



ABSTRACT

Rules - Framing of Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service-Orders Issued.

Agriculture (AAI) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.271

Dated:27.11.2015

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.1474, Agriculture Department, dated 18.5.1970.
 2. G.O.(Ms).No.1063, Agriculture Department, dated 29.5.1980.
 3. G.O.(Ms).No.750, Agriculture Department, dated 18.4.1983.
 4. G.O.(Ms).No.1714, Agriculture Department, dated 5.9.1984.
 5. G.O.(Ms).No.2332, Agriculture Department, dated 23.12.1987.
 6. G.O.(Ms).No.1760, Agriculture Department, dated 10.6.1970.
 7. From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Letter No.2196/RND-A2/09, dated 24.3.10
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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Agricultural Service were last revised and reissued. The posts of Horticulturists (Category 7 under Class V) and Assistant Horticulturists (Category 7 under Class IX) among others, are also covered by these special rules. Consequent on the formation of new Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops in G.O.(Ms).No.1423, Agriculture (ACC II) Department, dated 17.7.1979, among other posts in the Horticulture Wing the posts of Horticulturists and Assistant Horticulturists were also transferred to Horticulture Department. In G.O.Ms.No.1063, Agriculture (AA I) Department dated 29.5.1980, the Government ordered that the posts transferred to Horticulture Department from Agriculture Department be redesignated as Joint Director of Horticulture. Deputy Director of Horticulture, Assistant Director of Horticulture and Horticultural Officer. Subsequently, in G.O.Ms.No.750, Agriculture (AA1) Department dated 18.4.1983, the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Agricultural Services were amended, redesignating the posts of Horticulturist as Deputy Director of Horticulture and Assistant Horticulturist as Assistant Director of Horticulture.

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2) The posts of Joint Director of Horticulture which are permanent one and are governed by Adhoc Rules issued in G.O.(Ms).No.2332, Agriculture Department, dated 23.12.1987.

3) In G.O.(Ms).No.1714, Agriculture Department, dated 5.9.1984, the Government issued orders amending the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Agricultural Sub-ordinate Service for incorporating the post of "Horticultural Officer."

4) Consequent on the formation of new Department of Horticulture, it has become necessary to issue a separate Special Rules Governing all the posts of Joint Director of Horticulture, Deputy Director of Horticulture and Assistant Director of Horticulture and Horticultural Officer and to bring these posts under a new service called "Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service" and accordingly, the Special Commissioner of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has sent proposals to Government, for framing of Special Rules to Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service.

5. This order will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Service (Section. 51 in Volume. II of Tamil Nadu Services Manual, 1970)

The rules hereby made shall come into force on and from 17th July 1979

SPECIAL RULES FOR THE TAMIL NADU HORTICULTURAL SERVICE

I. Constitution.- The service shall consist of the following classes of posts namely:-

Class I. Joint Director of Horticulture.

Class II. Deputy Director of Horticulture.

Class III. Assistant Director of Horticulture.

Class IV. Horticultural Officer.

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2. Appointment.- (a) Appointment to the posts specified in column (1) of the Table below shall be made by the methods specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof:-

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<u>Post.</u> (1)	<u>Method of Appointment.</u> (2)
(1) Joint Director of Horticulture.	By Promotion from among the holders of the post of Deputy Director of Horticulture.
(2) Deputy Director of Horticulture.	By Promotion from among the holders of the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture.
(3) Assistant Director of Horticulture.	(i) By Direct recruitment; or (ii) By Promotion from among the holders of the post of Horticultural Officer: Provided that appointment to the substantive vacancies shall be made by direct recruitment and by promotion in the ratio of 1:3 and shall be filled up in the following order of rotation, namely:- (i) Direct Recruitment. (ii) Promotion. (iii) Promotion. (iv) Promotion.
(4) Horticultural Officer	(i) By Direct Recruitment; or (ii) By Recruitment by transfer from among the holders of the post of Deputy Horticultural Officer in the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Subordinate Service: Provided that appointment to the substantive vacancies shall be made by direct recruitment and by recruitment by transfer in the ratio of 9:1.

(b) The posts included in Classes I and II shall be selection posts and promotions to all posts in the said classes shall be made on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal.

3. Preparation of annual list of approved candidates.- For the purpose of preparation of the annual list of approved candidates for appointment to the posts in the service by promotion and recruitment by transfer, the crucial date on which the candidates should have acquired the prescribed qualification shall be the 1st April of every year.

4. Appointing authority.- The appointing authority for the post in Class I, II and III shall be the Government and the appointing authority for the post in Class IV shall be the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.

5. Reservation of appointments.- The rule relating to reservation of appointments (General Rule 22) shall apply to appointments made by direct recruitment to the post in Class III and Class IV in the service.

6. Qualification.- (a) Age.- No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the posts specified in column (1) of the table below, if he has completed or will complete the age specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, on the first day of July of the Year in which the selection for appointment is made.

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<u>Posts.</u> (1)	<u>Age.</u> (2)
(1) Assistant Director of Horticulture.	30 years.
(2) Horticultural Officer.	30 years: Provided that the age limit shall be 32 years in the case of persons holding a Post-graduate degree or Ph.D. in Horticulture.

(b) Other Qualifications.- (i) No person shall be eligible for appointment to the posts specified in column (1) of the Table under the Annexure to these rules, by the methods specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, unless he possesses the qualifications specified in the corresponding entries in column (3) thereof.

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(ii) Wherever service for any specific period has been prescribed in these rules as one of the qualifications for appointment, it shall mean only the service rendered in a regular capacity in the Tamil Nadu Horticulture Department:

Provided that the Government may permit the service rendered in any post outside the department to be reckoned as service for the purpose of this sub-rule, if the duties and responsibilities of the post held are comparable to those of the corresponding post in the Horticulture Department and the nature of work done is predominantly in Horticulture.

7. Test.- (a) Every person appointed to the posts of Assistant Director of Horticulture or Horticultural Officer by direct recruitment shall within a period of two years from the date of his appointment, pass the Account Test for Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Government Office Manual Test and the Department Test for officers of the Tamil Nadu Horticulture Department:

Provided that a pass in the Account Test for Executive Officers shall not be necessary if he has already passed the Account Test for Subordinate Officers Part I and Part II.

(b) If a person appointed to the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture or Horticultural Officer does not pass the tests within the period of his probation, he shall not be allowed to draw his second and subsequent increments until he passes the tests. Such ineligibility to draw increments shall not have the effect of postponing his future increments after he has passed the tests.

8. Training.- (a) Every candidate appointed to the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture by direct recruitment shall within the period of probation, undergo the prescribed training for a period of one year. This training shall include Foundational course -B for three weeks duration conducted at the Anna Institute of Management, Chennai, and a pass in the test conducted at the end of the said training within the period of his probation. The period of training shall be treated as duty and shall count for probation and increment. The probation of the candidate shall not be declared until he passes the test conducted by the Anna Institute of Management, Chennai, at the end of the Foundation course training.

(b) Every candidate appointed to the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture by promotion and who are below fifty years of age shall also undergo the said training at the Anna Institute of Management, Chennai and pass the test conducted at the end of the training. A pass in the test will be pre-condition for the sanction of the second and subsequent increments.

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(c) Every candidate on the completion of training shall serve the Government for a period of not less than five years, failing which he shall be liable to pay a sum of Rs.50000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only).

9. Probation.- (a) Every person appointed to the post of Horticultural Officer /Assistant Director of Horticulture by direct recruitment shall, from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years.

(b) The persons appointed by recruitment by transfer to the post of Horticultural Officer from among the holders of post of Deputy Horticultural Officer in Tamil Nadu Horticultural Subordinate Service shall be on probation for a period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years.

(c) The Director of Horticulture and plantation crops shall be the authority competent to declare the satisfactory completion of probation of the holders of the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture.

(d) The Joint Director of Horticulture (or) Deputy Director of Horticulture, in charge of a region, as the case may be, and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops in the Directorate shall be the authorities competent to declare the satisfactory completion of probation of the holders of the post of Horticultural Officer under their administrative control.

10. Postings and Transfers.- Posting and transfers to the several classes of posts specified in column (1) of the Table below shall be made by the authorities specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof.

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<u>Classes of Posts.</u> (1)	<u>Competent Authority.</u> (2)
1. Class I. Joint Director of Horticulture	Government.
2. Class II. Deputy Director of Horticulture	Government.
3. Class III. Assistant Director of Horticulture	Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.

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4. Class IV. Horticultural Officer	<u>Transfer from one region to another:-</u> Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops. <u>Transfer within the region:-</u> (1) Joint Director of Horticulture or Deputy Director of Horticulture in-charge of the region. (2) Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops in respect of persons working in the Directorate.
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11. Saving Clause.- Nothing contained in these rules shall adversely affect any person holding the post of Joint Director of Horticulture or Deputy Director of Horticulture or Assistant Director of Horticulture or Horticultural Officer on the date of issue of these rules.

ANNEXURE

(see rule 6(b))

<u>Classes of Posts.</u> (1)	<u>Method of Appointment.</u> (2)	<u>Qualifications.</u> (3)
(1) Class - I Joint Director of Horticulture	By promotion from the holders of the post of Deputy Director of Horticulture.	Must have served as Deputy Director of Horticulture for a period of not less than two years.
(2) Class - II Deputy Director of Horticulture	By promotion from the holders of the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture	Must have served as Assistant Director of Horticulture for a period of not less than three years
(3) Class - III Assistant Director of Horticulture	(i) By direct recruitment (ii) By Promotion from the holders of the post of Horticultural Officer	Must possess a Degree in M.Sc. (Horticulture) Must Posses a degree in B.Sc (Agriculture) or B.Sc (Horticulture). Must have served as Horticultural Officer for a period of not less than three years

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(4) Class - IV Horticultural Officer	(i) By direct recruitment; (ii) By Recruitment by transfer from the post of Deputy Horticultural Officer in the Tamil Nadu Horticultural Subordinate Service.	Must possess B.Sc. (Horticulture). Must possess B.Sc.(Horticulture); A pass in the following tests:- (i) Account test for Executive Officer; (ii) Tamil Nadu Government Office Manual test; (iii) Department test for officers of Tamil Nadu Horticulture Department: Provided that a pass in the Account Test for Executive Officer shall not be necessary if he has already passed the Account test for Subordinate Officers Part I and II.
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(By Order of the Governor)

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