



ABSTRACT

Village Administration - Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service - Promotion of Village Administrative Officer as Assistant - Changes in the prescribed qualifying service - Orders issued.

Revenue [Ser 7(1)] Department

G.O. (Ms.) No.78

dated: 16.02.2015

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திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2046

Read:

- 1) G.O. (Ms.) No.781, Revenue, dated 25.05.1985.
- 2) G.O. (Ms.) No.386, Revenue, dated 01.10.2001.
- 3) Government Letter No.59019/Ser 7(1)/2001-3, dated 09.04.2002.
- 4) G.O. (Ms.) No.330, Revenue, dated 12.07.2004.

Read also:

- 5) Announcement 2014-15 made by the Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) on the floor of Legislative Assembly on 08.08.2014.
- 6) Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration Letter No.Ser 5(1)/29543/ 2014-1, dated 03.09.2014.

The post of Village Administrative Officer has been created as a separate service under Category 14-A and is governed by Rule 38(b)(iii) read with Annexure X of Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rules.

2. In the reference second and third read above, the Government have ordered that 10% of the vacancies in the cadre of Assistants arising every year in the District Revenue Units shall be provided for the appointment of Selection Grade Village Administrative Officers as Assistant by the method of recruitment by promotion, subject to certain conditions.

3. In the G.O. fourth read above, the Government have issued certain amendments to the G.O second read above.

4. The Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) made the announcement on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 08.08.2014 that the existing percentage in the panel of Assistants and the prescribed qualifying service for the promotion of Village

Administrative Officers as Assistant, will be increased from the existing 10% to 30% and the qualifying service of the Village Administrative Officers will be reduced from the existing 10 years to 8 years, taking into account their field level experience and also to utilize their services at higher level.

5. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration has reported as follows:-

The existing qualification for promotion as Assistant from the Village Administrative Officer are:-

- (i) They should have completed ten years of service in the category of Village Administrative Officer
- (ii) Must have passed Revenue Test-I, II and III.

A good number of Village Administrative Officers who were appointed prior to the year 2007 have completed 8 years of service and have qualified for promotion as Assistant. Only a few of these Village Administrative Officers have opted for promotion as Assistant. The reason behind the unwillingness of these persons who have completed 8 years of service in Village Administrative Officer cadre, is that they were appointed by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission in the year 1982 and they are going to retire from service within one or two years. As such, only a few of them would get benefited, if the qualifying service is reduced from 10 to 8 years and there will be no substantial benefit to the majority of the Village Administrative Officers.

Further, recently more than 7000 candidates have been recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. These Village Administrative Officers are young, mostly graduates and post graduates and they have completed a minimum of 5 to 6 years of service in the Village Administrative Officer cadre. If the existing qualifying service is reduced from 10 to 8 years, these young recruits will get promotional opportunities only from the year 2016 and it will not help the administration to fill up all the vacancies in the cadre of Assistants.

Therefore, the qualifying service may be further reduced to 6 years (i.e. from 10 years to 6 years) considering their strength and to widen their avenues for promotion as Assistant immediately and with a view to provide more promotional opportunities for them.

6. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration has recommended as follows:-

- i) The ratio for promotion as Assistant from Village Administrative Officer may be increased from 10% to 30%; (Out of two third vacancies arrived for filling through promotion - 65 % is reserved for Junior Assistants & Typists, 30% is reserved for Village Administrative Officers and 5% is reserved for Steno-typists)

- ii) The period of pre-requisite qualification for promotion as Assistant from the post of Village Administrative Officer may be reduced from 10 (ten) to 6 (six) years of service in the category of Village Administrative Officer besides fulfilling other conditions already stipulated under ministerial service rules for promotion as Assistants.

Further, he has also stated that the estimate of vacancies for the post of Assistants for the year 2014-15 have already been finalised.

7. The Government have examined the recommendation of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration in detail and accept the same and decided to increase the existing ratio from 10% to 30% for Village Administrative Officer for the promotion as Assistant (out of two third vacancies arrived for filling through promotion) and the period of pre-requisite qualification for promotion as Assistant from the post of Village Administrative Officer be reduced from 10 years to 6 years of service in the category of Village Administrative Officers besides fulfilling other conditions already stipulated under the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service rules for promotion as Assistant and order accordingly.

8. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send necessary draft amendments proposal to the special rules for the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service to the Government within one month.

(By Order of the Governor)

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