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CATEGORY NO. 330/2019

Applications are invited from qualified **Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe** candidates of Kerala State for selection to the following post. Applications must be submitted online through the official website of the Commission after One Time Registration. Candidates who have already registered can apply through their profile. The photo uploaded through One Time Registration should be the one taken after 31.12.2010 and also bear the name of candidate and the date of photo taken should be recorded in the bottom of the photograph. The uploaded photo will be having a validity of ten years from the date of photograph taken.

- 1 Name of Department : Kerala Forest & Wild life
- 2 Name of post : Range Forest Officer
(Special Recruitment from among SC/ST)
- 3 Scale of pay : Rs. 39500-83000/-
- 4 No. of Vacancy : SC/ST -02 (Two)

(The above vacancies are provisional subject to change according to allotment of seats by the Director Forest Education, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India)

- Note :
1. The Ranked List of candidates published by the Kerala Public Service Commission in pursuance of this notification shall cease to be in force after one month from the date of commencement of training(Forest Range Officers Course) or 3 months from the date of coming into force of the ranked list, whichever is later.
 2. The selected candidates shall be required to undergo 18 months Forest Range Course in any one of the State Forest Service Colleges under the Directorate of Forest Education, Government of India Dehradun and one year practical training in the department. The selection will be subject to the decision of the Director, Forest Education Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India in regard to the conduct of the course.

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

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

- 6 Age : 19-36
: Only Candidates born between 02.01.1983 and 01.01.2000(both dates included) are eligible to apply for this post. No other age relaxation will be allowed.

7. Qualifications:

(A) A degree in Forestry from Kerala Agricultural University or any equivalent degree from any university Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala for this purpose.

(B) Physical Standard.

Minimum Physical Standards are prescribed below:-

For Male Candidates

Height – 158 cms
Chest – 76.5 cms(Normal)
Chest expansion – 5 cms

For Female Candidates

Height - 145 cms

(C) **Medical Standard:-** Both the **male and female** candidates must possess the Medical Standards prescribed below.

1	Ear	Hearing should be perfect
2	Eye	Must be certified to possess visual standards specified below without glass
	(a) Distant vision	6/6 snellen
	(b) Near vision	0.5 snellen
	(c) Colour vision	Normal
	(d) Night Blindness	Nil
3	Muscles and Joints	No paralysis and all joints with free movements
4	Nervous System	Perfectly normal. Free from any infectious diseases

(Physical measurement will be taken by the commission prior to the Walking Test and Medical Standard Test. Candidates are well advised to ensure their Physical Measurements before they apply.)

Note: 1. Rule 10(a)(ii) of Part II of KS & SSR is applicable.

2. Candidates who claim equivalent qualification instead of qualification mentioned in the notification shall produce the relevant Government Order to prove the equivalency at the time of verification, then only such qualification shall be treated as equivalent to the prescribed qualification concerned.

3. If the caste of candidates is wrongly mentioned in their SSLC book, they

should claim their original caste in their applications and should produce community certificate issued from concerned revenue authority and the Gazette Notification for the same at the time of certificate verification.

8. Competitive Examination: Candidates will have to appear for a written examination to be conducted by Kerala Public Service Commission on the Following subjects.

COMPULSORY SUBJECT

1. General Knowledge : 100 Marks
2. English (Essays and Precise Writing etc.) : 100 Marks

OPTIONAL SUBJECT

3. Any two subjects of the following : 200 Marks each
Agriculture, Botany, Environmental Science, Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology. (The standards of these subjects shall be that of a Bachelors Degree).

Note:- No candidates shall be allowed to take more than one subject of the following groups.

10. Agriculture and Veterinary Science.
11. Mathematics and Statistics.

Note:- Optional subjects selected for examination should be specifically noted on the application, if not, the application will be summarily rejected.

9. Walking Test- Male candidates must pass walking Test covering a distance of 25 (twenty five) kilometers within four hours on foot and women candidates must cover 16 (Sixteen) kilometers on foot within 4 hours. This test will be arranged by the Kerala Public Service Commission for those who come out successful in the competitive examination.

10. Interview:- Those candidates who are qualified in the competitive examination will be required to present themselves for an interview at the time and place fixed by the commission.

11. Health Certificate:- A Health Certificate (in original signed by a civil surgeon) testifying that the candidate has hearing and General Physical fitness for strenuous outdoor work in the Forest Department and showing two identification body marks should also be produced as and when called for. The height and chest (both normal and expanded) should also be distinctly recorded on the certificate, for onward transmission to the Director Forest Education, Government of India, Dehradun.

Note:- 1. Differently Abled candidates are not eligible to apply for this post.

Note:- 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.

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

13. Ranked List of the qualified candidates will be published and selection will be made from the list. Candidates thus selected by the Kerala public Service Commission on the basis of the walking test, written test and Interview shall be able to join the Forest Rangers Course at any one of the State Forest Service Colleges under Director Forest Education.

14. On successful completion of Range Forest Officer's Course in the Forest College, they shall undergo a practical training for one year in the Forest Department.

15. During the period of Range Forest Officer's Course in the Forest College as well as the period of practical training in the Forest Department, the candidates shall be paid basic pay and other admissible allowances.

16. The cost of training including travelling allowances at the rates admissible to them for journeys or tours performed by them in connection with the training shall be borne by the Government. Caution money and mess deposit, if any have to be deposited by the candidate on joining the college.

17. The period spent on training in the Forest College and practical training in the Forest Department shall be counted for leave and pension.

18. The selected candidates who do not complete successfully the Range Forest Officer's Course will be terminated and will be discharged from service.

19. The candidates finally selected for the course will be required to execute an agreement on stamp paper worth Rs. 500/- binding themselves to serve the Government after completion of the course for a minimum period of 5 years. The selected candidates are further required to furnish two solvent sureties, solvent to the extent of Rs. 3,00,000/- or permanent Government Servants of the Gazetted rank. In the event of failure in the examination and causing any loss to Government thereby or otherwise, they should refund the amount to cover liquidated damages at the rate of interest of 6% per annum on the amount spent on their behalf by Government.

20. The period of probation for the Range Forest Officers appointed shall be two years on duty with in a continuous service of 3 years from the date on which he/she joins after successful completion of training in the Forest College.

21. Entrance and training Rules (Revised) 2004 of Government of India and draft forms of agreement and bond to be executed are available for perusal by the selected candidates at the office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration), Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram during office hours.

22 Mode of Submitting application:

Candidates must register as per 'ONE TIME REGISTRATION' with the official website of Kerala Public Service Commission www.keralapsc.gov.in before applying for the post. Candidates who have already registered can apply by logging on to their profile using their User-ID and password. Candidates must click on the 'Apply Now' button of the respective posts in the Notification Link to apply for a post. No application fee is required. Candidates can view and have a printout of the details in the profile by clicking the link Registration Card. Candidates are responsible for the correctness of the personal information and secrecy of password. Before the final submission of each application, the candidates must ensure correctness of the information on their profile. They must quote the User-ID for further communication with the Commission. Application once submitted is treated as provisional and cannot be deleted or altered after submission. The application will be summarily rejected if noncompliance with the notification is found in due course of processing. Documents to prove qualification, experience, community, age etc. have to be produced as and when called for. The profile correction made by the candidate or in the office of the Kerala Public Service Commission on request after the last date fixed for receipt of application will not be reflected in the application . Such corrections will be in effect on the date on which corrections have been made **“Those who have Aadhaar Card should add Aadhaar card as I.D Proof in their profile”**.

23 Last Date for receipt of applications : 15.01.2020 Wednesday upto 12 Midnight.

24 Website Address : www.keralapsc.gov.in

25 Paragraphs two, three and twenty five (except the conditions laid down in the Rule 3 (C) of Part II of the kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules) of General Conditions are not applicable to this selection.

26 Appointment are made on the basis of 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 13.04.1972, G.O.(MS) No. 309/73/PD dated 29.11.1973, G.O.(P) No. 21/76/PD dated, 17.01.1976 and G.O.(P) No.25/94/GAD dated, 22.01.1994 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.

27 If written/OMR/Online Test is conducted as part of this selection, candidates shall submit a confirmation for writing the examination through their One Time Registration profile . Such candidates alone can generate and download the Admission Tickets in the last 15 days till the date of Test. The applications of candidates who do not submit confirmation within the stipulated period, will be rejected absolutely. The periods regarding the submission of confirmation and the availability of Admission Tickets will be published in the Examination Calendar itself. Information in this regard will be given to the candidates in their respective profiles and in the mobile phone number registered in it.

(For details including photo and ID card etc. refer to the General Conditions at the end of the notification).

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SECRETARY,
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