

1.23 Promotion as Deputy Block Development Officers - Service qualification as Extension Officer (Panchayats) - Amendment

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (E4) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.154

Dated. 20.10.2006

Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.587, RD&LA Department, dated 12.4.1984.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.197, Rural Development (E5) Department, dated 13.3.1990.
3. G.O. (Ms) No.198, Rural Development (E5) Department, dated 13.3.1990.
4. G.O. (Ms) No.697, Rural Development (E7) Department, dated 30.8.1990.
5. G.O. (Ms) No.310, Rural Development (E5) Department, dated 6.9.1991.
6. G.O. (Ms) No.186, Rural Development (E2) Department, dated 20.10.1994.
7. From the Director of Rural Development letter Rc. No.67486/2006/C2, dated 28.8.2006.

ORDER :

In the Government Orders first and sixth read above Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Panchayat Development Subordinate Service covering the posts of Block Development Officers, Deputy Block Development Officers and Extension Officers have been issued.

2. In rule 3 of the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Development Subordinate Service, among others, the following service qualification have been prescribed for promotion to the post of Deputy Block Development Officer:-

- (i) Must have served as Extension Officer (Administration), Extension Officer (Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme), Extension Officer (Accounts) or Extension Officer (Noon Meal Programme) for a period of not less than one year.
- (ii) Must have served as Extension Officer (Social Education and Public Relation), Extension Officer (Adi-Dravidar Welfare) or Extension Officer (Social Forestry) for a period of not less than one year; and
- (iii) Must have served as Extension Officer (Panchayats) for a period of not less than one year.

3. The Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development and Local Administration has announced in the Assembly during the demand pertaining to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department on 11.8.2006 "Government have considering certain changes in fixing the service qualifications for a period of one year alone instead of three years under three categories in the post of Extension Officer for promotion to the post of Deputy Block Development Officer based on seniority".

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter seventh read above has stated that the Extension Officer have to render one year service in each post as above for promotion as Deputy Block Development Officers. The above stipulation results in frequent shifting of individual from one category to another so as to give them an opportunity to acquire service qualification in all categories for making them qualified to hold the higher post of Deputy Block Development Officer. This has resulted in the frequent transfers especially in the post of Extension Officer (Small Savings) causing a lot of inconvenience in the small saving campaigns and very often reposted to have resulted in the dismal performance under Small Savings. In this connection the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the Commissioner of Small Savings has requested the continuance of individual in the post of Extension Officer (Small Savings) at least for 3 years is a mandatory or else they would consider for taking personnel from

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other Departments. Similar problems are also experienced in the post of Extension Officer (Admn.) and Extension Officer (Pts.). Further normally a person has to wait for more than five years for his promotion as Deputy Block Development Officer from the Extension Officer cadre for want of service qualification and also could not acquire the service qualification by acting in the above 3 Extension Officer posts before the approval of panel for promotion. Thus, the shortage in the service qualification, forbids them from getting promotion as per the seniority. The administrative reason is the real cause for this issue and requested that the service qualification at Extension Officer level prescribed for promotion to the post of Deputy Block Development Officer may be delinked and recommended that relevant rules may be amended to have the Extension Officer (Panchayats) training alone as essential for a period of one year.

5. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj taking into account the various problems confronted in the implementation of the said existing Special Rules and decided to issue amendments to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Development Subordinate Service as stated in the appendix to this order from the date of issue of this order.
6. The appended Notification will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

(By order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

APPENDIX

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 amendment to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Development Subordinate Service. (Section 47 in Volume III of the Tamil Nadu Services Manual, 1970)

AMENDMENT

In the said Special Rules, in rule 3, in the Table, in column (3) against the entry "Deputy Block Development Officer (Executive); Deputy Block Development Officer (Administration) and Deputy Block Development Officer (Accounts)" in column (1), for item (3) including the provisos thereby the following item shall be substituted, namely :-

"(3) Must have served as Extension Officer (Panchayats) for a period of not less than one year."