



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Fisheries and Ports (A) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No./15/2018/F&P Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25/07/2018

S.R.O No...../2018.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub- section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968), and in supersession of the notification issued under G.O.(Ms) No. 594/PD dated, 3rd November, 1962 and published in the Kerala Gazette dated, 13th November, 1962 and all other existing rules and orders thereof, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Special Rules for the Kerala State Fisheries Service, namely:-

RULES

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala State Fisheries Service Special Rules, 2018.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Constitution.- The service shall consist of the following categories of officers, namely:-

Category 1	- Director of Fisheries
Category 2	- Additional Director of Fisheries
Category 3	- Joint Director of Fisheries
Category 4	- Deputy Director of Fisheries
Category 5	- Assistant Director of Fisheries
Category 6	- Deputy Registrar (Fisheries Co-operatives)
Category 7	- Assistant Registrar (Fisheries Co-operatives)
Category 8	- Fisheries Extension Officer

3. Method of Appointment.- Appointment to the various categories of posts mentioned in column (2) of the Table below, shall be made by the method of appointment specified against each in column (3) thereof, namely.-

TABLE		
Sl. No.	Category	Method of Appointment
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Director of Fisheries	Appointment by the Government of Kerala from All India Service Cadre
2	Additional Director of Fisheries	By promotion from the category of Joint Director of Fisheries
3	Joint Director of Fisheries	By promotion from the category of Deputy Director of Fisheries
4	Deputy Director of Fisheries	By promotion from the category of Assistant Director of Fisheries
5	Assistant Director of Fisheries	By promotion from the category of Fisheries Extension Officer
6	Deputy Registrar (Fisheries operatives)	Co- By promotion from the category of Assistant Registrar (Fisheries Co-operatives)
7	Assistant Registrar (Fisheries operatives)	Co- By promotion from the category of Fishery Co-operative Inspector from the Kerala Fisheries Subordinate Service
8	Fisheries Extension Officer	(i) By transfer from the category of Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer from the Kerala Fisheries Subordinate Service

(ii) By direct recruitment

Note:- Appointment by transfer and by direct recruitment shall be in the ratio 1:1. Number of posts for direct recruitment to the category shall be calculated on the basis of sanctioned strength. In the absence of qualified persons for appointment by transfer the vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment and this will not be recouped in future.

4. Qualifications.- No person shall be eligible for appointment to the categories specified in column (1) of the table below by the method of appointment specified in column (2) unless he/she possesses the qualifications specified against it in the corresponding entries in column (3) thereof, namely:-

TABLE

Category	Method of Appointment	Qualifications
(1)	(2)	(3)

1. Director of Fisheries	Appointment by the Government of Kerala	All India Service Cadre
2. Additional Director of Fisheries	By promotion	A Bachelors Degree in Fisheries Science or Masters Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries/ Mariculture/ Marine Biology/ Coastal Aquaculture/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Microbiology/ Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/ Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/ Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognised University

Note:- For existing employees of Fisheries Department a Degree in Science from a recognized University with Physics/ Chemistry/ Botany/ Zoology as main subject shall be the qualification for appointment by promotion to the post.

3. Joint Director of Fisheries	By promotion	A Bachelors Degree in Fisheries Science or Masters Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries/ Mariculture/ Marine Biology / Coastal Aquaculture/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Microbiology/ Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/ Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/ Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognised University.
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Note:- For existing employees of Fisheries Department a Degree in Science from a recognized University with Physics/ Chemistry / Botany/ Zoology as main subject shall be the qualification for appointment by promotion to the post.

4. Deputy Director of Fisheries

By promotion

A Bachelors Degree in Fisheries Science or Masters Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries/ Mariculture/ Marine Biology / Coastal Aquaculture/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Microbiology/ Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/ Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/ Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognised University.

Note:- For existing employees of Fisheries Department a Degree in Science from a recognized University with Physics/ Chemistry / Botany/ Zoology as main subject shall be the qualification for appointment by promotion to the post.

5. Assistant Director of Fisheries

By promotion

A Bachelors Degree in Fisheries Science or Masters Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries/ Mariculture/ Marine Biology/ Coastal Aquaculture/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Microbiology/ Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/ Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/ Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognised University.

Note:- For existing employees of Fisheries Department a Degree in Science from a recognized University with Physics/ Chemistry / Botany/ Zoology as main subject shall be the qualification for appointment by promotion to the post.

6. Deputy Registrar (Fisheries Co-operatives)

By promotion

A pass in SSLC or equivalent and Junior Diploma in Co-operation/ Higher Diploma in Co-operation awarded by the State Co-operative Union with three years of service in Fisheries Department.

7. Assistant Registrar (Fisheries Co-operatives)	By promotion	A pass in SSLC or equivalent and Junior Diploma in Co-operation/ Higher Diploma in Co-operation awarded by the State Co-operative Union with three years of service in Fisheries Department.
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8. Fisheries Extension Officer	(i) By Transfer Appointment	A Bachelors Degree in Fisheries Science or Masters Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries/ Mariculture/ Marine Biology/ Coastal Aquaculture/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Microbiology/ Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/ Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/ Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognised University.
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Note:- For existing employees of Fisheries Department a Degree in Science from a recognized University with Physics/ Chemistry/ Botany/ Zoology as main subject shall be the qualification for appointment by transfer to the post.

A Bachelors Degree in Fisheries Science or Masters Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries/ Mariculture/ Marine Biology/ Coastal Aquaculture/ Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Microbiology/ Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/ Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/ Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/ Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognised University.

Note:- A ratio for Direct Recruitment and by transfer appointment to the post of Fisheries Extension Officer shall be fixed as 50:50 respectively.

(ii) By Direct
Recruitment

Note:- The existing employees in Fisheries Department shall exercise option within 3 months to get appointment to the categories of post as per this Special Rules subject to their seniority in the respective feeder categories and qualification. The option once filed shall be final.

5. Qualification regarding age.- No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service by direct recruitment, if he has not completed 18 years of age or if he has completed 36 years of age on the first day of January of the Calender year in which applications for appointments are invited, with usual relaxation as provided in the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958 shall be allowed to candidates belong to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe and other Backward Classes.

6. Appointing Authority.- The appointing authority in respect of categories 1 to 6 shall be the Government. The appointing authority for categories 7 and 8 shall be the Director of Fisheries.

7. Probation.- Every person appointed to any of the categories shall, from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation,-

(i) if appointed by direct recruitment or by transfer (where direct recruitment is resorted to) for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years;

(ii) if appointed by promotion (where direct recruitment is not resorted to) for a total period of six months on duty within a continuous period of one year.

8. Reservation of Appointment.- The rules relating to reservation of appointments provided in rules 14 to 17 of part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958 shall apply to the appointments by direct recruitment to all categories.

9. Test.- Every probationer appointed to category No.2 to 8 shall within the period of probation, pass the Account Test for executive Officers or Account Test (Lower or Higher) if he/she has not already passed the test. For category 8 Fisheries Extension Officer, a pass in the Staff Training Course conducted by the Director of Fisheries shall be necessary.

By order of the Governor,
K.R.JYOTHILAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the Notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The existing Kerala Fisheries Service Rules, 1962 issued under notification vide G.O. (Ms) No.594/PD dated, 3rd November, 1962 and published in Kerala Gazette dated 13th November, 1962 is not comprehensive to streamline the appointments in Fisheries Department. Certain provisions have become obsolete certain existing posts have no Special Rules. Various posts in the Department created long years ago are not in existence at present and some have lost relevance in the changed circumstance. To attain the goal of restructuring and reorganization of the Department of Fisheries, Government now propose to issue new Special Rules for the Kerala Fisheries Service by superseding the Kerala Fisheries Service Special Rules, 1962 and all other existing rules and orders thereof.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.