dated 19-02-1963 have ordered that whenever Recruitment tests are conducted by the Public Service Commission in Malayalam, option shall be given to the Tamil and Kannada Linguistic Minorities to take the examination in their respective mother tongue so that they can complete in the examination on a par with the candidates of the majority language.

As the Chief Ministers' Conference held in August 1961 at New Delhi, among other decisions the following decision was taken.

“In recruitment to State Services under the State Governments, Language should not be a bar. Therefore besides the official language of the State, option should be given of using English or Hindi as the medium of examination. A test of proficiency in the State Official Language should be held after selection and before the end of probation”.

Taking into consideration the above decision Government are pleased to order that wherever recruitment Tests are conducted in Malayalam option shall be given to all candidates to take the tests either in Tamil, or in Kannada or in Hindi or in English also. Selected candidates who had taken their tests in the languages other than Malayalam will however, on appointment be allowed to complete their probation only after passing a

language test in Malayalam. Within the period of probation and if any such person fails to pass the test within that period of extended period of probation, he will be liable to be discharged from service, as provided in General Rule 19(b). Orders regarding the standard to be fixed for the language test in Malayalam and the time limit for passing the language test will be issued separately.

By Order of the Governor,

R. Ravi Varma,  
Asst. Secretary.

To

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)

Endt. On E4-29759/65 (F.Dis) dated

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