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Re-issue of Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Fisheries Service

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No. SRO B-21/2026.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, and in supersession of the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Service the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby re-issues the following Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Fisheries Service. [Section 14 in Volume -II of Tamil Nadu Services Manual, 2016]:-

RULES

SECTION 14-TAMIL NADU FISHERIES SERVICE

1. Constitution.- The service shall consist of the following categories of posts, namely:-

Category 1	Additional Director of Fisheries
Category 2	Joint Director of Fisheries
Category 3	Deputy Director of Fisheries
Category 4	Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engineering)
Category 5	Assistant Director of Fisheries
Category 6	Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical)
Category 7	Inspector of Fisheries

2. Appointment.- (a) Appointment to the categories of posts specified in column (1) of the table below shall be made by the method of appointment specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof:-

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Category (1)	Method of appointment (2)
1. Additional Director of Fisheries	By promotion from among the holders of the post of Joint Director of Fisheries
2. Joint Director of Fisheries	By Promotion from among the holders of the post of Deputy Director of Fisheries
3. Deputy Director of Fisheries	By promotion from among the holders of the post of Assistant Director of Fisheries
4. Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engineering)	By promotion from among the holders of the post of Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical)
5. Assistant Director of Fisheries	By promotion from among the holders of the post of Inspector of Fisheries
6. Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical)	By recruitment by transfer from among the holders of the post of Fishery Engineering Supervisor in the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Subordinate Service.
7. Inspector of Fisheries	(i) By direct recruitment; and (ii) By recruitment by transfer from among the holders of the post of Sub-Inspector of Fisheries in the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Subordinate Service: Provided that the Vacancies arising in the Category of Inspector of Fisheries shall be filled up by direct recruitment and by recruitment by transfer in the ration of 3:2

(b) Promotion to the categories of Additional Director of Fisheries, Joint Director of Fisheries, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engineering), Assistant Director of Fisheries and recruitment by transfer to the category of Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical) and Inspector of Fisheries shall be made on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only when merit and ability are approximately equal.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (r) under section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, regular members in the service shall also be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the category of Inspector of Fisheries.

3. Preparation of annual list of approved candidates.- For the purpose of drawing up of annual list of approved candidates for appointment to the categories in the service by recruitment by transfer or by promotion, the crucial date on which the candidate should be qualified shall be the first August of panel year.

4. Appointing authority.- (a) The appointing authority for the category specified in column (1) of the table below shall be the authority specified in column (2) thereof: -

THE TABLE

Category (1)	Appointing authority (2)
Additional Director / Joint Director / Deputy Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engineering)	Government
Assistant Director of Fisheries / Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical) / Inspector of Fisheries	Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare

(b) The Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare shall make first appointment of the officers below the rank of Deputy Director of Fisheries from the panel approved by the Government.

5. Reservation of appointment.- The provisions contained in section 27 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 2016) shall apply for appointment to the category of Inspector of Fisheries by direct recruitment.

6. Qualification.-(a) Age.-No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the category of Inspector of Fisheries if he has completed or will complete 30 years of age on the first day of July of the year in which the notification for recruitment is made:

Provided that on and from 13.09.2021 till 12.09.2026, the maximum age limit for appointment to the post by direct recruitment shall be 32 (thirty two) years.

(b) **Other Qualifications.-** No person shall be eligible for appointment to the category specified in column (1) of the table below, by the methods specified in the corresponding entries in the column (2) unless he possesses the qualifications specified in the corresponding entries in column (3) thereof:

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Category (1)	Method of appointment (2)	Qualification (3)
1. Additional Director of Fisheries	By promotion	Must have put in a service of not. less than one year as Joint Director of Fisheries
2. Joint Director of Fisheries	By promotion	Must have put in a service of not less than two years as Deputy Director of Fisheries
3. Deputy Director of Fisheries	By promotion	Must have put in a service of not less than six years as Assistant Director of Fisheries in which two years of service must be in the marine sector
4. Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engineering)	By promotion	Must have put in a service of not less than six years as Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical)
5. Assistant Director of Fisheries	By promotion	Must have put in a service of not less than six years as Inspector of Fisheries
6. Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical)	By recruitment by transfer	i. Must possess a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (or) a degree in Mechanical Engineering; and ii. Must have put in a service of not less than six years as Fishery Engineering Supervisor in Tamil Nadu Fisheries Subordinate Service
7. Inspector of Fisheries	i. By direct recruitment ii. By recruitment by transfer	Must possess a B.FSc degree from a recognised University Must have completed a service of not less than five years as Sub- Inspector of Fisheries in the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Subordinate Service with B.FSc

7. Probation.- (a) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the category-7, shall from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years:

Provided that every person appointed by recruitment by transfer to a category 6 & 7, shall from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation for a total period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years.

(b) The Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare shall be the competent authority to declare the satisfactory completion of probation to the category of Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical) and Inspector of Fisheries or

to extend his probation for a maximum period of five years to enable him to pass the prescribed departmental tests.

8. Training.- (a) Every person selected for appointment to the category of Inspector of Fisheries by direct recruitment shall, undergo the departmental training in the Staff Training Institute for a period of six months as given below:-

- (i) 2 months theory class in Staff Training Institute of the Fisheries department;
- (ii) 2 Months training in Inland Fish Farms; and
- (iii) 2 Months training in Marine Sector

During the period of such training, he will be treated as "Officer Trainee" and will be entitled to get Traveling Allowances as admissible to the Gazetted Officers besides pay less than the minimum of the scale of pay applicable by an amount equal to one increment at the start to the scale per mensem with usual allowances admissible under the orders in force:

Provided that money spent on direct recruits during the training period shall be recovered from them in case they do not serve the Government for at least five years.

(b) The officer trainee shall commence his probation from the date of joining the departmental training course at the Staff Training Institute. On completion of the departmental training he shall undergo:-

- (i) Foundational Course 'B' for three weeks at the Civil Services Training Institute, Bhavanisagar / Anna Administrative Staff College or any other center that may be specified by the Government. At the end of the training, a test will be conducted and a pass in the said test is a pre-condition for declaration of probation; and

(c) Every person who is required to undergo the trainings specified in sub rules (a) and (b) shall, before undergoing the training execute an agreement in the prescribed form.

(d) Every person who is called upon to undergo a course of training in the interest of the Government work shall undergo course or training as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time and shall also execute a bond to serve the Government for such periods as may be prescribed by the Government.

9. Tests- Every person appointed to the category- 6 & 7 shall pass. the following tests within the period of probation failing which the third and subsequent increments shall be stopped without cumulative effect until he passes such tests. Such stoppage shall not have the effect of postponing the increment after the tests are passed:-

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Category (1)	Tests (2)
Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical)	(i) Fisheries Departmental Test I; (ii) Account Test for Executive Officers
Inspector of Fisheries	(i) Fisheries Departmental Test I; (ii) Fisheries Departmental Test II Parts A, B and C only; and (iii) Account Test for Executive Officers

10. Postings and transfers.- The authority competent to make postings, transfer and additional charge arrangements for the category of Deputy Director of Fisheries, Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engineering), Assistant Director of Fisheries, Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mechanical) and Inspector of Fisheries shall be the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare.

11. Savings.- Nothing contained in these rules shall adversely affect the interests of the persons holding the posts as on the date of issue of these rules.

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Secretary to Government.