



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department-Establishment-Inclusion of the post of Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver in Forest Department in Kerala Forest Subordinate Service -Sanctioned - Orders issued.

FOREST AND WILDLIFE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Ms) No. 77/2012/F&WLD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 16.07.2012

Read: 1. G.O.(P) No:652/62/PD dated, 29.11.1962
2. G.O.(P) No.60/2010/F&WLD dated, 30.08.2010
3. Letter No.E4-20033/2010 dated, 25.11.2010 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force and Letter No.E4-28451/92 dated, 20.12.2011.

ORDER

In the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules 2010 issued as per the Government Order read as 2nd paper above, Forest Drivers and Forest Boat Drivers of the Forest Department were not included in the categories of officers mentioned therein. These officers will have to participate actively in risky Forest Protection activities such as gang raids, nabbing of forest offenders and wild life poachers, recovery of valuable forest produce involved in forest and wild life offences and in massive encroachment eviction drives. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests as per his letter read as 3rd paper above has forwarded a proposal to enlarge the category of forest officers coming under the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules 2010 as in Police Force by appointing Drivers and Boat Drivers having the same physical efficiency and educational qualification prescribed for that of Forest Guards and requested to include the post of Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver of Forest Department in the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Special Rules 2010.

2. Government have examined the case in detail and are pleased to order the following regarding age, qualification, and method of appointment in respect of Forest Drivers and Forest Boat Drivers of the Forest Department.

(i) Name of Post

Method of Appointment

A. Forest Driver

(a) By direct recruitment.

(b) by transfer from among the eligible members of Depot Watchers, Reserve Watchers and other Last Grade Servants in Kerala Forest Department who have been declared to be an approved probationer.

B. Forest Boat Driver

(a) By direct Recruitment

(b) By transfer from among the eligible Boat Lascar, Boat cleaners and Boat Watchers in Kerala Forest Department who have been declared to be an approved probationer.”;

“**Note (1)** Quota reserved for the methods of appointments under items (a) and (b) against the Category A shall be 90% and 10% and under items (a) and (b) against Category B shall be 70% and 30% respectively. If required number of suitable candidates are not available for appointment under item (b) against Categories A and B, such vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment”.

“**Note (2)** Direct recruitment as well as Appointment by transfer under the item (b) of both categories (A) and (B) shall be made through the Kerala Public Service Commission.

(ii) Qualification

A Forest Driver

By direct Recruitment or
By transfer

(a) SSLC or its equivalent examination recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala.

(b) All candidates must have a valid Motor Driving License endorsed for all types of transport vehicles and experience for not less than 3 years in driving motor vehicles.

(c) All candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81 cms round the chest and

must have an expansion of 5 cms on

full inhalation. Minimum height measurement of SC/ST candidate shall be '160 cm'. But no relaxation in chest expansion of 5 cm shall be allowed for SC/ST candidates.

(d) All candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight, specified for men in the National physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test which are given in the Schedule I to these rule.

(e) All candidates must possess the medical standards specified in Schedule II to these rules.

B Forest Boat Driver By direct recruitment
or By transfer

(a) SSLC or its equivalent examination recognized by Government of India/Government of Kerala

b) All candidates must have a valid Driving License issued by a competent authority to drive motor boat and have experience for not less than 3 years as boat driver.

(c) All candidates must have basic knowledge in motor boat engine mechanism and the ability to carry out minor repairs.

(d) All candidates must be able to swim.

(e) Candidates must not be less than 168 cm in height and 81 cm around the chest and must have a chest expansion of 5 cm on full inhalation. In the case of

SC/ST candidates the minimum height shall be '160 cm'. But no relaxation in chest expansion of 5 cm shall be allowed.

- (f) Candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight specified for men in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test which are given in The Schedule I to these rules.
- (g) All candidates must possess the medical standards specified in Schedule II to these rules.

(iii) Age

No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the post of Category A Forest Driver and category B Forest Boat Driver, if he has not completed 23 years of age for Category A, Forest Driver and 25 years of age for category B, Forest Boat Driver or has completed 35 years of age as on the 1st day of January of the year in which the applications for appointments are invited, with usual relaxation of age limit for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities as provided in Rule 10 (c) of Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958",

(iv) Appointing Authority

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| A Forest Driver | Divisional Forest officer having territorial jurisdiction as designated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. |
| B Forest Boat Driver | Divisional Forest officer having territorial jurisdiction as designated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. |

(v) Training

Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver appointed by direct recruitment shall undergo training for not more than three months in any of the Forest Training School as prescribed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. Forest Driver and Forest Boat Driver who does not complete successfully the training course as prescribed will be terminated and will be discharged from service.

(vi) Probation

If appointed by Direct recruitment or by transfer method for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous service of three years from the date on which he joins duty after successful completion of training.

(vii) Reservation of Appointment

The Rules relating to reservation of appointments under Rule 14 to 17 of Part II KS&SSR, 1958 shall be applied to the appointment by direct recruitment.

Female candidates are not eligible to apply for the above said posts.

Amendments to this effect in Special Rules will be issued separately.

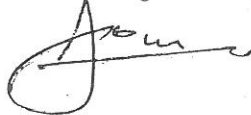
By Order of the Governor

P.K. MOHANTY
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

- ✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force,
Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden,
Thiruvananthapuram
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Administration),
Thiruvananthapuram
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram
The Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Personnel and Administrative (Advice) Reforms Department (vide UO
No.2715/A2/11/P&ARD dated, 16.02.2011)
The Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Rules) Department
SF/OC

Forwarded/ By Order



Section Officer