

**1.38 Minimum General Educational Qualification - Amendment of Rules for Gram Sevaks in service on 1.6.79 - Clarification**

Rural Development ( E. Iv) Department

G.O. (Ms). No. 225

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Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 585, Rural Development and Local Administration Department, dated 12.4.84.
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 586, Rural Development and Local Administration Department, dated 12.4.84.
3. G.O. (Ms) No. 587, Rural Development and Local Administration Department, dated 12.4.84.
4. G.O. (Ms) No. 349, Personnel and Administrative Refor(Ms) Department dated 12.4.84.
5. Letter No 251/E.2/85-2 , Rural Development Department dated 8.3.85.
6. G.O. (Ms) No. 127 Rural Development Department dated 22.2.89.
7. From the Tamil Nadu Rural Welfare Officers Association representation dated 25.5.89.

**ORDER**

In the Government order first read above orders were issued for reconstituting the then existing rules so as to bring together the various posts under certain common categories in the Panchayat Development Department providing for interchange of Personnel within each category and providing single ladder of promotion for all the categories. The Single Service Rules were given effect from 1.6.79. In the Government letter fifth read above it was clarified that protection should be given to the persons who do not possess minimum General Educational Qualification and who have been in Service as on 1.6.79 in the matter of continuance in the existing post and also for promotion to higher posts without insisting on possession of Minimum General Educational qualification as required under the Single Service Rules. In the Government order sixth read above orders were issued as follows:-

- i) Rural Welfare officers Grade I who have been in service as on 1.6.79 and who do not possess the requisite qualification as prescribed in the Single Service Rules, if they belong to the Category of Political sufferers or Ex. Servicemen or Scheduled Tribes be retained as Rural Welfare Officer Grade I and
- ii) Rural Welfare Officers Grade II who have been in service as on 1.6.79 shall be considered for promotion as Rural Welfare Officer Grade I according to their seniority without insisting on the possession of the educational qualification as prescribed in the Single Service Rules.

2. It has been represented by the Tamil Nadu Rural Welfare Officers Association that prior to the issue of Single Service Rules the Rural Welfare Officers who were formerly called Gramasevaks were governed by the Gramasevaks service Rules and the qualification prescribed for the Rural Welfare Officers was a completed S.S.L.C. or possession of a post basic (lower) Certificate issued by the Director of School Education and the same qualification was prescribed for appointment as Extension Officer, Panchayat Development Head Clerk and Block Development Officer whereas political sufferers, Scheduled Tribes and Ex. Servicemen with a pass in III form or VIII Standard could be appointed as Rural Welfare Officer Grade II and promoted as Rural Welfare Officer, Grade I. In short under the old rules Rural Welfare officers belonging to political sufferers, Scheduled Tribes and Ex-Serviceman with III Form / VIII Standard qualification could be appointed as Rural Welfare Officer Grade I and other Rural Welfare Officers with completed S.S.L.C. could aspire for promotion up to the Block Development Officer.

## 1. SERVICE RULES

3. The Government have carefully examined this matter and they have decided that in the case of the persons who were in service as on 1.6.79 as Gramasevakas Grade I and II (Rural Welfare Officer I and II ) the Service Rules may be amended by providing a savings clause for their continuance in the posts and for their promotion to higher posts to the extent they were eligible under the old rules prior to 1.6.79.

4. The Director of Rural Development is requested to send suitable draft amendments to the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rules and Tamil Nadu Panchayat Development subordinate service Rules urgently. Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rules will be issued by the Government in Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department.

(By order of the Governor)

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