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### PART-IIA

#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**No.FOR.19/2020/172.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following Rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of Service of persons appointed to the post in Meghalaya Forest Subordinate (Technical) Service.

1. **Short title and Commencement:** (1) These Rules may be called The Meghalaya Forest Subordinate (Technical) Service Rules, 2024.  
(2) They shall come into force from the date of notification in the official gazette.
2. **Definitions:** In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
  - (a) "Appointing Authority" means the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Meghalaya.
  - (b) "Commission" means the Meghalaya Public Service Commission.
  - (c) "Direct Recruitment" means recruitment made otherwise than by promotion as prescribed in these Rules.
  - (d) "Committee" means the Committee constituted by the Government under Rule 8 of these Rules.
  - (e) "Government" means the Government of Meghalaya.
  - (f) "Governor" means the Governor of Meghalaya.
  - (g) "Member of the Service" means a person appointed to a post in the Service under the provisions of these Rules or the Rules or Orders in force prior to the commencement of these Rules.
  - (h) "Schedule" means Schedule appended to these Rules.
  - (i) "Service" means the Meghalaya Forest Subordinate (Technical) Service.
  - (j) "Select List" means a list of names prepared in order of preference for the purpose of making promotions under Rule 9 of these Rules after taking into account the number of vacancies to be filled up.

- 3. Constitution of the Service:** There shall be constituted a Service to be known as the Meghalaya Forest Subordinate (Technical) Service consisting of the following persons, namely:
- (1) Persons appointed to different categories of posts in the Service on the recommendation of the Meghalaya Public Service Commission or the concerned District Selection Committee before the commencement of these Rules.
  - (2) Persons appointed to different posts in the Service in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.
- 4. Composition of the Service:** (1) The Service shall, at the commencement of these Rules consist of the following posts, namely:
- (a) Junior Engineer (Civil)
  - (b) Draftsman.
- (2) Each of the categories of posts mentioned in sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 above shall form an independent cadre. Members of the lower cadre shall have no claim for appointment to any of the higher cadre except in accordance with the provisions made in these Rules.
- 5. Status:** The status of members of the Service holding the post of Junior Engineer shall be Group 'B' Non-Gazetted and those holding the post of Draftsman shall be Group 'C' Non-Gazetted.
- 6. Strength of the Service:** (1) The strength and composition of the Service shall be such as may be determined by the Government from time to time.
- (2) At the commencement of these Rules, the strength of the Service and posts therein shall be as shown in Schedule - I.
- 7. Method of Recruitment:** (i) Appointment to the post of Junior Engineer (Civil) shall be made by promotion from amongst the members holding the post of a Draftsman and who possess the requisite qualification and experience as specified in Schedule II of these Rules.
- (2) Appointment to the post of Draftsman shall be made by direct recruitment through Competitive Examination conducted by the Meghalaya Public Service Commission.
- 8. Departmental Promotion Committee:** (1) For the purpose of preparing a Select List for appointment by promotion under sub-rule (1) of Rule 7 to the post of Junior Engineer (Civil), there shall be a Departmental Promotion Committee consisting of the following members:
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| (1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF                     | : | Chairman         |
| (2) All Additional Principal Chief Conservators of Forests, I/c Wing. | : | Member           |
| (3) Chief Conservators of Forests                                     | : | Member           |
| (4) Secretary, Personnel & A.R Department or his representative       | : | Member           |
| (5) Secretary, Finance Department or his representative               | : | Member           |
| (6) Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration)                     | : | Member Secretary |
- (2) The Chairman of the Committee may invite any other person(s) to attend its meeting as and when considered necessary.
- 9. Procedure for preparing the Select List:** (1) At the beginning of each year, the Appointing Authority shall refer to the Committee, the approximate number of vacancies likely to occur in each cadre of the Service

during the year. To enable the Committee to prepare the Lists for Promotion to those cadres, the Appointing Authority shall furnish the Committee with the following documents, namely: (i) A List of the members of the Service drawn up in order of seniority and consisting three times the number of vacancies referred to in sub-rule (1). Provided that such restriction shall not apply in respect of posts where the total number of eligible persons is less than three times the number of vacancies and in such a case the Committee shall consider all the eligible persons.

(ii) The Character Rolls and Service Records of such persons.

(iii) Any other documents and information as may be considered necessary by the Appointing Authority or required by the Committee.

(2) The Committee after examining the Character Rolls, Service Records and other documents in respect of all such persons, shall prepare a list based on seniority with due regards to merit and suitability. The number of persons to be included in the list shall be according to the actual number of vacancies available at the particular cadre. The list shall be forwarded by the Committee to the Appointing Authority.

(3) The names of persons in the list shall be placed in order of preference for promotion. In every case where a junior member is selected in preference to his seniors, the Committee shall record in writing the reasons for doing so.

(4) For the purpose of appointment by promotion under sub-rule (1) of Rule 7, the Appointing Authority shall consider the list prepared by the Committee along with the Character Rolls and Service Records and other documents in respect of each person in the list and unless he considers that any change is necessary shall approve the list. If the Appointing Authority considers it necessary to make any change in the list received from the Committee, he shall refer the matter to the Committee and on such referral, the Committee's decision shall be final.

(5) The list as approved under sub-rule (4) above shall form the Select List for the purpose of appointment by promotion to the post of Junior Engineer (Civil).

**10. Validity of the Select List:** (1) The Select List shall remain in force for a period of one year unless its validity is extended with the approval of the Appointing Authority. Provided that the total period of such extension shall not be more than six months.

Provided further that in the event of any serious lapse in the conduct or performance of duties on the part of any person included in the Select List, the Appointing Authority may, if he thinks fit, remove the name of such person from the Select List in consultation with the Committee. The reason(s) for doing so shall be recorded in writing.

(2) The Committee shall meet as and when a vacancy for appointment by promotion or the need arises.

**11. Direct Recruitment:** (1) The Competitive Examination for direct recruitment under sub-rule (2) of Rule 7 shall be held at such intervals as the Appointing Authority may, in consultation with the Commission from time to time determine. The date on which and the place in which the examination will be held, shall be fixed by the Commission.

(2) The examination shall be conducted by the Commission in accordance with such Syllabus as the Appointing Authority may from time to time make in consultation with the Commission.

(3) For publishing the results of the Competitive Examinations, the Commission shall prepare a merit list of all successful candidates on the basis of the aggregate marks obtained by each candidate and the

State Reservation Policy for the Scheduled Tribes. The number of persons to be included in the list shall be according to the actual number of vacancies intimated by the Appointing Authority and published in the advertisement by the Commission. The List of recommended candidates shall be forwarded to the Appointing Authority under intimation to the Government.

- (4) The inclusion of a candidate's name in the list confers no right to appointment unless the Appointing Authority is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post and that appointment to any post in the Service is subject to availability of vacancy.

**12. Conditions of eligibility for appearing at the Competitive Examination:** In order to be eligible to compete at the examination for direct recruitment, a candidate must satisfy the following conditions, namely:

- (1) Nationality — He must be a citizen of India.
- (2) Age — He must have attained the age of 18 years and must not have exceeded the age of 32 years on the first day of the year in which the advertisement for the post is made:

Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, the upper age limit will be subject to relaxation made by the Government from time to time;

Provided further that, there shall be no upper age limit for persons who are already in regular Government service provided they entered service within the prescribed age limit.

- (3) Educational Qualification —As laid down in Schedule-II.

**13. Disqualification for appointment to the Service:** (1) No person shall be appointed who after such medical examination as the Government may prescribe is not found to be in good physical and mental health and free from any defect or infirmity which may render him unfit in the discharge of his duties.

- (2) No person shall be appointed to the Service who had been convicted for any offence involving moral turpitude.

- (3) No person who has more than one spouse living shall be eligible for appointment to the Service:

Provided that the Governor may, if he is satisfied that there are special grounds for doing so, exempt any person from the operation of this sub-rule.

**14. Appointment to the Service:** (1) Appointment under sub-rules (1) and (2) of Rule 7 of the Service shall be made by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.

- (2) (i) Subject to the second proviso to sub-rule (1) of Rule 10, appointment shall be made from time to time in the order in which the names of candidates appear in the Select List prepared under Rule 9 or in the Merit List prepared under sub-rule (4) of Rule 11.

(ii) A person appointed by direct recruitment shall join within 15 days from the date of receipt of the order of appointment failing which, and unless the Appointing Authority extend the period of joining, which shall not in any case exceed three months, the appointment shall be cancelled.

**15. Probation:** (1) Every person appointed to the Service by direct recruitment under sub-rule (2) of Rule 7 shall be on probation for a period of 2 (two) years.

Provided that the period of probation may for good and sufficient reasons be extended by the Appointing Authority in any individual case by a period not exceeding 2 (two) years.

- 16. Departmental Examination and Training:** (1) All the members who joined the service prior to the commencement of these Rules are required to successfully undergo such training as may be prescribed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya from time to time.
- (2) All the members of the Service who are appointed by direct recruitment under these Rules shall appear and pass all the papers of the Departmental Examination conducted by the Department and to successfully undergo such training as may be prescribed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya from time to time.
- 17. Discharge or Reversion:** A probationer shall be liable to be discharged from the Service or as the case may be, reverted to the permanent post which he held *a lien* or would have held *a lien* had it not been suspended under the Rules applicable to him prior to his appointment to the post in the Service if:
- (1) He fails to make sufficient use of the opportunity given to him during the training or otherwise fails to give satisfactory performance during the period of probation, or
- (ii) He fails to pass the Departmental Examination completely unless the Appointing Authority permits him to sit for the re-examination in the subject(s) he failed, or
- (iii) He intentionally provides false information relating to his Nationality, Caste, Age, Health, Character and Antecedents and Marital Status, or
- (iv) The Appointing Authority is satisfied that the probationer is ineligible or otherwise unfit for being a member of the Service.
- 18. Seniority:**(1) The *inter-se seniority* of the members of the Service who have been appointed in their respective cadres prior to the commencement of these Rules shall be in the order of their dates of regular appointment in that cadre by the Competent Authority.
- (2) The *inter-se seniority* of the members of the Service appointed to different cadres after the commencement of these Rules shall be in the order in which their names appear in the Select List approved under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9 or the Merit List prepared under sub-rule (3) of Rule 11.
- (3) If confirmation of any member of the Service is delayed on account of his failure to qualify for such confirmation, he shall lose his seniority with respect to his junior(s) in the cadre as may be confirmed earlier than him. His original position shall however be restored on his confirmation subsequently.
- 19. Confirmation:** (1) Confirmation of a member of the Service in the cadre appointed by promotion shall be made according to his seniority in that cadre, subject to the following conditions:-
- (a) that he has served not less than one year in the post where he is to be confirmed and successively undergone the prescribed training course.
- (b) that his overall performance is satisfactory as judged on the basis of Annual Confidential Reports and other relevant records.
- (c) that there is no departmental proceeding pending or contemplated against him.
- (d) that a vacancy is available in the cadre and no member of the Service holds a lien on it.
- (e) that he is physically and mentally fit.
- (2) Confirmation of a probationer shall be made according to his seniority in that cadre subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that he has completed the period of probation to the satisfaction of the Appointing Authority.
- (b) that he has passed the Departmental Examination completely and has successfully undergone the training course as may be prescribed by the Appointing Authority from time to time.
- (c) that he is considered otherwise fit by the Appointing Authority, and
- (d) that a vacancy is available in the cadre and no member of the service holds a lien on it.

Provided that, where a person is not given an opportunity to undergo the prescribed training or no Departmental Examination is conducted during the period of probation, his confirmation shall not be held up for reasons of not successfully undergoing the said training or passing the Examination. However, such person shall, when called upon by the Appointing Authority and opportunity given to him, successfully undergo the prescribed training and pass the Departmental Examination completely as may be conducted.

Provided further that, the Appointing Authority may for good and sufficient reasons exempt a member of the Service from undergoing any training or appear at the Departmental Examination and confirm him in the respective cadre of the Service.

**20. Gradation List:** A Gradation List shall be prepared and published on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of every year consisting of the names of all members of the Service, cadre-wise and drawn up in order of seniority. Other particulars relating to the date of birth and appointment to the Service and such other details relevant to the service career shall be also indicated against each name.

**21. Increment:**

- (1) The increments shall be as specified in the vertical Cells of the applicable Level in the Pay Matrix.
- (2) There shall be two dates for grant of increment namely, 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> July of every year irrespective of the date of appointment or promotion or date of granting of financial upgradation.

Provided that a member of the Service shall be entitled to only one annual increment.

- (3) The first increment admissible to a member of the Service appointed during the period between the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January and 1<sup>st</sup> day of July (both inclusive) shall be granted on 1<sup>st</sup> day of January and the increment in respect of a member of the Service appointed during the period between the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July and 1<sup>st</sup> day of January (both inclusive) shall be granted on 1<sup>st</sup> day of July.
- (4) The second normal increment admissible to a member of the Service appointed by direct recruitment shall accrue only after one year. However, subsequent increments shall be granted on his successful completion of the period of probation.

Provided that subsequent increments shall not be held up if no such Departmental Examinations are conducted or if the person has not been nominated for any prescribed Training Course during the period of his probation.

- (5) The pay of the member of the Service on his completion of the period of probation shall be fixed at such a stage as if he has been allowed his usual annual increments due but he shall not be entitled to any arrear in pay on account of withholding the due increment for the period prior to the date of his completion of the period of probation.

**22. Leave, Pension and other conditions of service:** All matters generally relating to pay, allowances, leave, pension, discipline and other conditions of service shall be regulated by rules and orders as are from time to time applicable to other Government employees of corresponding status.

- 23. Power of the Governor to dispense with or relax any Rule:** Where the Governor is satisfied that the operation of any of the provisions of these Rules causes undue hardship in any particular case, he may dispense with or relax the requirement of any of these Rules to such extent and subject to such conditions, as it may be considered necessary for dealing with the case in a just and equitable manner.
- 24. Interpretation:** If any question arises relating to the interpretation of these Rules, the decision of the Government in Forests & Environment Department with the approval of the Personnel & A.R. Department shall be final.
- 25. Repeal and Saving:** All Rules, Orders or Notifications corresponding to and in force immediately before the commencement of these Rules are hereby repealed.

Provided that all orders made or action taken under the Rules, Orders or Notifications so repealed or any action taken in pursuant thereto shall be deemed to have been validly made or taken under the corresponding provisions of these Rules.

**P. BAKSHI,**  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forest & Environment Department.

### **SCHEDULE-I**

**(See Rule 6)**

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pay Matrix as per Meghalaya Services (RoP) Rules 2018	Number of Post		
			Permanent	Temporary	Total
1	Junior Engineer (Civil)	Level 11 ₹ 37800-86400/-	1	-	1
2	Draftsman	Level 8 ₹ 30300-71600/-	8	-	8

**SCHEDULE - II**

(See Rule 7, Rule 12 and Rule 16)

Sl. No	Name of Post	Method of recruitment with percentage of vacancies to be filled up in any recruitment year by direct recruitment or promotion	Direct Recruitment			Promotion			Remarks
			Educational Qualification etc. required for direct recruitment	Lower Age Limit	Upper Age Limit	Person eligible for consideration to posts mentioned in Column 2.	Qualification, experiences, etc		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	Junior Engineer (Civil)	Promotion (100%)	-	-	-	Draftsman	5 years continuous service as Draftsman.	A person should have passed the Departmental Examinations completely as and when conducted and successfully undergone the prescribed training to be eligible for consideration for promotion.	
2	Draftsman	By direct recruitment through MPSC (100%)	Diploma in Civil Draftsmanship /Engineering or Degree in Civil Engineering.	18 years	32 years subject to relaxation made by the Government from time to time for SC/ST candidates. Provided that there shall be no upper age limit for persons who are already in regular Government service.			The job involves frequent touring and at times prolonged camping to remote and inhospitable areas. The candidates should therefore be physically and medically fit.	

The 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**No.FOR.68/2007/Vol-II/1086.** - In pursuance of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Wildlife Division), Government of India's letter F.No.WL-21/4/2023-WL, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 and in supersession of O.M. No.FOR.68/2007/Vol-II/1042, dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to approve the revised rate of *ex-gratia* grants to be provided to victims of wildlife depredation for loss of life, loss of limbs or injuries causing permanent disability and damage/loss of crops and property including livestock as mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Types of Depredation	Rates
1	Loss of Lives	₹ 10,00,000/-
2	Human Injury	
2.1	Permanent incapacitation	₹ 10,00,000/-
2.2	Grievous injury	₹ 2,00,000/-
2.3	Minor injury	Cost of treatment up to ₹ 25,000/- per person.
3	Damage to houses and other buildings	To be assessed by Forest Officials in consultation with a Revenue Official not below the rank of Inspector or equivalent post.
4	Damage to Agricultural & Plantation crops and Apiculture (bee hives)	To be assessed by Forest Officials in consultation with a Revenue Official not below the rank of Inspector or equivalent post and a representative of the Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare not below the rank of Inspector.
5	Loss of livestock - Cow, Bullock, Ox, Buffalo, Pig, Goat, Sheep, Horse and their young ones.	To be assessed by Forest Officials in consultation with a Revenue Official not below the rank of Inspector or equivalent post and a representative of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department not below the rank of Inspector.

Payment of *ex-gratia* at the rates given above will be considered after proper investigation by authorized officers on receipt of the reports of depredation. No payment shall however, be made if a person is killed or injured while he was engaged in any illegal activity punishable under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or Meghalaya Forest Regulation or any other relevant Act and the rules framed thereunder.

The *ex-gratia* at the revised rates shall be payable in the cases which have occurred on or after the date of issue of this Memorandum.

**PRAVIN BAKSHI,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forest & Environment Department.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024.

**No.FEG.90/78/Pt./1.** - In exercise of the power conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Government of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following Rules further to amend the Meghalaya Finance Service Rules, 1989 namely:

1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) These Rules may be called the Meghalaya Finance Service Amendment Rules,2024.

(2) They shall be deemed to have come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Rule 2:-** In Rule 2 of the Meghalaya Finance Service Rules,1989 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Rules), for the existing rule, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**Definitions:-** In these Rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) **"Accounts Officer"** - means Accounts Officer borne on the cadre of the Meghalaya Accounts Service.

(b) **"Appointing Authority"** - means the Governor of Meghalaya.

(c) **"Commission"** - means the Meghalaya Public Service Commission.

(d) **"Committee"** - means the Departmental Promotion Committee constituted under Rule 8.

(e) **"Government"** - means the Government of Meghalaya.

(f) **"Governor"** - means the Governor of Meghalaya.

(g) **"Member of the service"** - means a member of the Meghalaya Finance Service,

(h) **"Senior Audit Officer"** - means a Senior Audit Officer borne on the Meghalaya Local Fund Audit Service.

(i) **"Service"** - means the Meghalaya Finance Service,

(j) **"State"** - means the state of Meghalaya.

(k) **"Year"** - means the calendar year.

3. **Amendment of Rule 4:-** (a) In Rule 4 of the principal rules; for the existing sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted.

**"Composition of the Service:-**

(1) The Service shall comprise of the following grades and posts:-

**(i) Selection Grade**

a) Grade 1 - Secretary Finance

b) Grade II - Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Director of Local Fund Audit, Joint Secretary, Finance.

**(ii) Senior Grade I**

Joint Director of Accounts & Treasuries (Accounts, Training & Pension), Joint Director of Local Fund Audit, Deputy Secretary (T), Finance (Establishment) Department and Senior Financial Advisers.

**(iii) Senior Grade II**

Deputy Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Deputy Director of Accounts & Training, Deputy Director of Local Fund Audit, Senior Treasury Officer and Financial Adviser.

**(iv) Junior Grade**

Finance & Accounts Officer/Treasury Officer".

4. **Amendment of Rule-7:-** In Rule 7 of the principal rules, for the existing rule, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**"Method of Recruitment:-** Appointment to any post in the different cadres of the Meghalaya Finance Service shall be as follows:-

1) **Selection Grade -**

- (i) Appointment to any post in the **Selection Grade (Grade- I)** shall be made from amongst members of Selection Grade (Grade II) who have rendered at least 4 (four) years of service in the Selection Grade (Grade-II) counted from the date of joining in the post of Selection Grade (Grade - II).

**Provided that** if sufficient number of Officers who have rendered not less than four (4) years of service in Selection Grade (Grade II) are not available for filling up the vacancy in the Selection Grade (Grade I); appointment to the **Selection Grade (Grade I)** may also be made by promotion from amongst the members of Selection Grade (Grade II) who have rendered not less than 8 (eight) years of service in the Selection Grade (Grade II) and Senior Grade I counted together from the date of joining in the post of Senior Grade I.

- (ii) Appointments to any post in the **Selection Grade (Grade II)** shall be made by promotion from amongst members of Senior Grade I who have rendered not less than 4 (four) years of service in the Senior Grade I counted from the date of joining in the post of Senior Grade I.

**Provided that** if sufficient number of Officers who have rendered not less than 4 (four) years of service in Senior Grade I are not available for filling up the vacancies in the Selection Grade (Grade II), appointment to the Selection Grade (Grade II) may also be made by promotion from amongst the members of Senior Grade I who have rendered not less than 7 (seven) years of service in the Senior Grade I and Senior Grade II counted together from the date of joining in the post of Senior Grade II.

- 2) **Senior Grade I:-** Appointments to the posts in the **Senior Grade I** shall be made by promotion from amongst the members of Senior Grade II who have rendered not less than 4 (four) years of service in the Senior Grade II.

**Provided that** if sufficient number of Officers who have rendered not less than 4 (four) years of service in Senior Grade II are not available for filling up the vacancies in the **Senior Grade I**, appointment may also be made by promotion from amongst the members of Senior Grade II who have rendered not less than 9 (nine) years of service in the Senior Grade II and Junior Grade counted together from the date of joining in the post of Junior Grade.

- 3) **Senior Grade II -** Appointments to the posts in **Senior Grade II** shall be made by promotion from amongst members of Junior Grade who have rendered not less than 7 (seven) years of service from the date of joining in the post of Junior Grade.

- 4) **Junior Grade -** Appointments to the posts in the **Junior Grade** shall be made by the following methods:-

- (i) By Promotion on the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee from amongst the Accounts Officers borne on The Meghalaya Accounts Service and Senior Audit Officers borne on the Meghalaya Local Fund Audit Service subject to the provisions made under Rule 12 of these Rules.
- (ii) By Direct recruitment on the results of the competitive examination conducted by the Commission.
- (iii) The proportion of vacancies to be filled up in any year in accordance with clause (i) and (ii) above shall be 50:50.
- (iv) The proportion of vacancies to be filled up in any year in accordance with clause (i) above between Accounts Officers and Senior Audit Officers shall be 50:50.

**Provided that** if sufficient numbers of candidates belonging either to the cadre of Accounts Officers or to the cadre of Senior Audit Officers are not available for appointment, the deficiency in the quota reserved for one of the categories shall be filled up by the other category irrespective of the excess in the proportion laid down.

- 5. Amendment of Rule 8:-** In Rule 8 of the principal rules, for the existing rule, the following shall be substituted; namely-

**"Constitution Departmental Promotion Committee:** For the purpose of appointment by promotion under sub-rule (1), (2) and (3) and (4) (i) of Rule 7, there shall be a Departmental Promotion Committee consisting of the following members:

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| 1. Chief Secretary   | : | Chairman         |
| 2. Principal Secretary / Commissioner & Secretary / Secretary, Finance Department                    | : | Member Secretary |
| 3. Principal Secretary / Commissioner & Secretary / Secretary, Personnel & AR Department             | : | Member           |
| 4. Joint Secretary, Finance (Establishment) Department (if not a candidate himself)                  | : | Member           |
| 5. Director of Accounts and Treasuries and Director of Local Fund Audit (if not a candidate himself) | : | Member           |

**Provided that** the Committee may also invite any other person to attend the meeting if deemed necessary."

- 6. Amendment of Rule 12:-** In Rule 12 of the principal rules, for the existing rule, the following shall be substituted, namely-

**"Selection criteria for appointment to the Junior Grade by promotion.**

(1) *The Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) shall at such intervals as the Government may from time to time determine consider for the purpose of appointment to the Junior Grade under clause (i) of sub-rule (4) of Rule 7 of this rule the eligible members from the cadres of Accounts Officers and Senior Audit Officers who:-*

- (a) *have not exceeded 50 (fifty) years of age on the first day of the year.*
- (b) *have rendered not less than 5 (five) years of continuous service in the cadre as on that date and*
- (c) *have exercised option for promotion to the Junior Grade Cadre of the Meghalaya Finance Service.*

- (2) On the basis of the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee; appointment *shall be made* to post(s) in the Junior Grade from amongst the Accounts Officers and *Senior Audit Officers* under clause (i) of sub-rule (4) of Rule 7 of this rule.
- (3) The promotee(s) appointed on the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee to the post in Junior Grade from amongst the Accounts Officers and Senior Audit Officers under clause (i) of sub-rule (4) of Rule 7 of this Rule shall undergo one month attachment period or such training / attachment period as may be prescribed from time to time by the Government."
- 7. Amendment of Rule 14:-** In rule 14 of the principal rules, for the existing rule, the following shall be substituted, namely;
- "Training:-** The candidates recommended for appointment under Rule 13 shall be required to undergo and successfully complete the following courses of training and shall also execute the bond in the form laid down by the Government from time to time:
- (i) 3 (three) months training.
- (ii) 1 (one) month attachment training period **or such period as may be prescribed from time to time by the Government.**
- 8. Amendment of Rule 15:-** In Rule 15 of the principal rules, for the existing sub-rule (2) the following shall be substituted namely-
- Age -** He must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have exceeded the age of 32 years on the first day of the year in which the advertisement for the post is made:
- Provided that** in case of candidates belonging to Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes, the upper age limit will be subject to any relaxation made by the Government from time to time.
- 9. Amendment of Rule 21:-** In Rule 21 of the principal rules, for the existing sub-rule (2) the following shall be substituted, namely-
- "Pay Level:-** The Pay level admissible to the members of the service shall be as indicated in Schedule I appended to these rules subject to revision by the Government from time to time"
- 10. Amendment of Schedule I:-** The existing **Schedule I** shall be substituted by the following, namely –

**"SCHEDULE -I"****(Rule 6(2), 21)**

1	2	3		4	5
Sl. No.	Service/Post	No. of Temporary Post(s)	No. of Permanent Post(s)	Total	Pay Level
1.	Selection Grade (Grade I)	1	-	1	L-22
2.	Selection Grade (Grade II)	-	4	4	L-21
3.	Senior Grade I	3	4	7	L-19
4.	Senior Grade II	4	15	19	L-18
5.	Junior Grade	-	31* By Direct Recruit = 15 By Promotion = 16	31	L-15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>	

(i) Deputation Reserve at 10% of Sl. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	06
(ii) Training Reserve at 10% of Sl. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	06
(iii) <u>Leave Reserve at 10% of Sl. 1, 2, 3, 4 &amp; 5</u>	<u>06</u>
<b>Total authorized strength</b>	<b>80</b>

11. Amendment of Schedule II - The existing Schedule I shall be substituted by the following, namely -

**“SCHEDULE -II’  
(Rule 7 & 12).**

Sl No	Post / Designation	Method of recruitment	Direct Recruitment Educational Qualification	Promotion			Experience / Qualification required	Remarks
				Lower Age Limit	Upper Age Limit	Person(s) eligible to be considered for promotion		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Selection Grade (Grade I)- Secretary Finance	By Promotion				Selection Grade (Grade II)- Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Director of Local Fund Audit, Joint Secretary Finance.	By Promotion from amongst the members of Selection Grade (Grade II) who have rendered at least four (4) years of service in the Selection Grade (Grade II) counted from the date of joining in the post of Selection Grade (Grade II).  Provided that if sufficient number of Officers who have rendered not less than four (4) years of service in Selection Grade (Grade II) are not available for filling up the vacancy in the Selection Grade (Grade I); appointment to the Selection Grade (Grade I) may also be made by promotion from amongst the members of Selection Grade (Grade II) who have rendered not less than eight (8) years of service in the Selection Grade (Grade II) and Senior Grade I counted from the date of joining in the post of Senior Grade I.	

2	<p><b>Selection Grade (Grade II)</b>— Director of Accounts &amp; Treasuries, Director of Local Fund Audit, Joint Secretary Finance.</p>	<p>By Promotion</p>		<p><b>Senior Grade I</b>— Joint Director of Accounts &amp; Treasuries, Joint Director of Local Fund Audit, Deputy Secretary (T), Finance (Establishment) Department and Senior Financial Adviser.</p>	<p>By promotion from amongst members of Senior Grade I who have rendered not less than four years of service in the Senior Grade I counted from the date of joining in the post of Senior Grade I. <b>Provided that</b> if sufficient number of Officers who have rendered not less than 4 years of service in Senior Grade I are not available for filling up the vacancies in the Selection Grade ((Grade II), appointment to the Selection Grade (Grade II) may also be made by promotion from amongst the members of Senior Grade I who have rendered not less than seven years of service in the Senior Grade I and Senior Grade II counted together from the date of joining in the post of Senior Grade II.</p>
3	<p><b>Senior Grade I</b>— Joint Director of Accounts &amp; Treasuries, Joint Director of Local Fund Audit, Deputy Secretary (T), Finance (Establishment) Department and Senior Financial Adviser.</p>	<p>By Promotion</p>		<p><b>Senior Grade II</b>— Deputy Director of Accounts &amp; Treasuries, Deputy Director of Accounts &amp; Training, Deputy Director of Local Fund Audit, Senior Treasury Officer and Financial Adviser.</p>	<p>By promotion from amongst members of Senior Grade II who have rendered not less than four years of service in the Senior Grade II. <b>Provided that</b> if sufficient number of Officers who have rendered not less than four years of service in Senior Grade II are not available for filling up the vacancies in the Senior Grade I, appointment</p>

	<p>may also be made by promotion from amongst the members of Senior Grade II who have rendered not less than nine years of service in the Senior Grade II and Junior Grade counted together from the date of joining in the post of Junior Grade.</p>				
4	<p>By promotion from amongst members of Junior Grade who have rendered not less than seven years of service from the date of joining in the post of Junior Grade.</p>	<p>Junior Grade— Finance and Accounts Officer, Treasury Officer</p>		<p>By Promotion</p>	<p>Senior Grade II— Deputy Director of Accounts &amp; Treasuries, Deputy Director of Accounts &amp; Training, Deputy Director of Local Fund Audit, Senior Treasury Officer and Financial Adviser.</p>
5	<p>The proportion of vacancies to be filled up in any year in between Accounts Officers and Senior Audit Officers shall be 50:50. Provided that if sufficient numbers of candidates belonging either to the cadre of Accounts Officers or to the cadre of Senior Audit Officers are not available for appointment, the deficiency in the quota reserved for one of the categories shall be filled up by the other category</p>	<p>From amongst the Accounts Officers borne on The Meghalaya Accounts Service and Senior Audit Officers borne on the Meghalaya Local Fund Audit Service:- (a) who have not exceeded 50 (fifty) years of age on the first day of the year and (b) who also on that date have rendered not less</p>		<p>(i) 50% by Promotion on the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee subject to the provisions made under Rule 12 of these Rules.</p>	<p>Junior Grade— Finance and Accounts Officer, Treasury Officer.</p>



The 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**No.HPL.269/2014/Pt-4/67.** - In supersession of this Department's Notification No.HPL.269/2014/Pt-4/34, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify exemption of the following intelligence and security organisations from the purview of Right to Information Act, 2005 of Government of India as per sub-section (4) of section 24 of the Act. The names of the organisations established by the State Government are as follows :-

1. Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Meghalaya Police.
2. Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Meghalaya Police.
3. Anti Corruption Branch, Meghalaya Police.
4. Special Force -10 (Commando Battalion), Meghalaya,
5. Indian Reserve Battalions, Meghalaya.
6. Meghalaya Police Battalions.
7. Crime Branch Police Station, Eastern Range.
8. Crime Branch Police Station, Western Range.
9. Meghalaya Police Radio Organization.
10. Anti-infiltration Directorate / Border.
11. Offices of the Law and Order / DIG Ranges.
12. Confidential Branch of Meghalaya Police Headquarters.
13. Special Branch (SB), Meghalaya.
14. Directorate of Forensic Sciences, Meghalaya, Shillong.

**H. D. B. SANGMA,**

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Home (Police) Department.

The 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

**No.PER(ARC)11/2023/20.** - In continuation to this Department's Notification No.PER(ARC)2/2024/3, dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the entry at Sl. No.182 shall be added to the List of Services notified under Section 3(2) of The Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020, with effect from the date of issue of the notification.

Sl. No.	Name of Service	Number of working days for service delivery after receipt of application	Department/ Organization	Designated Official	Appellate Authority
182.	Registration for Transportation of Minerals under Rules 4 of Meghalaya Mineral (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2022.	7 days	Mining and Geology Department.	Director and Divisional Mining Officers in respective jurisdiction	Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining and Geology Department.

**C. V. D. DIENGDOH,**

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Personnel & Administrative Reforms (B) Department  
(Administrative Reforms Cell).

The 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**CORRIGENDUM**

**No.CDH.67/2012/218.** - In partial modification to Notification No.CDH.67/2012/217, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024, the physical measurement for the following posts may be read as:

SI. No.	Rank	Physical Measurement
1.	Guardisman/Drivers and equivalent posts	<b>HEIGHT:-</b> Female: (ST including Other Tribes of Meghalaya - 150 cm Female: (Others) - 154 cm
2.	Non-Combatant Employees	<b>HEIGHT:-</b> Male: (ST including other tribes of Meghalaya) - 152.5 cm Male: (others)-158 cm Female: (ST including Other Tribes of Meghalaya - 149 cm Female: (Others) - 154 cm

**C. KHARKHONGOR,**  
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Civil Defence & Home Guards Department.

The 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**No.JHADC/LEG/1/2024/1.** - In exercise of power conferred under Rule 36 (1) and (3) of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951 as adopted and amended, I, Dr. Sankey Shangpung, Chairman District Council, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District, hereby summon the **Budget Session** of the District Council, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District to meet in the **District Council Hall, Jowai** on the **7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 10:30 a.m** . and on subsequent dates if necessary.

**SANKEY SHANGPUNG,**  
Chairman,  
District Council,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.

The 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**No.GDC-L/01/SN/2014/12.** - Under Rule 36 (1) of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules. 1951, as amended, I, Shri S. N. Sangma, Chairman of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, do hereby summon the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council to be held from 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, onwards at 11 A.M. in the District Council Hall at Tura.

**S. N. SANGMA,**  
Chairman,  
Garo Hills Autonomous District council,  
Tura.