



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Town & Country Planning Department
- Special Rules for the Kerala Town and Country Planning Service, 2001 -
Amendment - Orders Issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EU) DEPARTMENT

GO(MS)No:73/2014/LSGD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram , 06/05/2014

- Read:-
- 1) G.O.(P) 22/01/LSGD dated 31.1.2001.
 - 2) G.O.(MS) 178/11/LSGD dated 9.8.2011.
 - 3) Letter No.A3-2010/12 (2) dated 22.03.2012 from the Chief Town Planner, Thiruvananthapuram.
 - 4) Representation received from M Planning graduates of Kerala University.

ORDER

In the Special Rules for the Kerala Town & Country Planning Service, 2001 issued as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, following qualification has been provided for the direct recruitment of Deputy Town Planners.

"In the absence of qualified hands for promotion persons with same academic qualification as prescribed in I(a) to II(b) with five years experience in the field of Town and Country Planning or Regional Planning/City Planning."

However, the Chief Town Planner in his letter read as 3rd paper above has reported that the qualification prescribed as "I(a) to II(b)" above is error for "I(a) or II(b). He has reported that qualification prescribed under Ia or II(b) with 5 years experience in the field of Town and Country Planning or Regional Planning/City Planning would be sufficient to serve the purpose

and requested direct recruitment to the nearly 18 vacancies of Deputy Town Planners.

Similarly subsequent to the issuance of the Special Rules two posts of Additional Chief Town Planner were created in the Department as per the GO read as 2nd paper. Qualifications and method of appointment to the post of Additional Chief Town Planner need to be incorporated in the Rules.

In the representation read as 4th paper above, certain candidates having the qualification of Master in Planning have requested Government to consider M Planning also as a qualification for the post of Deputy Town Planner for direct recruitment through the Kerala Public Service Commission. Despite the fact that Master of Planning is considered to be as equivalent to Post Graduation in Town and Country Planning, appropriate provision has not been included in the Rules. Government, therefore, consider that this need to be appropriately incorporated in the special rules.

Government have examined the matter in detail in consultation with Kerala Public Service Commission and are pleased to order following amendments to the Special Rules for the Kerala Town & Country Planning Service, 2001.

1. The category of Additional Chief Town Planner shall be included under rule 1A below the entry (1) Chief Town Planner. Subsequent entries under the rule shall be renumbered accordingly.
2. In the table to rule 2, the method of appointment prescribed for the post of Chief Town Planner shall be modified as given under:
 1. "By promotion from Additional Chief Town Planner".
 2. In the absence of suitable candidate under item (1) above by

direct recruitment.

3. In the table to Rule 2, the entry viz. Additional Chief Town Planner shall be inserted under item 1, Chief Town Planner and the subsequent entries shall be renumbered accordingly.
4. In the table to Rule 2, the following entries shall be inserted under the method of appointment against the category of Additional Chief Town Planner:
 - (1) "By promotion from Senior Town Planner
 - (2) In the absence of suitable candidates for promotion under item (1) above by direct recruitment."
5. In the table to Rule 2, as renumbered above against the entry 5, the method of appointment prescribed for the post 'Deputy Town Planner' in column No.(1), the following shall be substituted in column No.(2) thereof viz;
 - (1) By promotion from Assistant Town Planner.
 - (2) In the absence of suitable candidate for promotion under item (1) above, by direct recruitment.
6. In the table to Rule 3, under the category 1 Chief Town Planner, the entry viz. Additional Chief Town Planner shall be inserted and the subsequent entries shall be renumbered accordingly. The qualification prescribed for the post of Chief Town Planner shall be made applicable to the category of Additional Chief Town Planner also.
7. In the Rule 3, the existing qualification prescribed for the post of Deputy Town Planner for direct recruitment shall be modified as " In the absence of suitable hand for promotions, persons with same academic qualification as prescribed in (1a) or (II b) with five years

experience in the field of Town & Country Planning or Regional Planning/City Planning."

8. Masters Degree in Planning from a recognised institution/University shall be considered equivalent to Post Graduate Degree or Post Graduate Diploma in Town and Country Planning/ City Planning as far as the educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Town Planner and Deputy Town Planner are concerned.

Formal amendments to the Special Rules for the Kerala Town and Country Planning Service, 2001 shall be issued separately.

By Order of the Governor

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Secretary to government

To

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