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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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

THE ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST SUBORDINATE SERVICE RULES, 2000 - CERTAIN
AMENDMENTS.

[G.O.Ms.No.52, 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 Subordinate Service Rules, 2000 issued in G.O.Ms.No.88, EFS&T (For.V) , Department, dated: 19.07.2000, 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, —

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1. (i) In Rule 3, in Class-A, Category-2, Category-3, Category-4, Category-5; in Class-C, Category-1, Category-6, Category-8, Category-9, Category-12, Category-13, Category-15, Category-17, Category-19, Category-20, Category-21, Category-22, Category-23, Category-24 and Category-25; in Class-D, Category-1, Category-2, Category-5, Category-6, Category-7, Category-10, Category-11 and Category-13, for the existing entries, the following shall be substituted, namely in column No.3 of the Table i.e., appointing authority :

Class and Category	Appointing Authority
(1)	(3)
Class-A	
Category-2: Forest Section Officer	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-3: Forest Beat Officer	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-4: Assistant Beat Officer /Tanadar	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-5: Bungalow Watcher /Depot Watcher / Plantation Watcher / Boat Sarang	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.

Class-C	
Category-1: Works Supervisor	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force
Category-6: Electrician	Circle Head of the concerned Territorial Circle
Category-8: Fitter	Circle Head of the concerned Territorial Circle
Category-9: Mason	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-12: Zoo Sergeant	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-13: Booking Clerk	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-15: Carpenter	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-17: Boat Driver (Grade-I) (including Launch Driver)	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-19: Boat Sarang	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-20: Animal Keeper	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-21: Gate Keeper	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-22: Helper	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-23: Cook (Zoo)	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-24: Boat Driver (Grade-II)	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.

Category-25: Labourer	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Class-D	
Category-1: Wireless Operator	Circle Head of the concerned Territorial Circle
Category-2: Projectionist	Circle Head of the concerned Territorial Circle
Category-5: Care Taker	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-6: Lab Assistant (formerly known as Research Technical Assistant)	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-7: Research Field Assistant	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-10: Watcher-cum-Worker	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-11: Mali	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.
Category-13: Malan	District Forest Officer in respect of all Districts except Nandyal District. Deputy Director (Project Tiger) in respect of Nandyal District.

(ii) In column (2) Method of appointment, the existing entries shall continue.

(iii) The following class / category of posts are redundant and hereby omitted, namely ;

Class and Category
Class C
Category -2 : Garden Supervisor
Category -3 : Artist cum Caretaker
Category -4 : Supervisor (Parks including Lion parks and swimming pool supervisors)
Category-5 : Mechanic (Hitherto designated as Senior Mechanic)
Category-7 : Painter
Category-10 : Plumber
Category-11 : Fitter cum Mechanic
Category-14 : Blacksmith
Category-16 : Head Animal Keeper
Category-18 : Head Mali
Category-26 : Tram Line Foreman

Class D
Category-3: Projector Operator
Category-4 : Technical Assistant (including Technician)
Category-8 : Launch Helper
Category-9 : Launch Sarang
Category-12 : Launch Driver

Wherever, the above category of posts occur in the Rules, the relevant entries shall be omitted.

2. In Rule 10, for the existing table, the following table shall be substituted, namely;

10. Unit of Appointment:

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	Category	Name of the Post	Unit of Appointment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A	1	Deputy 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
	2	Forest Section Officer	District
	3	Forest Beat Officer	District
	4	Assistant Beat Officer/Tanadar	District
	5	Bungalow Watcher / Depot Watcher / Plantation Watcher /Boat Sarang	District

B	2	Draughtsman Grade-I	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	Draughtsman Grade-II	
C	1	Works Supervisor	District
	6	Electrician	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
	8	Fitter	
	9	Mason	District
	12	Zoo Sergeant	District
	13	Booking Clerk	District
	15	Carpenter	District
	17	Boat Driver (Grade-I) (including Launch Driver)	District
	19	Boat Sarang	District
	20	Animal Keeper	District
	21	Gate Keeper	District
	22	Helper	District
	23	Cook (Zoo)	District
	24	Boat Driver (Grade-II)	District
	25	Labourer	District

D	1	Wireless Operator	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
	2	Projectionist	
D	5	Care Taker	District
	6	Lab Assistant (formerly known as Research Technical Assistant)	District
	7	Research Field Assistant	District
	10	Watcher-cum-Worker	District
	11	Mali	District
	13	Malan	District
G	12	Junior Veterinary 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 1: The Unit of Appointment specified in Column (4) 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.

(3) 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/class to the next higher category/class, unless he/she has put in not less than two (2) years of service in such lower category/class."

KANTILAL DANDE,
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