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CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 13th March 2023

No. 3401—COOP-FE1-ESTT-0048/2021-Coop.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Odisha is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Co-operative Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1974, namely :—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Co-operative Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service (Amendment) Rules, 2023.

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

2. In the Odisha Co-operative Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service Rules, 1974 (herein-after referred to as the said rules), for the word "Class I" and "Class II" wherever they appear the words "Group-A" and "Group-B" shall be substituted respectively.

3. In the said rules, in rule 2, for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(a) 'Sub-Assistant Registrar' 'Assistant Registrar' 'Senior Assistant Registrar' 'Deputy Registrar' 'Joint Registrar' and 'Additional Registrar' means the Sub-Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Senior Assistant of Co-operative Societies, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and the Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies respectively".

4. In the said rules, in rule 3, —

(i) for sub-Rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely; —

"(1) The service shall have Group-A Branch comprising posts of Additional Registrar, Joint Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrar and posts equivalent thereto, and Group-B Branch comprising posts of Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies; and

(ii) for sub-Rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

2. The Group-A Branch of the service shall consist of the following cadres, namely :—

(a) the cadre of Additional Registrars which shall comprise posts of Additional Registrars and posts equivalent thereto;

(b) the cadre of joint Registrars which shall comprise posts of joint Registrars and posts equivalent thereto;

(c) the cadre of Deputy Registrars which shall comprise posts of Deputy Registrars and posts equivalent thereto; and,

(d) the cadre of Senior Assistant Registrars which shall comprise posts of Senior Assistant Registrars and posts equivalent thereto.

5. In the said rules, in rule 4 :—

(i) for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely; —

"(1) (a) recruitment to the post of Additional Registrars shall be made by way of promotion from among the persons holding the posts of joint Registrars or posts equivalent thereto who have completed five years of continuous service as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets or continuous service of fourteen years in the posts of Assistant Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Joint Registrar taken together as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets;

(b) recruitment to the post of Joint Registrars shall be made by way of promotion from among the persons holding the posts of Deputy Registrars or posts equivalent thereto who have completed six years of continuous service as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets or continuous service of nine years in the posts of Assistant Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrar, and Deputy Registrar taken together as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets;

(c) recruitment to the post of Deputy Registrars shall be made by way of promotion from among the persons holding the posts of Senior Assistant Registrar or posts equivalent thereto who have completed one year of continuous service as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets or continuous service of three years in the posts of Assistant Registrar and Senior Assistant Registrar taken together as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets; and

(d) recruitment of the post of Senior Assistant Registrar shall be made by way of promotion from among the persons holding the post of Assistant Registrar or posts equivalent thereto who have completed two years of continuous service as such on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets."

(ii) in sub-rule (2), —

(a) in clause (a) for the word "sixty" the word "fifty" shall be substituted; and

(b) in clause (b) for the word "forty" the word "fifty" shall be substituted.

6. In the said rules, for rule 5, the following rule shall be substituted, namely;—

"5. Constitution of the Selection Committee (1) There shall be constituted a Selection

Committee consisting of following members to consider the case of promotion to the rank of Assistant Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Joint Registrar, namely, —

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| (i) | Secretary in charge of the Department | .. | Chairman |
| (ii) | Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Odisha | .. | Member |
| (iii) | Additional/Joint Secretary to Govt., (I/c F.E) | .. | Member |
| (iv) | Deputy/Under Secretary to Govt., (I/c F.E) | .. | Member Convenor |

(2) There shall be constituted a Selection Committee of following members to consider the case of promotion to the rank of Additional Registrar, namely,—

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| (i) | A.P.C.-cum-ACS to Government | .. | Chairman |
| (ii) | Secretary in charge of the Department | .. | Member |
| (iii) | Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Odisha | .. | Member |
| (iv) | Additional/Deputy Secretary to Govt., (I/c F.E) | .. | Member Convenor |

(3) The recommendation of the Selection Committee shall be valid and can be operated upon notwithstanding the absence of any one of its members other than the Chairman :

Provided that the members so absenting was duly invited to attend the meeting of the Committee and the majority of members of the Selection Committee attended the meeting"

7. In the said rules, after rule 8, the following rule shall be inserted,

namely :—

"8.-A. Procedure for filling up of the posts of Senior Assistant Registrar;—

(1) On vacancy arising in the post of Senior Assistant Registrar or the post equivalent thereto, the Selection Committee shall consider the case of all the persons eligible for consideration in accordance with clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 and shall draw a list of candidates strictly in order of merit due regard being given to their seniority *inter se*.

(2) The list drawn up under sub-rule (1) shall be referred to the Commission by the Government along with the service records of the officers included in the list as well as officers who, notwithstanding their seniority in the cadre of Assistant Registrar, have been excluded therefrom, along with a copy of the up-to-date gradation list.

(3) The Commission shall consider the cases of all persons included in the list prepared in pursuance of sub-rule (1) as well as of persons excluded therefrom but whose service records have been sent in pursuance of sub-rule (2), and recommend to the Government a list of candidates equal in number to the number of vacancies, arranged strictly in order of merit, due regard being given to the seniority *inter se*.

(4) The final selection of officers to be appointed to the vacancies shall be made by the Government after considering the recommendation made by the Commission.

(5) The list shall ordinarily be in force for a period of one year from the date of its

communication by the Commission :

Provided that the Government may, at any time, in consultation with the Commission, for a grave lapse in the conduct or deterioration in the standard of performance of the duties on the part of any person included in the list, remove the name of such person from the list."

8. In the said rule, in rule 18,—

(i) after clause (a), the following clause (a-1) shall be inserted, namely :—

"(a-1) persons appointed to the posts of Additional Registrars or posts equivalent there to shall be ranked *inter se* in the order in which their names are arranged by the Commission in the list referred to in sub-rule (3) of rule 5-A."

(ii) after clause (b) the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

"(b-1) persons appointed to the posts of Senior Assistant Registrars or posts equivalent thereto shall be ranked *inter se* in the order in which their names are arranged by the Commission in the list referred to in sub-rule (2) of Rule-5."

By order of the Governor

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