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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

(WILDLIFE PRESERVATION WING)

Notification

The 22nd March, 2004

No. G.S.R. 29/Const./Art. 309/2004.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Punjab Forests (Group 'A') Ministerial Service, namely:—

RULES

1. Short title, commencement and application.—(1) These rules may be called the Punjab Forests (Group 'A') Ministerial Service Rules, 2004.

(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

(3) They shall apply to the post specified in Appendix 'A'.

2. Definitions.—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Agriculture and Forests; and

(b) "Service" means the Punjab Forests (Group 'A') Ministerial Service.

3. Number and character of posts.—The Service shall comprise the post specified in Appendix 'A' :

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add to or reduce the number of such posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.

4. Appointing Authority.—Appointments to the Service shall be made by the Government.

5. Method of appointment, qualifications and experience.—(1) Appointment to the service shall be made in the manner as specified in Appendix 'B' :

Provided that if, no suitable candidate is available for appointment by promotion, appointment to the Service shall be made by transfer of a person holding a similar or an identical post under a State Government or Government of India.

(2) No person shall be appointed to the Service, unless he possesses the qualifications and experience as specified in Appendix 'B'.

(3) Appointment to the Service by promotion shall be made on seniority-cum-merit basis, but no person shall have any right to claim promotion on the basis of seniority alone.

6. Pay of members of the Service.—The members of the Service shall be entitled to such scale of pay, as may be authorised by the Punjab Government from time to time. The scales of pay at present in force in respect of the members of the Service, are specified in Appendix 'A'.

7. Discipline, punishment and appeal.—(1) In the matters of discipline, punishment and appeal, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, as amended from time to time.

(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties as specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, shall be the Government.

8. Application of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Condition of Service) Rules, 1994.—(1) In respect of the matters, which are not specifically provided in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by the provisions of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.

(2) The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, at present, in force, are contained in Appendix 'C'.

9. Interpretation.—If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same, in consultation with the Department of Personnel.

APPENDIX 'A'

[See rules 1(3), 3 and 6]

Serial No.	Designation of the post	Number of posts			Scale of pay (in rupees)
		Permanent	Temporary	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Establishment-cum-Accounts Officer	1	0	1	7880--220-- 8100--275-- 10300--340-- 11660
2	Administrative Officer/Superintendent, Grade-I	2	0	2	7220--220-- 8100--275-- 10300--340-- 11660

APPENDIX 'B'
(See rule 5)

Serial No.	Designation of the post	Percentage for appointment by		Method, experience and qualification for appointment by	
		Promotion	Direct appointment	Promotion	Direct appointment
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Establishment-cum-Accounts Officer	Hundred per cent	—	(i) From amongst the Administrative Officer/ Superintendent, Grade-I, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of one year ; and (ii) If no suitable Administrative Officer/ Superintendent, Grade-I is available, then from amongst the Superintendent, Grade-II, working under the control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of three years	—
2	Administrative Officer/Superintendent, Grade-I	Hundred per cent	—	(i) From amongst the Superintendents, Grade-II, working under the control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of one year ; and (ii) If no suitable Superintendent, Grade-II is available, then from amongst the Senior Assistants, working under the control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of ten years.	—