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----- as required under clause (3) of Article 348 of the constitution of India)

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

No. Ahy-A(3)-14/2010

Dated Shimla-2, the

01.10.2013.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh, in consultation with H.P. Public Service Commission, is pleased to make the Recruitment and Promotion Rules for the post of Statistical Officer, Class-II (Non-Gazetted), in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Himachal Pradesh as per Annexure-"A" attached to this notification, namely :-

Short title and
Commencement

1. (1) These rules may be called the Himachal Pradesh Animal Husbandry Department, Statistical Officer, Class-II (Non-Gazetted), Recruitment and Promotion Rules, 2013.
- (2) These rules shall come into force from the date of publication in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh.

Repeal & Savings

2. (1) The Himachal Pradesh Animal Husbandry Department, Statistical Officer, (Class-II, Non-Gazetted) Recruitment and Promotion Rules, 1995 notified vide this Department Notification No. AHY-B(3)-2/87-Vol-II dated 24.04.96 are hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, any appointment made or anything done or any action taken under the relevant rules so repealed under sub-rule -2 (1) supra shall be deemed to have been validly made, done or taken under these rules.

By Order

Addl. Chief Secretary (AH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Ahy-A(3)-14/2010

Dated Shimla-2, the 01.10.2013.

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1. Secretary(Personnel/Finance/Law) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Controller, Printing & Stationery, H.P. Govt. Press, Shimla-5 for publication in Rajpatra.
3. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department, HP, Shimla-171005 alongwith 5 copies of R&P Rules of ~~Sten-Typist~~ *Statistical Officer Class-II*
4. ALR-cum-Deputy Secretary (Law) H.P. Sectt. Shimla-2.

Uttam Singh
(Uttam Singh)

Under Secretary (AH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION RULES FOR THE POST OF STATISTICAL OFFICER (CLASS-II NON-GAZETTED) IN THE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH.

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| 1 | Name of the post | Statistical Officer |
| 2 | Numbers of posts | 01 (one only) |
| 3 | Classification | Class-II (Non-Gazetted) |
| 4 | Scale of pay | i) Pay scale for regular incumbent: ₹ 10300-34800 + ₹ 4400 Grade Pay ii) Emoluments for Contract Employees ₹ 14700/- as per details given in Col. 15-A |
| 5 | Whether selection post or Non-selection post | Selection |
| 6. | Age for direct recruitment | 45 years and below |

Provided that the upper age limit for direct recruits will not be applicable to the candidates already in service of the Government including those who have been appointed on adhoc or on contract basis;

Provided further that if a candidate appointed on adhoc basis or on contract basis had become overage on the date when he/she was appointed as such he shall not be eligible for any relaxation in the prescribed age limit by virtue of his/her such adhoc or contract appointment.

Provided further that upper age limit is relaxable for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other categories of person to the extent permissible under the general or special order(s) of the Himachal Pradesh Government;

Provided further that employees of all the Public Sector, Corporations and Autonomous Bodies who happened to be Government servants before absorption in Public Sector Corporations/Autonomous Bodies at the time of initial constitutions of such Corporations/Autonomous Bodies shall be allowed age concession in direct recruitment as admissible to Government servants. This concession will not, however, be admissible to such staff of the Public Sector Corporations/Autonomous Bodies who were/are subsequently appointed by such Corporations/Autonomous Bodies and who are/were finally absorbed in the service of such Corporations/Autonomous Bodies after initial constitution of the Public Sector Corporations/Autonomous Bodies.

(1) * Age limit for direct recruitment will be reckoned on the first day of the year in which the post(s) is/are advertised for inviting applications or notified to the Employment Exchange or as the case may be.

(2) Age and experience in the case of direct recruitment, relaxable at the discretion of

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| | the recruiting authority i.e H.P.Public Service Commission in case the candidate is otherwise well qualified. | |
| 7 | Minimum Education and other qualification required for direct recruits | <p>a) ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATION:</p> <p>i) Master's Degree in Statistics or Economics/Mathematics/Commerce with Statistics from a recognised University.</p> <p>ii) 02 years experience of Statistical work involving collection, compilation and interpretation of statistical data.</p> <p>b) DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION:</p> <p>Knowledge of customs, manners and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability for appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Pradesh.</p> |
| 8. | Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of the promotees. | <p>i) Age : Not Applicable.</p> <p>ii) Educational Not applicable</p> <p>Qualification:</p> |
| 9. | Period of probation, if any. | Two years subject to such further extension for a period not exceeding one year as may be ordered by the competent authority in special circumstances and reasons to be recorded in writing. |
| 10 | Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion deputation, transfer and the percentage of posts to be filled in by various methods. | 100% by promotion failing which on secondment basis failing both by direct recruitment on a 'regular' basis or by recruitment on contract basis, as the case may be. The contract employees will get emoluments as given in column 15-A and will be governed by service conditions as specified in the said column. |
| 11 | In case of recruitment by promotion, deputation, transfer, grade from which promotion/ deputation/ transfer is to be made. | By promotion from amongst the Technical Assistants having atleast five years regular or regular combined with adhoc service, if any, in the grade failing which on secondment basis from amongst the incumbents of this post working in the identical pay scale from other Departments of H.P. Government. |
| | Provided that the purpose of promotion every employee shall have to serve atleast one term in the Tribal/Difficult areas subject to adequate number of post(s) available in | |

such areas:

Provided further that the proviso (I) supra shall not be applicable in the case of those employees who have five years or less service, left for superannuation.

Provided further that Officers/ Officials who have not served atleast one tenure in Tribal /Difficult areas shall be transferred to such area strictly in accordance with his/her seniority in the respective cadre.

Explanation -I:- For the purpose of proviso I supra the "term" in Tribal/ Difficult areas shall mean normally three years or less period of posting in such areas keeping in view the administrative requirements and performance of the employee.

Explanation-II:- For the purpose of proviso I supra the Tribal / Difficult Areas shall be as under :-

1. District Lahaul & Spiti
2. Pangi and Bharmaur Sub-Division of Chamba District.
3. Dodra Kwar Area of Rohru Sub-Division.
4. Pandrah Bis Pargana, Munish Darkali and Gram Panchayat Kashapat, Gram Panchayats of Rampur Tehsil of Distt. Shimla.
5. Pandrah Bis Pargana of Kullu Distt.
6. Bara Bhagal Area of Baijnath Sub-Division of Kangra Distt.
7. District Kinnaur.
8. Kathwar and Kosrga Patwar Circles of Kamrau Sub Tehsil, Bhaladh Bhalona and Sangna Patwar Circles of Renukaji Tehsil and Kota Pab Patwar Circle of Shilai Tehsil, in Sirmaur Distt.
9. Khanyol-Bagra Patwar Circle of Karsog Tehsil, Gada-Gussaini, Mathyani Ghanyar, Tachi, Baggi, Somgad and Kholanal of Balli-Chowaki Sub-Tehsil Jharwar Kutgarh, Graman, Devgarh, Trailla, Ropa, Kathog, Silh Badhwani, Hastpur, Ghamrehar and Bhatehar Patwar Circle of Padhar Tehsil, Chiuni, Kaliapar, Mangarh, Thach-Bagra, North Magru and South Magru Patwar Circle of Thunag Tehsil and Batwara Patwar Circle of Sundernagar Tehsil in Mandi Distt.

(1) In all cases of promotion, the continuous adhoc services rendered in the feeder post, if any, prior to regular appointment to the post shall be taken into account towards the length of service as prescribed in these rules for promotion subject to the condition that the adhoc appointment /promotion in the feeder category had been made after following proper acceptable process of selection in accordance with the provisions of R&P rules; provided that

In all cases where a junior person become eligible for consideration by virtue of his total length of service (including the service rendered on adhoc basis followed by regular service/appointment) in the feeder post in view of the provision referred to above, all persons senior to him in the respective category post/cadre shall be deemed to be eligible for consideration and placed above the junior person in the field of consideration;

Provided further that all incumbents to be considered for promotion shall process the minimum qualifying service of atleast three years or that prescribed in the R&P rules for the post, whichever is less;

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Provided further that where a person becomes ineligible to be considered for promotion on account of the requirements of the preceding proviso, the person(s) junior to him shall also be deemed to be ineligible for consideration for such promotion.

EXPLANATION:- The last proviso shall not render the junior incumbents ineligible for consideration for promotion if the senior ineligible person happened to be ex-servicemen recruited under the provisions of Rule-3 of Demobilized Armed Forces Personnel (Reservations of vacancies in Himachal State Non-Technical services) Rules, 1972 and having been given the benefit of seniority thereunder or recruited under the provision of Rule-3 of Ex-servicemen (Reservations of vacancies in Himachal State Technical Services) Rules 1985 and having been given the benefit of seniority thereunder.

(2) Similarly in all cases of confirmation continuous adhoc service rendered in the feeder post, if any, prior to the regular appointment against such posts shall be taken into account towards the length of service, if the adhoc appointment/promotion had been made after proper selection and in accordance with the provisions of R&P rules;

Provided that inter-se-seniority as a result of confirmation after taking into account, adhoc service rendered as referred to above shall remain unchanged.

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| 12 | If a departmental promotion Committee exists, what is its composition ? | DPC to be presided over by the Chairman, HP Public Service Commission or a Member thereof to be nominated by him. |
| 13. | Circumstances under which the HP Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitments. | As required under the Law. |
| 14. | Essential requirement for a direct recruitment. | A candidate for appointment to any service or post must be a Citizen of India. |
| 15. | Selection for appointment to post by direct recruitment. | Selection for appointment to the post in the case of direct recruitment shall be made on the basis of viva-voce test, If the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission or other recruiting authority, as the case may be, so consider necessary or expedient by a written test or practical test, the standard/ syllabus, etc. of which will be determined by the Commission or other recruiting authority as the case may be. |
| 15-A | Selection for appointment to the post by contract recruitment. | Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, contract appointment to the post to be made subject to the terms & conditions given below :- (I) CONCEPT: Under this policy, the Statistical Officer in the |

Department of Animal Husbandry, H.P. will be engaged on contract basis initially for one year, which may be extendable on year-to year basis.

Provided that for extension/renewal of contract period on year to year basis the concerned HOD shall issue a certificate that the service and conduct of the contract appointee is satisfactory during the year and only then his / her period of contract is to be renewed/extended.

(b) POST FALLS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF HPPSC.

The Secretary (Animal Husbandry) after obtaining the approval to fill up the vacant posts on contract basis will place the requisition with the concerned recruiting agency i.e. H.P. Public Service Commission.

(c) The selection will be made in accordance with the eligibility conditions prescribed in these R&P Rules.

(II) CONTRACTUAL EMOLUMENT :

The Statistical Officer appointed on contract basis will be paid consolidated fixed contractual amount @ Rs. 14700/- per month (which shall be equal to minimum of the pay band + grade pay)...An amount of Rs. 441/- (3% of the minimum of pay band +grade pay of the post) as annual increase in contractual emoluments for the subsequent year(s) will be allowed if contract is extended beyond one year.

(III) APPOINTING / DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

The Secretary (Animal Husbandry) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh will be appointing and disciplinary authority.

(IV) SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection for appointment to the post in the case of Contract Appointment will be made on the basis of viva-voce test or if consider necessary or expedient by a written test or practical test the standard/syllabus etc of which will be determined by the concerned recruiting authority i.e. H.P. Public Service Commission.

(V) COMMITTEE FOR SELECTION OF CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENTS:

As may be constituted by the concerned recruiting authority from time to time i.e. H.P. Public Service Commission.

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(VI) AGREEMENT:

After selection of a candidate, he/she shall sign an agreement as per Annexure-B appended to these Rules.

(VII) TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- (a) The contractual appointee will be paid fixed contractual amount @ Rs. 14700/- per month (which shall be equal to minimum of the pay band + grade pay). The contract appointee will be entitled for increase in contractual amount @ Rs. 441/- (3% of the minimum of pay band + grade pay of the post) for further extended years and no other allied benefits such as senior/selection scales etc. will be given.
- (b) The service of the Contract Appointee will be purely on temporary basis. The appointment is liable to be terminated in case the performance/ conduct of the contract appointee is not found satisfactory.
- (c) Contract Appointee will be entitled for one day casual leave after putting one month service. However, the contract employee will also be entitled for 12 weeks Maternity Leave and 10 day's Medical Leave. He/She shall not be entitled for Medical Reimbursement and LTC etc. No leave of any other kind is except above is admissible to the contract appointee.

Provided that the un-availed Casual Leave and Medical Leave can be accumulated upto the Calendar Year and will not be carried forward for the next Calendar Year.

- (d) Unauthorized absence from the duty without the approval of the Controlling Officer shall automatically lead to the termination of the contract. Contract Appointee shall not be entitled for contractual amount for the period of absence from duty.
- (e) An official appointed on contract basis who have completed 3 (three) years tenure at one place of posting will be eligible for transfer on need based basis wherever required on administrative grounds.
- (f) Selected candidate will have to submit a certificate of his/her fitness from a Government/Registered Medical Practitioner. Women candidate pregnant beyond 12 weeks will stand temporarily unfit till the confinement is over. The women candidate shall be re-examined for the fitness from an authorized Medical Officer/ Practitioner.
- (g) Contract appointee shall be entitled to TA/DA if

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| | | required to go on tour in connection with his/her official duties at the same rate as applicable to regular officials at the minimum of pay scale. (h) Provisions of service rules, like FR SR, Leave Rules, GPF Rules, Pension Rules and Conduct rules etc. are applicable in case of regular employees will not be applicable in case of contract appointees. They shall be entitled for emoluments etc. as detailed in this Column. |
| 16. | Reservation | The appointment to the service shall be subject to orders regarding reservation in the service for Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes/ Other Backward Classes/ other categories of persons issued by the HP Government from time to time. |
| 17. | Departmental Examination | Not applicable. |
| 18. | Power to relax. | Where the State Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so it may, by order, for reasons, to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provision(s) of these Rules with respect to any Class or Category of person(s) or post(s). |

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

No. AHY-B(3)-2/87-Vol.II. Dated Shimla-17/10/92, the 24.4.1996

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh, in consultation with the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, is pleased to make the Recruitment and Promotion Rules for the post of Statistical officer (Class-II Gazetted) in the Animal Husbandry Department, Himachal Pradesh, as per Annexure-I attached to this Notification namely:-

Short title and
Commencement.

1. (1) These Rules may be called the
Himachal Pradesh, Animal
Husbandry Department, Statistical
Officer(Class-II Gazetted),
Recruitment and promotion
Rules, 1995.
(2) These Rules shall come
force from the date of
publication in Gazette,
Himachal Pradesh.

By order

Commissioner cum Secretary(A.H.)
to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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Dated Shimla-171002, the 24.4.17

1. All Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002, for information and necessary action.
2. The Accountant General (Audit), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171003.
3. The Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), H.P., Shimla-171003.
4. The Dy. Controller, Printing and Stationery, Himachal Pradesh, Government Printing Press, Shimla-171005 for publication in the H.P. Rajpatra. He is requested to supply 300 copies of Rajpatra to the Director of Animal Husbandry, H.P. Shimla-171005 for information and n/a.
5. The Director of Animal Husbandry, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171003. He is requested to supply 200 copies of the above Rajpatra to this department for necessary action.
6. The Joint Director, Animal Husbandry, H.P., at Palampur Distt. Kangra (H.P.).
7. Deputy Director (A.H.), Himachal Pradesh at Mandi, Distt. Mandi (H.P.).
8. All the Distt. Animal Husbandry officers in H.P.
9. Asstt. Legal Draftsman (English/Hindi), Law section, H.P. Sectt., Shimla-171002.
10. A.L.D. (H) Law Deptt. H.P. Sectt., Shimla-2.
11. Gaurd file- 50 spare copies.

K. L. Sharma

Under Secretary (A.H.) to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION RULES FOR THE POST OF STATISTICAL OFFICER CLASS-II GAZETTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY HIMACHAL PRADESH.

1. Name of the Post : Statistical officer.
2. Number of Posts : One (1)
3. Classification : Class-II Gazetted.
4. Scale of Pay : Rs.2000-60-2060-70-2550-75-3000-100-3500.
(to be given in expanded notation).
5. Whether Selection post or Non-Selection post. : Selection.
6. Age for direct recruitment : Below 35 years.

Provided that the upper age limit for direct recruits will not be applicable to the candidates already in service of the Government including those who have been appointed on adhoc or on contract basis.

Provided further that if a candidate appointed on adhoc basis had become overage on the date when he was appointed as such he shall not be eligible for any relaxation in the prescribed age limit by virtue of his such adhoc or contract appointment.

Provided further that upper age limit is relaxable for Scheduled castes/Scheduled Tribes/other categories of persons to the extent permissible under the general or special order(s) of the Himachal Pradesh Government.

Provided further that the employees of all the Public Sector Corporations and Autonomous Bodies who happened to be Government Servants before absorption in Public Sector Corporations/Autonomous Bodies at the time of initial constitutions of such Corporations/Autonomous Bodies shall be allowed age concession in direct recruitment as admissible to Government servants. This

concession will not, however, be admissible to such staff of the Public Sector Corporations/Autonomous Bodies who were/are subsequently appointed by such Corporation/Autonomous Bodies and who are/were finally absorbed in the service of such Corporation/Autonomous Bodies after initial constitutions of the Public Sector Corporations/Autonomous Bodies.

1. Age limit for direct recruitment will be reckoned on the first day of the year in which the Post(s) is/are advertised for inviting applications or notified to the Employment Exchanges or as the case may be.
2. Age and experience in the case of direct recruitment relaxable at the discretion of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission in case the candidate is otherwise well qualified.

7. Minimum Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits :

ESSENTIAL :

- a) (i) Master's Degree in Statistics or Mathematics/Economics/Commerce (with Statistics) or its equivalent of a recognised University.

OR

Degree of a recognised University with Mathematics/Statistics/Economics as one of the subjects followed by a Diploma obtained after at least 2 years Post Graduate Training in Statistics.

- (ii) About 2 years experience of Statistical work involving Collection, Compilation and interpretation of statistical data.

b) DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION :

Knowledge of customs, manner and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability for appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Pradesh.

Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of the promotees:

Age No

Educational Qualifications -No

9. Period of Probation, if any:

Two years subject to such further extension for a period not exceeding one year as may be ordered by the competent authority in special circumstances and reasons to be record in writing.

10. Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion, deputation, transfer and the percentage of vacancies to be filled in by various methods.

100% by promotion failing which by deputation and failing both by direct recruitment.

11. In case of recruitment by promotion, deputation, transfer, grade from which promotion/deputation transfer is to be made.

By promotion from amongst the Technical Assistants in the pay scale of Rs.1640-2925(revised), having at least five years regular or regular combined with adhoc (rendered upto 31.3.1991) service, if any in the grade.

11) By deputation from amongst the Statistical Officers working in the Economics & Statistics or Planning Department, Himachal Pradesh.

Notes:- Provision of Rule 10 & 11 above to be revised by the Government in consultation with the commission as and when the number of posts under Rule 2 are increased.

(1) In all cases of promotion, the adhoc service rendered in the feeder post upto 31.3.1991, if any, prior to regular appointment to the post shall be taken into account towards the length of service as prescribed in these rules for promotion subject to the condition :-

- (i) that in all cases where a junior person becomes eligible for consideration by virtue of his total length of service (including the service rendered on adhoc basis upto 31.3.1991) in the feeder post in view of the provisions referred to above, all persons senior to him in the respective category/post/cadre shall be deemed to be eligible for consideration and placed above the junior person in the field of consideration;

Provided that all incumbents to be considered for promotion shall possess the minimum qualifying service of at least three years or that prescribed in the recruitment and promotion rules for the post, whichever is less;

Provided further that where a person becomes ineligible to be considered for promotion on account of the requirements of the preceding proviso, the person(s) junior to him shall also be deemed to be ineligible for consideration for such promotion.

EXPLANATION:- The last proviso shall not render the junior incumbents ineligible for consideration for promotion if the senior ineligible persons happened to be ex-servicemen recruited under the provisions of Rule-3 of Demobilised Armed Forces Personnel (Reservation of Vacancies in Himachal State Non-Technical Services) Rules, 1972 and having been given the benefit of seniority thereunder or recruited under the provisions of rule-3 of Ex-servicemen (Reservation of Vacancies in the Himachal Pradesh Technical Services) Rules, 1985 and having been given the benefit of seniority thereunder.

2. Similarly, in all cases of confirmation adhoc service rendered on the feeder post upto 31.3.1991, if any, prior to the regular appointment against such post shall be taken into account towards the length of service/

Provided that inter-se-seniority as a result of confirmation after taking into account, adhoc service rendered upto 31.3.1991 shall remain unchanged.

12. If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition? As may be considered by the Govt. from time to time to be presided by the Chairman, H.P. Service Commission or a Member thereto; to be nominated by him.

13. Circumstances under which the H.P. S.C. is to be consulted in making recruitment? As required under the Law.

14. Essential Requirements for a direct recruitment? A candidate for appointment to any service or post must be:-

- a) a citizen of India, or
- b) a subject of Nepal, or
- c) a subject of Bhutan, or
- d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India.
- e) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania (Formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia with the intention of permanently settling in India;

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to an examination or interview conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission or other recruiting authority, but the offer of appointment may be given only after the necessary eligibility certificate has been issued to him by the Govt. of India.

15. Selection for appointment to post by direct recruitment;

Selection for appointment to the post in the case of direct recruitment shall be made on the basis of viva-voce test if Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission or other recruiting authority as the case may be, so consider necessary or expedient by a written test or practical test, the standard/syllabus, etc. of which, will be determined by the Commission/other recruiting authority as the case may be.

16. Reservations

The appointment to the service shall be subject to orders regarding reservation in the service for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes/ Backward Classes/ other categories of persons issued by the Himachal Pradesh Government from time to time.

17. Departmental Examination :

(1) Every member of the service shall pass a Departmental Examination as prescribed in the Departmental Examination Rules, 1976 as amended from time to time, failing which he shall be eligible to :-

(i) Cross the Efficiency Bar next due,

(ii) Confirmation in the service even after completion of probationary period, and

(iii) Promotion to the next higher post.

Provided that an officer who has qualified the Departmental Examination in whole or in part prescribed under any Rules before the notification of these Rules shall not be required to qualify the whole or in part, of the examination as the case may be.

✓ Provided further that an officer for whom no Departmental Examination was prescribed prior to the Notification of these Rules and who has attained the age of 45 years on the 1st March, 1976 shall not be required to qualify the Departmental Examination prescribed under these Rules.

Provided further that an officer for whom no Departmental Examination was prescribed prior to the notification of these Rules and who had not attained the age of 45 years on 1.3.1976 shall not be required to qualify the Departmental Examination prescribed under these Rules after attaining the age of 50 years for the purpose of (i) Crossing of Efficiency Bar next due and (ii) confirmation in the service after completion of probationary period.

2. An officer on promotion to higher post in his direct line of promotion shall not be required to pass the aforesaid examination if he has already passed the same in the lower gazetted post.

3. The Government may in consultation with the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, grant in exceptional circumstances and for reasons to be recorded in writing, exemption in accordance with the Departmental Examination Rules to any class or category of persons from the Departmental Examination in whole or in part provided that such officer is not likely to be considered for any other higher promotion before the date of his superannuation.

18. Powers to relax.

Where the State Govt. is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, it may, be order for reasons to be recorded in writing and in consultation with the H.P.P.S.C., relax any of the provisions of these Rules with respect to any class or category of persons or posts.