

GAZETTE DATE : 30.06.2009

LAST DATE : 05.08.2009

CATEGORY No : 234/2009

1. Department : Forest
2. Name of Post : Assistant Conservator of Forest
(SR from SC/ST)
3. Scale of Pay : Rs.12930-20250
4. Number of vacancies : 1 (One)

Note:- The Ranked list of selected candidates published by the Commission in pursuance of the notification shall cease to be in force after one month from the date of commencement of training or 3 months from the date of coming into force of the ranked list which ever is later.

5. Method of appointment : Direct Recruitment (from among Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes only).

Note:- Applications received from candidates other than Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates will be rejected. Individual communications regarding the rejection of their applications for the above reason will not be issued.

6. Age Limit : Should have completed 19 (Nineteen) years and should not have completed 40 (Forty) years as on 01.01.2009. (No other age relaxation will be allowed).

Note:-(1) In the absence of qualified candidates within the age limit the upper age limit shall be relaxed upto 50 years. But in no case the maximum age limit shall exceed 50 (Fifty) years.

(2) Preference will be given to Ex-Servicemen within the frame work of G.O (MS) No.70/73/P dated 2.3.1973.

7. Educational Qualifications : Candidates must possess Bachelors Degree (or equivalent) in Science or Engineering of any recognized University with at least in one of the following subjects.

Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Applications/Computer Science, Engineering (Agriculture/Chemical/Civil/Computer/Electrical/Electronics/Mechanical), Environmental Science, Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, Physics Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology.

Physical Standard

Minimum Physical Standards are as prescribed below:

For Men
Chest 79 Cm (Normal)
(Chest Expansion 5 Cm)

Height - 163

For ST Candidates

Height - 152 Cm

For Women

Chest 74 Cm (Normal)
(Chest Expansion 5 Cm)

Height - 150 Cm

For ST Candidates

Height - 145 Cm

(Physical measurement will be taken by the Commission prior to walking test.
Candidates are well advised to ensure their Physical measurements before they apply)

8. Competitive Examination

(1) Candidates will have to appear for a competitive examination to be conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission on the following subjects.

COMPULSORY SUBJECT

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| 1] | General Knowledge | : | 100 Marks |
| 2] | English (Essays and Precise writing etc) | : | 100 Marks |

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

- 3] Any two subjects of the following : 200 Marks each

Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Applications/Computer Science, Engineering (Agriculture/Chemical/Civil/Computer/Electrical/Electronics/Mechanical). Environmental Science. Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, Physics Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology. (The Standards of these subjects shall be that of a Bachelors Degree)

Note:- No candidate shall be allowed to take more than one subjects from the following groups:-

- (i) Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Veterinary Science.
- (ii) Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.
- (iii) Computer Application/Computer Science and Computer Engineering.
- (iv) Electrical Engineering and Electronic Engineering
- (v) Mathematics and Statistics.

Note: Optional subjects selected for examination should be specifically noted on the top of the application Side 'B', if not, the application will summarily be rejected.

9. Walking Test:

Male Candidates who come out successful in the competitive examination must pass Physical Test covering a distance of 25 (Twenty five) Kilometers within four hours and women candidates 16 (Sixteen) Kilometers within 4 hours. This Test will be arranged by the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Interview:

Those candidates who are qualified in the competitive examination and physical test will be required to present themselves for an interview at the time and place fixed by the Commission.

10. Health Certificate:

Health Certificate (in original signed by a Civil Surgeon) testifying the candidates sound hearing and General Physical Fitness for strenuous outdoor work in the Forest Department and two identification body marks, should also be produced at the time of interview. The Height and Chest (Normal and Expanded) should also be distinctively recorded in the Certificates.

Note:

1. Physically Handicapped candidates are not eligible to apply for this post.
2. The selected candidates will be sent by the department before a Medical Board to issue a health certificate and to certify that the candidate is fit to take strenuous outdoor work in the Forest Department for onward transmission to the Director of Forest Education, Government of India Dehradun.

11. Training

a) A person selected for being subsequently appointed, as Assistant Conservator by direct recruitment shall undergo a special course of study at the Forest College, Dehradun for such duration as may be prescribed from time to time. If any candidate is prevented by sickness or any other adequate cause from appearing the final examination at Dehradun, at the end of the course, the state government may allow him to appear in the next final examination. On successful completion of the course, he shall be appointed as Assistant Conservator on probation subject to availability of vacancy.

b) He shall not be entitled to any pay while undergoing the course of study prescribed in Sub rule (a). During the period he shall however be paid a stipend at such a rate as the State Government may from time to time sanction. He shall be granted in respect of the journeys performed by him while undergoing the course of study prescribed in the rule, actual expenses as authorized in the rule relating to the said course of study and also traveling allowances for joining his appointment in the State after successfully completing the course, as prescribed under the rules in the State.

c. The whole of the expenses for the course of study at Dehradun will be met by the State Government. The person selected for the course will execute a bond with two sureties for all sums which in any way stipended, paid or incurred by the State Government in respect of his course of study at the Forest College, Dehra Dun and also a separate agreement in such forms as may be prescribed by State Government from time to time undertaking to serve the said Government or the Forest Department for a period of at least (7) seven years after successfully completing his training at Dehra Dun.

d. A directly recruited Probationary Assistant Conservator shall be given practical training for a period of two years from the date of his appointment as Probationary Assistant Conservator. He shall be paid during the period of his practical training, the pay and allowances, admissible to an Assistant Conservator and the period of this training would count for increments, leave, pension etc.

12. Probation

Every person appointed as Assistant Conservator of Forest shall be on probation for a total period of three years on duty from the date of successful completion of the diploma course at the Indian Forest College, Dehradun, including 2 years training.

13. Test

An Assistant Conservator appointed by Direct Recruitment shall during the period of probation pass the Account Test for the Executive Officers of Kerala.

14. Seniority

The seniority of a directly recruited Assistant Conservator shall be determined by the date of his appointment as Probationary Assistant Conservator. Where such date is the same in the case of two or more members. Their seniority inter se shall be determined by their rank in the pass list issued by the Forest College Dehra Dun.

15. Candidates are required to be present for the Written Test, Walking Test and Interview at their own cost.

16. Ranked List of qualified candidates will be published and selection will be made from the list against the vacancy shown above and for all the vacancies reported during the period of pendency of the Ranked List.

17. Last Date for receipt of applications: 05/08/2009 Wednesday upto 5.00 pm

18. Application form:

Candidates should apply in the new application form which is specially designed for processing through Optical Mark Reader (OMR) also. This new application form is a single sheet of paper printed on both sides to facilitate Computer Processing also using the Optical Mark Reader (OMR). Side A is the OMR data sheet and Side B is the conventional application form. Candidates must fill up both sides of the application.

Cost of application form for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates is Rs.5/- (Rupees five only).

Note: (1)The applications should be filled up in accordance with the directions contained in the information brochure supplied along with the application form. All documents should be enclosed with the application. Applications which are not in the aforesaid form and those which are not filled up in accordance with the instructions in the brochure will be summarily rejected. The application form can be obtained from Post Offices in Kerala and from various Offices of the Commission.

(2) Application should be submitted in the form devised and printed by the Kerala Public Service Commission and applications otherwise submitted will be summarily rejected.

(3)Documents to prove qualification, age and Community etc. have to be produced along with the application. The applications which are unaccompanied by the required documents will be summarily rejected.

19. Address to which applications are to be sent:-

The Deputy Secretary,
Special Recruitment Wing,
Kerala Public Service Commission,
Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 004.

20. Paragraphs two, three and twenty six (except the conditions laid down in the Rule 3 (c) of the part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules) are not applicable to this selection.

21. Appointments are made subject to the rank secured in the ranked list of candidates prepared in pursuance of this Notification subject to the conditions laid down in G.O.(Ms)No:142/72/PD dated 13.4.1972, G.O.(Ms)No:309/73/PD dated 29.11.1973, G.O.(P)No:21/76/PD dated 17.1.1976 and G.O.(P)No:25/94/PD dated 22.1.1994 allowing Special Reservations to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the procedures made for this purpose from time to time and subject to the rules under sections 3 (c), 17 (a), 17 (b) of Part II of Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958.

(For details, refer to the General conditions)

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