

1.36 Passing of Departmental Test for Officers of Panchayat Development Department - Persons appointed earlier to 1.6.79; between 1.6.79 and 12.4.84; and after 12.4.84 - Clarifications

Rural Development Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 325

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Read :

1. G.O. (Ms) No.585, Rural Development and Local Administration Department dated 12.4.1984.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.587, Rural Development and Local Administration Department dated 12.4.1984.
3. G.O. (Ms) No.588, Rural Development and Local Administration Department dated 12.4.1984.
4. G.O. (Ms) No.349, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, dated 12.4.1984.
5. From the Director of Rural Development Lr.Roc.No.52547/84/D2, dated 7.5.1984.
6. From the Director of Rural Development Lr.Roc.No.52547/84/D2, dated 26.5.1984.
7. From the Director of Rural Development Lr.Roc.No.29274/85/D5, dated 14.3.1985.

ORDER

In the G.O. first read above, Government approved the formulation of the new Service Rules for Panchayat Development Department which came into force with effect from 1.6.1979. Hitherto, Rural Welfare Officers Grade II had to pass the departmental test for Gramasevak for promotion to Grade I and the Rural Welfare Officers Grade I are eligible for promotion as Extension Officer (Education) and no Departmental test has been prescribed for such promotion. According to the new rules issued in the G.Os second and fourth read above, the Rural Welfare Officers Grade II in the combined category of Junior Assistants have to pass the departmental test for Officers of Panchayat Development Department and Panchayat Development Account Test for promotion as Assistant and to higher posts including Extension Officer (Education). Similarly according to the old rules, the Junior Assistants in the Local Administration Radio and Television maintenance Organisation had to pass the Account Test for subordinate officers Part I within the period of probation. The Assistants in the same office are eligible for promotion as Superintendent / Accountant after passing the Account Test for Subordinate Officers Part II. As per the new Service Rules issued in the G.Os. second and fourth read above, the Junior Assistants in the Local Administration Radio and Television Maintenance Organisation have to pass the Departmental Test for Officers of Panchayat Development Department and Panchayat Development Account Test for promotion as Assistant and to higher posts.

2. The Director of Rural Development has stated that though the new Service Rules are deemed to have come into force with effect from 1.6.1979, the additional qualifications prescribed for certain posts in the new rules cannot be insisted for appointments made from 1.6.79 and that no saving clause has also been provided in the rules. He has stated that there are three classes of employees who are affected by the new rules prescribing test qualification i.e. (i) Persons appointed earlier to 1.6.79 (ii) Persons appointed between 1.6.79 and 12.4.84 and (iii) Persons appointed / to be appointed after 12.4.84. He has requested that necessary orders may be issued to safeguard the interests of the affected persons.

3. The Government have examined the matter in consultation with the Director of Rural Development and pass the following orders:-

- (i) Persons appointed earlier to 1.6.79:

1. SERVICE RULES

The existing incumbents (as on 1.6.79) of the posts for which Panchayat Development Account Test and Panchayat Development Department Test for officers were not prescribed earlier be given exemption from passing the test to continue in the post they were holding as on 1.6.79. They need not pass the test to continue in the post without any penalty. The tests should be insisted only for further promotion in their case and that too after allowing 3 years time to pass the tests. Those promoted from 1.6.79 may be reverted if they fail to pass the test within 3 years from 12.4.84 (date of issue of G.O.(Ms) No.585, Rural Development and Local Administration Department, dt.12.4.84).

(ii) Persons appointed between 1.6.79 and 12.4.84.

For those appointed during the period from 1.6.79 to 12.4.84, three years time will be allowed to acquire the test qualification prescribed in the new service rules to those for whom these test were not prescribed in the earlier rules. They should pass the prescribed test within a period of three years from 12.4.84. They will be eligible to continue in the post as well as for further promotion also during this period. If they do not pass the test within stipulated time, they should be reverted to the post which they held prior to 1.6.1979.

(iii) Persons appointed / to be appointed after 12.4.84.

For those to be appointed after 12.4.84, the same protection as in the case of those appointed from 1.6.79 to 12.4.84 be extended.

4. The Director of Rural Development is requested to send necessary draft amendments to the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rules to Government in Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department.

(By order of the Governor)

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