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AND OTHER OFFICERS**

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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT
AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION DEPARTMENT
(H&S)

THE ANDHRA PRADESH HORTICULTURE SERVICE RULES, 1989 - CERTAIN
AMENDMENTS.

[G.O.Ms.No.50, Agriculture & Cooperation (H&S), 17th September, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and of all other powers hereunto enabling, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Horticulture Service Rules, 1989, issued in G.O.Ms.No.776, Food & Agriculture (Agri.II) Department, dated. 15.09.1989 as subsequently amended from time to time.

The Notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from 15.07.2026.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,

(1) for Rule-7, the following shall be substituted, namely:

“7. Minimum Service for Promotion / Appointment by Transfer: No member of the service shall be eligible for promotion or appointment by transfer from a lower category to the next higher category unless he/she has put in not less than two (2) years of service in such lower category.

12. Unit of Appointment and Appointing Authority: For the categories of posts mentioned in the table, the Unit of Appointment and Appointing Authority shall be as follows:

S N o	Category of post	Unit of appointment	Appointing authority
1	Commissioner & Director of Horticulture, I.A.S Cadre	State	Government
2	Additional Director of Horticulture	State	Government
3	Joint Director of Horticulture	State	Government
4	Deputy Director of Horticulture	State	Government
5	Assistant Director of Horticulture	Multi-zone Multi Zone-I: Comprising of Zone-I, Zone-II and Zone-III. Multi Zone-II: Comprising of Zone-IV, Zone-V and Zone-VI	Commissioner & Director of Horticulture
6	Horticulture Officer	Zone Zone-I: Comprising of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli Districts. Zone-II: Comprising of Alluri Sitaramaraju, East Godavari, Kakinada, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema Districts. Zone-III: Comprising of West Godavari, Eluru, NTR, Krishna Districts.	Commissioner & Director of Horticulture
		Zone-IV: Comprising of Guntrur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore Districts. Zone-V: Comprising of Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, YSR Kadapa Districts. Zone-VI: Comprising of Ananthapuramu, Sri Sathya Sai, Kurnool, Nandyal Districts.	

7 (a)	Administrative Officer	Directorate	Commissioner & Director of Horticulture
7 (b)	Administrative Officer	Zone Zone-I: Comprising of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli Districts. Zone-II: Comprising of Alluri Sitaramaraju, East Godavari, Kakinada, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema Districts. Zone-III: Comprising of West Godavari, Eluru, NTR, Krishna Districts. Zone-IV: Comprising of Guntrur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore Districts. Zone-V: Comprising of Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, YSR Kadapa Districts. Zone-VI: Comprising of Ananthapuramu, Sri Sathya Sai, Kurnool, Nandyal Districts.	Commissioner & Director of Horticulture

Note 1: The Unit of Appointment specified in Column (2) of the Table above shall constitute a separate unit for the purposes of appointment, recruitment, discharge, seniority, promotion, transfer, and other service matters in terms of Paragraph 5(1) of the Presidential Order, 2025.

Note 2: The extent of reservation in favour of local candidates in direct recruitment to the categories of posts to be filled by direct recruitment shall be ninety-five percent (95%), as specified in the Presidential Order, 2025.

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