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NOTIFICATION

G.O(P)No.16/2020/F&P

S. R. O. No. 438/2020

24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020  
10<sup>th</sup> Mithunam, 1195

Thiruvananthapuram,

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. (P)225/PD dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1967 and published in the Kerala Gazette No.30 dated, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1967 and all other existing rules and orders on the subject the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Special Rules for the Kerala Fisheries Subordinate Service, namely:-



## RULES

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Fisheries Subordinate Service Special Rules, 2020.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

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

Category 1	- Fisheries Co-operative Inspector
Category 2	- Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer
Category 3	- Fisheries Officer
Category 4	- Fisheries Assistant

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. (1)	Category (2)	Method of Appointment (3)
1	Fisheries Co-operative Inspector	By transfer from the categories of Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer/Fisheries Officer, Head Clerk/Senior Clerk, Senior Grade Typist/Confidential Assistant By transfer shall be in the ratio of 4:5:1 (Ratio 4: from Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer/Fisheries Officer, Ratio 5: from Head Clerk/Senior Clerk, Ratio 1: from Senior Grade Typist/Confidential Assistant ) Appointment by transfer from Sr Grade Typist/Confidential Assistant Grade I or II shall be in the ratio 5:1 By transfer appointment shall be done on the basis of exercising option from the qualified hands from the respective feeder categories. If any vacancy arises due to the non exercise of option by the officer under the categories 2 and 3 (Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer and Fisheries Officer), such vacancy shall be filled up with the remaining categories of officers in the ratio allotted to them vide Note (i) & (ii) above, by maintaining inter se seniority of the persons in the same category.
	Note (i)	
	(ii)	
	(iii)	
2	Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer	By promotion from the category of Fisheries Officer.
3	Fisheries Officer	(i) By direct recruitment (ii) By transfer from the Lower Division Clerk and Lower Division Typists/Confidential Assistants Grade II



employed in the department of Fisheries.

Note: (1) Appointment by transfer from Lower Division Clerk and Lower Division Typist/ Confidential Assistant Grade II shall be in the ratio 5:1. However Lower Division Clerk shall not be superseded, by a Lower Division Typist /Confidential Assistant Grade II having lesser service.

(2) Appointment by transfer from Lower Division Typist and Confidential Assistant Grade II shall be in the ratio 5:1.

(iii) By promotion from the category of Fisheries Assistant.

Note:-Appointment by Direct recruitment, appointment by transfer and by promotion shall be in the ratio 6:2:2. 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/by promotion, the vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment.

#### 4 Fisheries Assistant

(i) By transfer from the members of the Kerala Last Grade Service employed in the Department of Fisheries.

(ii) By direct recruitment.

Note:- Appointment by direct recruitment and by transfer 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/by promotion, the vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment.

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 in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

**TABLE**

Category (1)	Method of Appointment (2)	Qualifications (3)
1. Fisheries Co-operative Inspector	By Transfer	A pass in SSLC or equivalent and Junior Diploma in Co-operation / Higher Diploma in Co-operation awarded by State Co-operative Union /B com with Co-operation or equivalent.
2. Assistant Fisheries Extension	By promotion	A Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Science/BFSC (Nautical Science) or equivalent. OR



Officer		<p>A Master's Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries /Mariculture/Marine Biology/Coastal Aquaculture/Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/Aquaculture/ Aquaculture and Fishery Micro -biology/Capture and Culture Fisheries/ Aquaculture and Fishery Biology/Applied Fisheries and Aquaculture/Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture/Aquaculture Engineering/ Zoology from a recognized University.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Bachelor's Degree in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Botany or Zoology as main subject from a recognized university.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A pass in Vocational Higher Secondary Certificate Course in Fish Processing Technology/Aquaculture/Fishing Craft and Gear Technology or equivalent from an institution recognized by the State of Kerala.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A pass in Secondary School Leaving Certificate/CBSE/ICSE and five years service in Fisheries Department.</p>
3. Fisheries Officer	(i) By Transfer	<p>A Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Science/BFSC (Nautical Science) or equivalent.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Master's Degree in Fisheries Science/ Industrial Fisheries /Mariculture/Marine Biology/Coastal Aquaculture/Aquatic Biology and Fisheries/Aquaculture/ Aqua-culture 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 recognized university.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Bachelor's degree in Science with Physics/ Maths/ Chemistry/ Botony/ Zoology as Main subjects from a recognized University.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A pass in Vocational Higher Secondary Certificate Course in Fish Processing technology/Aquaculture/Fishing Craft and Gear Technology or equivalent from an institution recognized by the State of Kerala.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A pass in Secondary School leaving Certificate/CBSE/ICSE and three years service in Fisheries Department.</p>



	(ii) By promotion	<p>A Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Science/ BFSC Nautical Science or equivalent.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Master's 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 recognized University.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Bachelor's Degree in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Botany or Zoology as main subject from a recognized University.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A pass in Vocational Higher Secondary Certificate Course in Fish processing technology or Aquaculture or Fishing Craft and Gear Technology or equivalent from an institution recognized by the State of Kerala.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A pass in Secondary School leaving Certificate/CBSE/ICSE and three years service in Fisheries Department.</p>
	(iii) By Direct Recruitment	<p>A Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Science/BFSC Nautical 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 recognized University.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Master's 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 recognized University.</p>
4. Fisheries Assistant	(i) By Transfer	<p>A pass in Vocational Higher Secondary Certificate Course in Fish Processing Technology/Aquaculture/Fishing Craft and Gear Technology or equivalent from an institution</p>



		recognized by the State of Kerala. OR A pass in Secondary School Leaving Certificate/CBSE/ICSE with three years service in Fisheries Department.
	(ii) By Direct Recruitment	A pass in Vocational Higher Secondary Certificate Course in Fish processing Technology/Aquaculture or Fishing Craft and Gear Technology from an Institution recognized by the State of Kerala.

Note 1:- The employees who are working in the Fisheries Department as on the date of notification of these rules shall exercise option within 3 months to get appointment to the categories of post as per these Special Rules subject to their seniority in the respective feeder categories and qualification. The option once exercised shall be final.

The following officers in erstwhile special rules namely:-

1. Fishery Development Officer/Senior Co-operative Inspector
2. Research Assistant/curator/Assistant extension officer/Inspector of Fisheries/ Technical Assistant/Fish Culture Officer/Fish farm Manager
3. Sub-Inspector of Fisheries ;
4. LD Investigator/Nursery Keeper ;

shall get appointment to Fisheries Co-operative Inspector (Category -1), Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer (Category 2), Fisheries Officer (Category 3) and Fisheries Assistant (Category 4) respectively in these Special Rules

**5. Qualification regarding age.**- No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service by direct recruitment, if he/she has not completed 18 years of age or if he/she has completed 36 years of age on the first day of January of the Calender year in which application for appointment are invited, with usual relaxation in upper age limit as provided in the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958 allowed to candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and other Backward Classes subject to the condition that maximum age limit shall be in no case exceed 50(fifty) years.

**6. Appointing Authority.**- The Appointing Authority of all the categories 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; and

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

**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 appointment to the service by





direct recruitment.

9. **Test.**- Every probationer appointed to the category of Fisheries Officer shall within the period of probation, pass the Account Test (Lower or Higher) if he has not already passed. For category of Fisheries Officer a pass in the Staff Training Course conducted by the Director of Fisheries shall be necessary.

By order of the Governor,

**TINKU BISWAL**

Secretary

**Explanatory Note**

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

The Kerala Fisheries Subordinate Service Rules, 1967 issued under notification vide G.O. (P) 225/PD dated, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1967 and published in Kerala Gazette No.30 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1967 is not comprehensive to streamline the appointments in Fisheries Department. Certain provisions have become obsolete and 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 Subordinate Service by superseding the Kerala Fisheries Subordinate Service Special Rules, 1967 and all other existing rules and orders thereof.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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