

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Abstract**

Establishment – P.W.D – Engineering Staff of the Forest Department transferred to the P.W.D. – Exemption from the Forest Test – Absorption of Surveyors as Overseers – Grade IT – Offers issued

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Public Works Department (Establishment – A)

**G.O.Rt. 1396**

**Dated, Trivandrum 26-6-1963**  
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- Read:**
1. G.O. (MS)783/59/Ag. Dated 1-8-1959
  2. Letter no. E1. 12543/60 dated 18-5-1961 from the Chief Conservator of Forests
  3. Letter no. E.L.D./6164/59 dated 8-8-61 from the Chief Engineer, General & Projects

O R D E R

The Chief Conservator of Forests in his letter cited has reports that the Engineering staff of the Forest Department whose lien has been shifted to the P.W.D. in the G.O. first cited are not getting the same benefits as their counter-parts in the P.W.D. The technical staff of the Forest Department transferred to the regular establishment of the P.W.D. being divided into three categories namely, Draftsmen/Overseers, Surveyors and Junior Engineers/Supervisors. Of these Categorized Draftsmen/Overseers and Surveyors have to pass the Departmental Test of the Forest Department for drawing increments while the Draftsmen/Overseers in the P.W.D need not pass any similar test for earning – their increments. Test Junior Engineers have to pass both the Public Works Departments. The Junior Engineers of the Forest Department, has therefore, recommended that the Engineering staff of the Forests Department transferred to the Public Works Department may be exempted from passing the Departmental test of the Forest Department for earning their increments.

2. The Chief Engineer, General and Projects who was consulted in the proposal has reported that there is no category as Surveyor in the Public Works Department. He has, therefore, suggested that the Surveyors transferred from the Forest Department may be redesigned absorbed as Overseers/Craftsmen, Grade II

3. Government have examined the matter in consultation with the Public Service Commission. As the Public Works Department Staff working in other Departments area not expected to pass the Departmental Test of the concerned Department it is not necessary that the Engineering staff whose lien has been shifted to the Public Works Departments should pass the Departmental Test of the Forest Grade II and the Surveyors are almost fanatical; but, the pay scale of the Surveyors is Rs. 40-120 while that of the craftsmen/ Overseers, Grade II is Rs. 50-150. Even though the pay scale of

the Surveyors is Rs. 40-120, those who pass the Higher Survey Test are eligible for the Scale of Rs. 50-150. In the circumstances, .. are please to issue the following orders is the matter.

- 1) The Engineering staff of the Forest Department transferred to the Public Works Department will be exempted from passing the Departmental Test of the Forest Department for earning their increments.
- 2) Those Surveyors of the Forest Department transferred to the public Works Department who have passed the higher Survey Test (Survey and Leveling (Higher) and the by eligible for higher scale of pay of Rs. 50-150(Set G.O.No. 150/Fin dated 23-6-58 will be redesigned absorbed as Draftsmen/Overseers Grade It in the Public Works Departments)
- 3) Those Surveyors are wing the scale pf pay of Rs. 40-120 will also be absorbed as Craftsmen/Overseers Grade II as will when they pass the Higher Survey Test ant becomes eligible for higher scale. Till then they will continue as Surveyors as at present.

(By order of the Governor)  
K. Rajagopalan, Assistant Secretary

Ends. On E1.12543/60 D.Dis dated 4-7-1963

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Endt on E.13169/63 dated 10-7-1963

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For Conservator of Forests