

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

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NOTIFICATION

No.DAFE-HFE-FE-0015-2020- 24713 /Ag.&FE, Dated- 10-12-2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Odisha is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Horticulture Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2014; namely:—

1. Short title and commencement .— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Horticulture Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 2021.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Odisha Gazette.

2. In the Odisha Horticulture Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 3, in clause (d), for sub-clause (ii), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely: —

“(ii) Horticulture Overseer”

3. In the said rules, in rule 5,—

(i) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely: —

“(2) The post of Assistant Horticulture Officer shall be filled up by the following methods, namely:—

(a) as nearly as may be but not more than ninety per cent (90%) of the posts by direct recruitment through the Commission ;

(b) as nearly as may be but not less than five per cent (5%) of the posts by promotion from among the departmental candidates completing successfully B.Sc. (Horticulture) or B.Sc. (Agriculture) degree Course on being sponsored by the Government in accordance with these rules ; and

(c) remaining posts by promotion from among the Horticulture Overseers and the Demonstration Assistants, in the ratio of 4:1 in accordance with these rules:

Provided that in case of non-availability of requisite number of departmental candidates under clause (b) above, such balance posts shall be diverted and filled up as per clause (c) above in respective recruitment year only”.

(ii) after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely ;

“(3) The posts of Horticulture Overseer shall be filled up by way of promotion from among the Horticulture Extension Worker.”.

4. In the said rules, for rule 8, the following rule shall be substituted, namely: —

“8. Criteria for promotion to Group-B post.—(1) No Horticulture Extension Worker shall be eligible for promotion to the post of Horticulture Overseer under Group-B

of the Service under rule 5, unless he has completed at least eight (8) years of continuous service as such as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the Committee meets.

(2) No Horticulture Overseer or Demonstration Assistant shall be eligible for promotion to the post of Assistant Horticulture Officer under Group-B of the Service under rule 5, unless he has completed at least five (5) years of continuous service as such as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the Committee meets and has passed the Departmental examination, if any.

(3) No departmental candidate having B.Sc.(Horticulture) or B.Sc.(Agriculture) degree shall be eligible for promotion to the post of Assistant Horticulture Officer under Group-B of the Service under rule 5, unless he has completed at least seven (7) years of continuous service as such as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the Committee meets.”

5. In the said rules, for rule 9, the following rule shall be substituted, namely: —

“9. Criteria for promotion to Group-A (Junior Branch) post.—No Assistant Horticulture Officer under Group-B of the service shall be eligible for promotion to the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Junior Branch) of the service, unless he has completed at least five (5) years of continuous service in the grade of Assistant Horticulture Officer as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the Committee meets.”

6. In the said rules, for rule 10, the following rule shall be substituted, namely: —

“10. Criteria for promotion to Group-A (Senior Branch) post.— No Assistant Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Junior Branch) of the service shall be eligible for promotion to the post of Deputy Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Senior Branch), unless he has completed at least seven (7) years of continuous service in the grade of Assistant Horticulture Officer under Group-B and Assistant Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Junior Branch) taken together, as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the Committee meets.”

7. In the said rules, for rule 11, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

“11. Criteria for promotion to Superior Grade post.— (1) No Deputy Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Senior Branch) shall be eligible for promotion to the post of Joint Director of Horticulture in the Superior Grade in the service unless he has completed at least eight (8) years of continuous service in the grade of Assistant Horticulture Officer under Group-B, Assistant Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Junior Branch) and Deputy Director of Horticulture under Group-A (Senior Branch) taken together, as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the Committee meets.”

(2) The post of Additional Director of Horticulture shall be filled up by way of promotion from among the persons holding the post of Joint Director of Horticulture in the superior Grade on the basis of merit, eligibility and suitability with due regard to seniority as per recommendation of the committee.

By order of the Governor



Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

Memo No. 24714 /A&FE, Dated 10-12-2021

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He is requested to send 50 copies of the Notification to the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Odisha, Bhubaneswar at the earliest for taking necessary action at this end.

  
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Joint Secretary to Government

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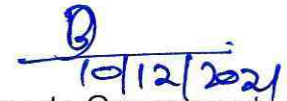
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