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Government of India
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, Dated, the -----, 2026

G.S.R..... – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of notification numbers GSR 242 and GSR 126, dated the 31st July, 2018 and 25th October, 2021 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of the recruitment to the Group ‘B’ posts of Assistant in the Group ‘B’ Posts under the Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement-** (1) These rules may be called Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Assistant, Group-‘B’) Recruitment Rules, 2026.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. **Number of post, classification and Level in pay matrix-** The number of posts, its classification and **Level in the pay Matrix** attached thereto, shall be as specified in column (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.
3. **Method of recruitment, age limit and qualifications, etc.-** Method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto, shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the aforesaid Schedule.
4. **Disqualification-** Any person,-
 - (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or
 - (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person, shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5. **Power to relax-** Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do it may, by order, and for reasons to be recorded in writing and in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission relax any of the provisions of these with respect to any class or category of persons.
6. **Saving-** Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation in age- limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the Other Backwards Classes, the Ex-servicemen, the Economically Weaker Section and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

**RECRUITMENT RULES FOR THE POST OF 'ASSISTANT' IN REGIONAL OFFICE,
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE.**

SCHEDULE

| Name of Post | Number of post | Classification | Level in Pay Matrix | Whether Selection or Non-Selection Post | Age limit for direct recruits | Educational and other qualification required for direct recruits |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Assistant | 19* (2025) *Subject to variation dependent on workload Regional Offices located at: * Bangalore-2 * Bhopal-2 * Bhubaneswar-2 * Chandigarh-1 * Chennai-2 * Dehradun-2 * Lucknow-2 * Nagpur-2 * Ranchi-2 * Shillong-2 | General Central Service, Group 'B', Non-Gazetted, Ministerial | Level-6, (₹35400-₹112400/-) in the pay matrix | Selection | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment will apply in the case of promotees | Period of probation, if any | Method of recruitment: whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of vacancies to be filled by various methods | In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation or absorption to be made | If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition | Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment | |
| (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | |
| Not applicable | Two years for promotes | By promotion failing which by deputation (including short-term contract)/absorption | Promotion plus deputation (including short-term contract): Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Autonomous or Statutory organisation or Public Sector Undertaking or Universities recognised Research Institutions: (a) (i) Holding analogous post on regular basis; or (ii) with six years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-5 (₹29,200-₹92,300/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or (iii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-4 (₹25,500-81,100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and | Group 'B' Departmental promotion Committee (for considering promotion/selection and confirmation) consisting of :- 1. Additional Director General of Forests (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Chairman; 2. Deputy Inspector General of Forests or Assistant Inspector General of Forests or Head of the Office of concerned Regional Office -Member; 3. Director or Deputy Secretary (Administration), Ministry of | Consultation with Union Public Service Commission not necessary. | |

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| | | <p>(b) Possessing educational experience: - the following qualification and experience:-</p> <p>(i) Bachelor's degree from a recognised University or Institute; and</p> <p>(ii) Two years experience in establishment and administrative matters.</p> <p>Deputation (including short term contract)/absorption:</p> <p>Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Autonomous or Statutory organisation or Public Sector Undertaking or Universities or recognised Research Institutions:</p> <p>(a) (i) Holding analogous post on regular basis; or</p> <p>(ii) with six years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-5 (₹29,200-92300/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(iii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-4 (₹25,500-₹81,100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and</p> <p>(b) Possessing the following educational qualification and experience: -</p> <p>(i) Bachelor's degree from a recognised University or Institute; and</p> <p>(ii) Two years experience in establishment and administrative matters.</p> <p>Note 1: The departmental Upper Division Clerk in level-4 (₹25,500-₹81,100/-) in pay matrix with ten years of regular service in grade and having the educational qualification and experience prescribed for considering appointment on deputation basis is considered along with outsiders. If the departmental candidate is selected for appointment to the post, it shall be treated as having been filled by promotion.</p> <p>Note 2: Period of deputation including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other Organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed five years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding fifty-six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.</p> | <p>Environment, Forests and Climate Change - Member;</p> <p>4. Director or Deputy Secretary or Deputy Inspector General of Forests or Asst. Inspector General of Forests, RoHQ, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi - Member</p> | |
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ANNEXURE-III

**FORM TO BE FILLED BY THE MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT WHILE FORWARDING
PROPOSALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING AND THE
UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR AMENDMENT OF APPROVED
RECRUITMENT RULES.**

| 1. | Name of the post | Assistant | | |
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| 2. | Name of Ministry/Department | Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change | | |
| 3. | Reference No. in which commission's advice on recruitment rules was conveyed | Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi Notification No..... dated | | |
| Sl. No. | Schedule Details | Provision in the approved/existing rules | Revised provisions proposed | Reasons for the revision proposed |
| 1. | Name of the Post | Assistant | Assistant | No change |
| 2. | Number of posts | 19 | 19 | No change |
| 3. | Classification | General Central Service, Group 'B', Non-Gazetted, Ministerial | General Central Service, Group 'B', Non-Gazetted, Ministerial | No change |
| 4. | Level in Pay Matrix | Level-6, (₹35,400-₹1,12,400/-) in the pay matrix | Level-6, (₹35,400-1,12,400/-) in the pay matrix | No change |
| 5. | Whether Selection or Non-Selection Post | Selection | Selection | No change |
| 6. | Age limit for direct recruits | Not applicable | Not applicable | No change |
| 7. | Educational and other qualification required for direct recruits | Not applicable | Not applicable | No change |
| 8. | Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment will apply in the case of promotees | Not applicable | Not applicable | No change |
| 9. | Period of probation, if any | Two years for promotes | Two years for promotes | No change |
| 10. | Method of recruitment: whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of vacancies to be filled by various methods | 50% by deputation including short term contract/absorption 50% by deputation including short term contract/promotion | By promotion failing which by deputation (including short-term contract)/absorption | As per Model Recruitment Rules. |
| 11. | In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation or absorption to be made | Promotion plus deputation (including short-term contract): Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Autonomous or Statutory organisation or Public Sector Undertaking or Universities recognised Research Institutions: (a) (i) Holding analogous post on regular basis; or | Promotion plus deputation (including short-term contract): Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Autonomous or Statutory organisation or Public Sector Undertaking or Universities recognised Research Institutions: | No change No change No change |

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| | | <p>(ii) with six years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-5 (₹. 29200-92300/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> | <p>(a) (i) Holding analogous post on regular basis; or</p> | |
| | | | <p>(ii) with six years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-5 (₹. 29200-92300/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(ii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-4 (₹. 25500-81100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and</p> | <p>(ii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-4 (₹. 25500-81100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(b) Possessing educational experience: -the following qualification and experience:-</p> | <p>(b) Possessing educational experience: -the following qualification and experience:-</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(i) Bachelor's degree from a recognised University or Institute; and</p> | <p>(i) Bachelor's degree from a recognised University or Institute; and</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(ii) Two years experience in establishment and administrative matters.</p> | <p>(ii) Two years experience in establishment and administrative matters.</p> | No change |
| | | <p>Deputation (including short term contract)/absorption:</p> | <p>Deputation (including short term contract)/absorption:</p> | No change |
| | | <p>Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Autonomous or Statutory organisation or Public Sector Undertaking or Universities or recognised Research Institutions:</p> | <p>Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Autonomous or Statutory organisation or Public Sector Undertaking or Universities or recognised Research Institutions:</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(a) (i) Holding analogous post on regular basis; or</p> | <p>(a) (i) Holding analogous post on regular basis; or</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(ii) with six years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-5 (₹. 29200-92300/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> | <p>(ii) with six years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in the pay level-5 (₹. 29200-92300/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> | No change |
| | | <p>(iii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular</p> | <p>(iii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on</p> | No change |

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| | | <p>basis in the pay level-4 (₹. 25500-81100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and</p> <p>(b) Possessing the following educational qualification and experience: -</p> <p>(i) Bachelor's degree from a recognised University or Institute; and</p> <p>(ii) Two years experience in establishment and administrative matters.</p> <p>Note 1: The departmental Upper Division Clerk in level-4 (₹25500-81100/-) in pay matrix with ten years of regular service in grade and having the educational qualification and experience prescribed for considering appointment on deputation basis is considered along with outsiders. If the departmental candidate is selected for appointment to the post, it shall be treated as having been filled by promotion.</p> <p>Note 2: Period of deputation including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other Organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed three years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding fifty-six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.</p> | <p>regular basis in the pay level-4 (₹. 25500-81100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and</p> <p>(b) Possessing the following educational qualification and experience: -</p> <p>(i) Bachelor's degree from a recognised University or Institute; and</p> <p>(ii) Two years experience in establishment and administrative matters.</p> <p>Note 1: The departmental Upper Division Clerk in level-4 (₹25500-81100/-) in pay matrix with ten years of regular service in grade and having the educational qualification and experience prescribed for considering appointment on deputation basis is considered along with outsiders. If the departmental candidate is selected for appointment to the post, it shall be treated as having been filled by promotion.</p> <p>Note 2: Period of deputation including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other Organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not to exceed five years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding fifty-six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.</p> | <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>As per DoPT OM No. DOPT-1716267027220 dated 28.03.2024, Consolidated Guidelines on deputation/foreign service for Central Govt. Employees.</p> |
| 12. | If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition | <p>Group 'B' Departmental promotion Committee (for considering promotion and confirmation) consisting of :-</p> <p>1. Additional Director General of Forests (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Chairman;</p> | <p>Group 'B' Departmental promotion Committee (for considering promotion/selection and confirmation) consisting of :-</p> <p>1. Additional Director General of Forests (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Chairman;</p> | <p>The Selection Committee has been proposed as per the existing nomenclature of the post.</p> |

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| | | <p>2. Conservator of Forests of concerned Regional Office - Member;</p> <p>3. Director or Deputy Secretary (Administration), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change - Member;</p> <p>4. Director or Deputy Secretary Regional Office (Head Quarters), New Delhi - Member</p> | <p>2. Deputy Inspector General of Forests or Assistant Inspector General of Forests or Head of the Office of concerned Regional Office -Member;</p> <p>3. Director or Deputy Secretary (Administration), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change - Member;</p> <p>4. Director or Deputy Secretary or Deputy Inspector General of Forests or Asst. Inspector General of Forests Regional Office (Head Quarters), New Delhi - Member</p> | |
| 13. | Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment | Consultation with Union Public Service Commission not necessary | Consultation with Union Public Service Commission not necessary | No change |
