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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 1st December 2023

No. 25037—FE-FE1-FE-0040/2023-FE&CC.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Odisha hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Odisha Forest Service, Group-A (Senior) (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2015.

1. Short title and commencement :— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Forest Service Group-A (Senior) (Method of 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 Forest Service, Group-A (Senior) (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2015 (after herein referred to as the said rules), in Rule 3, after Clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

"(d) Special Secretary Grade".

3. In the said Rules, in Rule 5, after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely :—

"(4) Appointment to Special Secretary Grade in the services shall be made on promotion from amongst the officers of Odisha Forest Service (SAG) on the basis of merit-*cum*-suitability with due regard to seniority."

4. In the said rules, in Clause (a) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 6, after the words "Superior Administrative Grade" and before the words "in the service", the following words shall be inserted, namely :—

"and Special Secretary Grade".

By order of the Governor

SATYABRATA SAHU

Additional Chief Secretary to Government