

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Subject: - Amendment in minimum qualification for direct recruitment for the post of Foresters in the Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 1991 notified vide SRO-335 dated 28th November, 1991.

Government Order No: 22 - JK (FST) of 2022
Dated: 07-03-2022

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide No. GAD-MTGORBIV/200/2021-09-GAD dated 03.02.2022 has intimated that the Administrative Council, vide Decision No. 1/1/2022 dated 29.01.2022, has directed as under:-

"All posts referred to JKPSB/JKSSB prior to 31.10.2019, for which selections have not been finalized till date, as also the posts in which there are litigations and the cases are pending in Hon'ble Courts, shall be deemed to have been withdrawn with immediate effect".

Accordingly, General Administration Department has requested all concerned department to implement the above directions of Administrative Council in letter and spirit under intimation to the General Administration Department.

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide their communication No. GAD-MTGORBIV/200/2021-09-GAD-Part (1) dated 11.02.2022 had requested the Secretary, J&K Public Service Commission, Jammu and Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board, Jammu to return the posts, referred prior to 31.10.2019 as also the posts in which there are litigations and the cases are pending in the Hon'ble Courts, to the concerned Administrative Departments for their re-referral under an intimation to General Administration Department.

Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board, Jammu vide letter No. SSB/Secy/2022/1239-60 dated 11.02.2021 has returned the pending posts of Forest, Ecology & Environment Department which also include the post of Foresters which needs to be re-referred to the Recruitment Agency, i.e. JKSSB.

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide OM No. GAD/MTGORBIV/200/2021-09-GAD (Part-I) dated 14.02.2022 has requested to re-refer these posts to the J&K Service Selection Board within a week's time positively under intimation to General Administration Department and to the Committee constituted vide Govt. Order No. 131-JK(GAD) of 2022 dated 06.02.2022.

Whereas, the PCCF & HoFF, J&K vide his communication No. PCCF/NG/Estt/31/191 dated 28.01.2022 has submitted a proposal relating to the amendments in the J&K Forest (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 1991 notified vide SRO-335 dated 28th November, 1991 which also includes the post of Foresters wherein, the changes are proposed in physical standards - to define the criteria for male/female candidates, under direct Recruitment; and accordingly the same was examined in the department and the file was referred to the ARI & Trainings Department, for seeking approval of the standing committee of ARI & Training; however, the approval of the Standing Committee, is yet to be received.

Whereas, keeping in view the urgency involved in re-referring the withdrawn posts of Foresters to J&K SSB, the proposal relating to the amendment, with respect to define the physical standards of male/female candidates for direct recruitment

for the post of Foresters was placed before Competent Authority for seeking approval for issuance of Executive Order, so that these posts can be referred to the Recruiting Agency. The Competent Authority has approved the proposal: in conformity with GoI guidelines.

Whereas, the proposal was re-examined in terms of "Entrance and Training Rules (Revised), 2004 for the State Forest Service Officers, published in Extraordinary gazette of India vide GSR No. 465 (E) dated 22.07.2004, which provides as under:-

9 (a) Minimum standards for height and chest girth for a candidate of category (i) of Rule 4, shall be as under:-

| | Height (cm) | Chest girth (cm) | |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | Normal | Expansion |
| Male Candidate | 163 | 84 | 05 |
| Female candidate | 150 | 79 | 05 |

(b) Male/Female candidates must pass a physical test covering a distance of 25/16 Kms within four hours on foot, respectively.

Now, therefore, sanction is hereby accorded to revising the minimum qualification for direct recruitment for the post of Foresters in Schedule-II of Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 1991 notified vide SRO-335 dated 28th November, 1991, as under:-

| Class/Category | Designation | Recruitment Rules | Minimum qualification for direct recruitment | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|--|------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| VI | Foresters | Jammu & Kashmir Forest (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 1991. | I) 10+2 or equivalent qualification with science subject with the following Physical Standards:- | | | | |
| | | | S. No | Gender | Height (cm) | Chest girth (cm) | |
| | | | | | | Normal | Expansion |
| | | | 1. | Male candidate | 163 | 84 | 05 |
| | | | 2. | Female candidate | 150 | 79 | 05 |
| | | | II) Physical Fitness test walk to be completed in 4 hours on foot. | | | | |
| | | | a. Male candidate: 25 kms | | | | |
| | | | b. Female candidate: 16 Kms. | | | | |
| | | | III) Physical Fitness/Health Certificate from the Chief Medical Officer. | | | | |

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Sanjeev Verma), IAS

Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

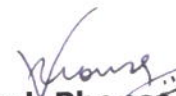
No: FST-NG/131/2021-02-Forest Department

Dated:07-03-2022

Copy to the:-

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2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K.

3. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India.
4. Secretary to Government, ARI & Trainings Department.
5. Secretary to Government Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs.
6. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.
7. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
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