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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

HOME DEPARTMENT (Courts-I)

AMENDMENT TO THE TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL SERVICE (CADRE AND RECRUITMENT) RULES, 2007.

[G.O.Ms.No.518, Home (Courts-I), 7th October 2025, புரட்டாசி 21, விசுவாவசு, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

No. SRO B-49(a)/2025.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 233, 234, 235 and the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, in consultation with the High Court, Madras, hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007:-

AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, for rule 8, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“8. Seniority:-

(1) There shall be two separate seniority lists for District Judges, namely, List I for promotee District Judges, including both the promotees under clause (i) in Serial No.3 in the Schedule under sub-rule (1) of rule 5 (regular promotees) and promotees under clause (ii) in the said Serial No.3 (Limited Competitive Examination promotees) and List II for directly recruited District Judges.

(2) The seniority of a District Judge (Entry Level) in List I shall be determined with reference to the date of appointment to the post.

(3) Inter se seniority of regular promotees appointed on the same date shall be determined with reference to seniority in the feeder category.

(4) Inter se seniority of Limited Competitive Examination promotees appointed on the same date shall be determined by the rank assigned in the merit list drawn by the High Court.

(5) If appointed on the same date, Limited Competitive Examination promotees shall be placed below regular promotees.

(6) The seniority of a District Judge (Entry Level) in List II shall be determined with reference to the date of appointment to the post and inter se seniority therein shall be determined by the rank assigned in the merit list drawn by the High Court.

(7) The grant of selection grade and super time-scale shall be on the basis of cadre strength in List I (75%) and List II (25%).

(8) The Principal District Judge shall be the senior most in the cadre, in the District, determined with reference to both Lists I and II. If District Judges, recruited by promotion and direct recruitment, were appointed on the same date, and hold office in the same District, the senior most District Judge from List I shall be the Principal District Judge.

(9) On the basis of merit and suitability, 3:1 ratio between List I and List II, shall be maintained in preparing the list of officers coming within the zone of consideration and the list shall be forwarded to the Honourable Chief Justice.

(10) Sub-rules (1) to (9) shall come into effect on and from the 1st January, 2012.

(11) The seniority of a person appointed to the category of Senior Civil Judge shall be determined by the rank assigned in the list drawn by the High Court.

(12) The seniority of a person appointed to the category of Civil Judge shall be determined by the rank assigned to him/her in the list drawn by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.”.

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