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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

**ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT
(SEC.V)**

THE ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST SERVICE RULES, 1997 - CERTAIN AMENDMENTS.

[G.O.Ms.No.51, Environment and Forests (Sec.V), 21st 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 Forest Service Rules, 1997 issued in G.O.Ms.No.154, EFS&T (For.V), Department, dated: 18.11.1997, 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) In Rule.3, in the table at Class-A, Category-2 – Assistant Conservatory of Forest, Category-3 – Range Officer and in Class-B, Category-2 - Accounts Officer, of the existing entries, the following shall be substituted, in column No.3 of the Table i.e., appointing authority.

Class and Category		Appointing authority
(1)		(3)
1	<u>Class A, Category 2</u> Assistant Conservator of Forests including Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Curator, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, Technical Assistant to Conservator of Forests and Silviculturist	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force
2	<u>Class A, Category 3</u> Range Officer (including Research Assistant, Engineering Instructor, Instructor, Wood Workshop Supervisor, Assistant Curator, Research Range Officer.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force
3	<u>Class B, Category 2</u> Accounts Officer	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force
4	<u>Class B, Category 2 A</u> Administrative Officer	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force

In Column (2) i.e., method of appointment as existing shall continue.

(2). After the table and after Note.6, the following shall be inserted, namely :-

"Note : 7 : **The Unit of appointment** : For the purpose of appointment, recruitment, discharge, seniority, promotion, transfer and other service matters for the posts shall be as follows :"

Class and Category	Unit of Appointment
(1)	(2)
1 <u>Class A, Category 2</u> Assistant Conservator of Forests including Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Curator, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, Technical Assistant to Conservator of Forests and Silviculturist	Multi Zone I : Comprising Zone-I, Zone-II and Zone-III Multi Zone II : Comprising Zone – IV, Zone – V and Zone - VI

2 <u>Class A, Category 3</u> Range Officer (including Research Assistant, Engineering Instructor, Instructor, Wood Workshop Supervisor, Assistant Curator, Research Range Officer.	Zone- I : Comprising Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli District Zone – II : Comprising Alluri Sitarama Raju, East Godavari, Kakinada, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District Zone – III : Comprising West Godavari, Eluru, NTR, Krishna District Zone – IV : Comprising Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District Zone – V : Comprising Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, YSR Kadapa District Zone – VI : Comprising Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Kurnool, Sri Sathya Sai District
3 <u>Class B, Category 2</u> Accounts Officer	Multi Zone I : Comprising Zone-I, Zone-II and Zone-III Multi zone II : Comprising Zone – IV, Zone – V and Zone - VI
4 <u>Class B, Category 2 A</u> Administrative Officer	Zone- I : Comprising Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli District Zone – II : Comprising Alluri Sitarama Raju, East Godavari, Kakinada, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District Zone – III : Comprising West Godavari, Eluru, NTR, Krishna District Zone – IV : Comprising Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District Zone – V : Comprising Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, YSR Kadapa District Zone – VI : Comprising Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Kurnool, Sri Sathya Sai District

Note 8: 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 9: 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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