

**Establishment – Appointment to the post of Forester by transfer from the Ministerial Category – Refixation of the old provisions of the Spl. Rules – Direction issued.**

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**Circular No. 5/98 dt. 24.3.98**

Read:- 1. G.O. (P) No.17/90/F & WLD dated 29-2-1990.  
2. G.O. (MS) No.11/98/F & WLD dated 31-1-1998.

There had been provision in the Kerala Forest Subordinate Service Rules for filling up of 10% vacancies of “Forester” by transfer from Ministerial staff. This provision was dispensed with by an amendment made to the Spl. Rules as per G.O. (P) No.19/90/F & WLD dated 27-2-1990. Now it has been restored by G.O.MS. No.11/98/F & WLD dated 31-1-1998.

Since the special Rules is silent about the method of appointment in respect of ‘appointment by transfer’ there had been litigation on the issue. In order to avoid such situation in future the following guidelines are issued:-

10% of the vacancies arising in the category of Foresters shall be filled up by transfer from the Ministerial category of Upper Division Clerk/Lower Division Clerk who have the educational qualification of a pass in Pre-degree and have put in not less than 5 years service and have not completed 45 years of age with physical standards prescribed for direct recruitment.

The Conservator of Forests will be the appointing authority as in the case of direct recruitment. Every person appointed by transfer shall pass within the prescribed period of probation. Forest test for electrical and protective staff (comprising two papers) viz:-

1. Forest Act and Rules and
2. Forest Code and departmental rules

Every person appointed by transfer from the date on which he joined duty will be on probation for a period of 2 years on duty within a continuous period of 3 years.

The Conservator of Forests of Territorial Circle shall ascertain the willingness of the eligible candidates, prepare a list of qualified hands every year and make by transfer appointments based on the seniority of the application received and according to the availability of vacancies.

The applications are free to exercise ‘option to a particular circle, but are allowed to exercise option to a single circle. If one files option to a circle other than to which the Conservator of Forests shall transmit the application to the Circle concerned without delay and intimate the fact to the party and headquarters. Application received in the headquarters office shall be forwarded to the respective territorial circles for consideration as per the rules and guidelines.

The foresters appointed by transfer from Ministerial Wing shall be governed by the Kerala Forest subordinate service Spl.Rules.

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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (General)

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