

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**  
**ABSTRACT**

Linguistic Minorities – safeguards for-Qualification in minority  
Language declared essential for promotion to executive posts in  
Linguistic minorities' areas- orders- clarification issued.

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**Public (Rules) Department**

*G.O.MS.No. 375/69/PD*

*Dated, Trivandrum 18-12-1969*

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Read:- 1. G.O.MS. 506/62/PD dated 3-10-1962  
2. G.O MS. 344/63/PD dated 27-7-1963  
3. G.O.MS. 591/65/PD dated 30-8-1965.

**Order**

In the G.O read as first paper above, Government have ordered that in linguistic minorities' areas officers possessing the requisite language qualification will be considered for promotion to the following categories of post even though such offers may not be eligible for promotion in the order of seniority.

1. All Revenue officers of and above the level of Tahsildars.
2. All Police officers of and above the level of Circle Inspector of Police.
3. All executive officers of and above the level of Assistant Educational Officers (excluding Head Masters) of the Education Department and,
4. All gazetted executive Officers of other departments.

In the G.O reads as second paper, the above orders have been extended to the lower executive posts of all the Departments. In the G.O third cited the provisions of the G.O dated 3-10-1962 have been extended to the Heads of Departments High schools situated in linguistic minorities areas. But no specific qualifications in minority language has been prescribed for the various categories of executive officers referred to above. IN G.O MS.No. 290/68/PD dated 12-9-1968 Government have prescribed a compulsory language test in minority language for all gazetted and non-gazetted officers ( other than Tamilians and Kannadas) working in linguistic minority areas. A special; language allowance of 20% of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs.25/- p.m has also been sanctioned to such of the officers who qualify in the test. Government are pleased to

order that a pass in the above test conducted by the Public service commission will be the required qualification in minority language for the purpose of the Government orders read above.

*By order of the Governor,*

**C.P. Ramakrishna Pillai**  
*Joint secretary.*

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