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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE
(FOREST ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 2026

G.S.R. No..... In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in suppression of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change, Forest Survey of India (Group 'A' Posts) Recruitment Rules, 2018, in so far as they relate to the post of Assistant Director, Forest Survey of India, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such suppression, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the post of Assistant Director in the Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement. -(1) These rules may be called the Forest Survey of India (Assistant Director) Recruitment rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Number of posts, classification, and level in the pay matrix. -The number of the said post, its classification, level in pay matrix attached thereto, shall be specified in columns (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3 .Method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications, etc. - The method of recruitment, age-limit, qualification and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

4. Disqualification. - No 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:

Provide 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, relax any of the provisions of these rules in respect of any class or category of persons.

6. Saving. -Nothing in these rules shall affect the reservation, relaxation in age-limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the Other Backward Classes, the Economically Weaker Section, the Ex-serviceman and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

ANNEXURE – I

RECRUITMENT RULES FOR THE POST OF 'ASSISTANT DIRECTOR' IN FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE.

SCHEDULE

Name of the post	Number of post	Classification	Level in Pay Matrix	Whether Selection Post or Non-Selection Post	Age limit for direct recruits.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Assistant Director	10*(2026) *Subject to variation dependent on workload.	General Central Service, Group-A, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level 10 in pay matrix	Selection	Not applicable

Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits.	Whether age & educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits 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 the vacancies to be filled by various methods.
7	8	9	10
Not applicable	Not applicable	Two years	By promotion

In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion/deputation/absorption to be made.	If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition.	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment.
11	12	13
Promotion: Senior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix with 'ten years' combined service in the grade of Senior Technical Assistant in level 6	Group Departmental Promotion Committee considering	'A' for Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission necessary.

in the pay matrix & Junior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix and successful completion of two weeks training as prescribed by the Department. Note 1: Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their senior's shall also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.	promotion, consisting of: - 1. Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission - Chairman; 2. Director General of Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 3. Officer in the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent in charge of Forest Establishment matters in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 4. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun - Member. Group 'A' Departmental Confirmation Committee for considering confirmation, consisting of: -	
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	1. Director General of Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Chairman; 2. Officer in the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent in charge of Forest Establishment matters in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 3. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun - Member.	
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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.

- a. Name of the post **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**
1. b. Name of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate
Ministry/Department Change, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun
2. Reference No. in which Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate
commission's advice on Change, New Delhi Notification No. 9-

recruitment rules was 2/2015-FE dated 23.02.2018
conveyed

Col. No. of the Schedule	Provision in the approved rules	Revision Proposed	Reason for the revision Proposed
1.	Assistant Director	Assistant Director	No Change
2.	11*(2018) *Subject to variation dependent on workload.	10*(2026) *Subject to variation dependent on workload.	01 post under abolished category as per DoE OM dated 05.01.2024.
3.	General Central Service, Group-A, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	General Central Service, Group-A, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	No change
4.	Level 10	Level 10 in pay matrix	No change
5.	Selection	Selection	No change
6.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No change
7.	Not applicable	Not applicable	No change
8.	Not applicable	Not applicable	No change
9.	Two years	Two years	No change
10.	By promotion	By promotion	No change
11.	Promotion: Senior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix (Rs. 35400-112400) with 'ten years' service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis and successful completion of two weeks training as prescribed by the Department. Note 1: Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their senior's shall also be considered provided they are not short of	Promotion: Senior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix with 'ten years' combined service in the grade of Senior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix & Junior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix and successful completion of two weeks training as prescribed by the Department. Note 1: Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are	Senior Technical Assistant is feeder grade of Assistant Director & Junior Technical Assistant is feeder grade of Senior Technical Assistant. Senior Technical Assistant & Junior Technical Assistant are in same level i.e. level 6 in the pay matrix. At present, Junior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix is promoted to the post of same level of Senior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix after completion of five years' regular service. Senior Technical Assistant in level 6 in the pay matrix is

	the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.	being considered for promotion, their senior's shall also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.	promoted to the post of Assistant Director in level 10 in the pay matrix after completion of eight years' regular service. Thus, official in this cadre are promoted from level 6 to level 10 after 13 years of minimum qualifying service which is contrary to the minimum qualifying service prescribed vide DoPT OM No. AB-14017/4/2021-Estt. (RR) Dated 20 September 2022. Hence, minimum qualifying service for promotion to the post of Assistant Director has been proposed to be revised.
12.	Group Departmental Promotion Committee considering promotion, consisting of: - 1. Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission - Chairman; 2. Director General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 3. Joint Secretary,	'A' Group Departmental Promotion Committee for considering promotion, consisting of: - 1. Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission - Chairman; 2. Director General of Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 3. Officer in the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent in charge of Forest Establishment	

	Forest Establishment Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change – Member; 4. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun - Member. Group ‘A’ Departmental Confirmation Committee for considering confirmation, consisting of: - 1. Director General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Chairman; 2. Joint Secretary, Forest Establishment Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change – Member; 3. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun - Member.	matters in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 4. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun - Member. Group ‘A’ Departmental Confirmation Committee for considering confirmation, consisting of: - 1. Director General of Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Chairman; 2. Officer in the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent in charge of Forest Establishment matters in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member; 3. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun - Member.	As per instructions contained in DoPT O.M.No.AB.14017/48/2010-Estt.(RR) dated 31.12.2010. Due to reorganization Head of FE division is IGF(FE).
13.	Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission necessary.	Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission necessary.	No change

