

## NOTIFICATION

Forest and Environment Department,

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018.

**Constitution  
of India.**

No.GVN/2018(1)/RCT/1816/1364/D-2:- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules to provide for regulating the conditions of service of persons appointed to the post of Forester, Class III, or Forestry Extension Assistant, Class III, in the subordinate services of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, under the Forest and Environment Department, in so far as they relate to passing of the Departmental Examination, for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer, class II, namely:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement. -**

- (1) These rules may be called the Range Forest Officer, Class II, (Departmental Examination) Rules, 2018.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.
- (3) They shall apply to the persons who are appointed as Forester, Class III or Forestry Extension Assistant, Class III, in the subordinate services of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar under the Forest and Environment Department by promotion or otherwise,-

**2. Definition. -** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) "Appendix" means an Appendix appended to these rules;
- (b) "appointed date" means the date on which these rules shall come



into force;

- (c) "Board" means the Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection Board, Gandhinagar;
- (d) "Examination" means the departmental examination prescribed under these rules for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer, Class II, in the subordinate services of the Forest and Environment Department;
- (e) "relevant examination" means the respective departmental examination prescribed under these rules as a prerequisite for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer, Class II;
- (f) "Specified chances" means the number of chances specified in these rules within which a person is required to pass the relevant examination;
- (g) "Specified period" means the period specified in these rules within which a person is required to pass the relevant examination.

**3. Eligibility to appear in the Examination and availability of Chances. –**

- (1) To be eligible for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer, Class II, a person shall be required to pass the examination within a period of three years and within three chances from the date of his completing three years continuous service after his regular appointment to the lower post:

Provided that, in case of a person who has a last chance, if the period for passing the examination as provided in the rules, expires before the date of holding examination of the next examination, the said period shall be deemed to have been extended until the date of declaration of the result of the examination:

Provided further that, a person belonging to the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe may be given one more chance which shall have to

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be availed of within a period of one year from the date of the expiry of the period mentioned in these rules:

- (2) If a person fails to pass the examination referred to in this rule within the specified period and specified chances, he shall, notwithstanding such failure, be eligible to appear at any time in the Examination on payment of an examination fee as may be determined by the Government from time to time and if he passes the said examination, he shall be eligible for promotion:

Provided that, a person shall not be entitled to claim seniority over those persons who have passed the relevant examination earlier than him and also have been promoted regularly to the higher post before he became eligible for such promotion on passing the relevant examination.

**4. Holding of Examination. –**

- (1) The Board shall hold relevant examination twice in a year.
- (2) The place, date and time for holding the relevant examination shall be communicated by the Board to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar under intimation of the Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, Forest and Environment Department. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar shall communicate this directly to the candidate under the intimation to the Board.

**5. Paper and Syllabus. -**

- (1) The syllabus of the relevant examination shall be as specified in Appendix 'A'.



- (2) The relevant examination shall consist of five papers each of hundred mark, the relevant examination shall consist of Multiple Choice Questions except paper-V, which will be descriptive.
- (3) The candidate shall be allowed to answer the entire subject of paper – I to V with the help of books.

**Explanation.-** with books means original book of the subjects having bare acts and or Rules without any commentaries or case laws and includes manual issued under the Act published or approved by the Government.

#### **6. Medium of the Examination.-**

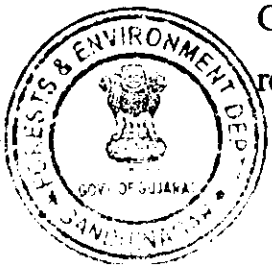
The medium of the examination shall be Gujarati or English as the instruction given in the question paper.

#### **7. Prohibition to use certain devices in the Examination Hall.**

The candidates shall not be allowed to carry with him any other electronic communication devices like cellular phone, calculator, pager, etc. in the examination hall.

#### **8. Application for appearing in the Examination. -**

- (1) Forester, Class III or Forestry Extension Assistant, Class III, who desires to appear at the relevant examination, shall submit his application in the Form as specified in Appendix 'B' to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar for enlisting his name as a candidate for such examination at least sixty days before the date of the commencement of the examination.
- (2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar shall scrutinise the application with regard to his eligibility for appearing at the relevant examination and



forward the same to the Board along with the Certificate of Eligibility as specified in Appendix 'C'.

- (3) If the applicants subsequently decides not to appear at the examination, he shall give intimation thereof to the Board through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar, at least thirty days before the date of the commencement to the examination.
- (4) In the event of any person failing to appear at the examination after having enlisted his name as a candidate for appearing there at but without intimating referred to in sub-rule (3), he shall be deemed to have lost one chance to pass the examination.
- (5) The Board shall admit the candidate to the examination on the strength of the Certificate issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar that he is eligible to appear at such examination:

Provided that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar may condone the failure on the part of the person to give intimation referred to in sub-rule (3), and the consequences arising there from if it is satisfied that the person had failed to give the intimation within time for reasons beyond his control.

**9. Qualifying Standard for passing examination. –**

- (1) The standard for passing the examination shall be fifty per cent. (50%) of the total marks assigned to each paper.

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- (2) An unsuccessful candidate who secures sixty per cent or more marks in any one or more papers shall be exempted from appearing in those papers at the subsequent examinations.
- (3) A candidate who has secured 80% (eighty per cent.) or more aggregate marks in the examination shall be paid cash amount as an incentive as determined by the Government.

**10. Publication of result. -**

The Board shall publish the result of the examination in the Gujarat Government Gazette and also communicate the same to the Government, Forest and Environment Department and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar, which shall intimate the result to the candidate.

**APPENDIX "A"**

(See rule 5)

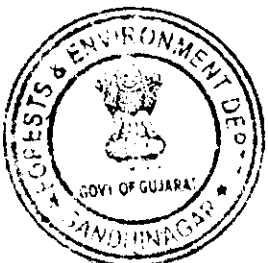
**(Syllabus for Departmental Examination of Range Forest Officer)**

**Paper I Service matters. Mark: 100, Duration: 2 Hrs (with Books)**

- (1) The Gujarat Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1971.
- (2) The Gujarat Civil Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1971.
- (3) The Gujarat Civil Services (Classification and Recruitment) General Rules, 1967.
- (4) Manual of Departmental Enquiries.
- (5) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

**Paper II Financial matters-1, Marks: 100, Duration: 2 Hrs (with Books)**

- (1) Introduction to Indian Government Accounts and Audit except the following: Chapters 7, 9, Part C. D. E. Chapters 18, 21, 22,



23, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, (Paras: 76 to 776, to 781 to 785)  
Chapters 37, 38, 39.

- (2) The Gujarat Budget Manual Volume - I and II
- (3) The Bombay Contingency Expenditure Rules, 1959
- (4) The Gujarat Treasury Rules, 2000.
- (5) The Gujarat Financial Rules, 1971
- (6) The Gujarat Civil Service Rules, 2002 (Vol. I to VIII)

**Paper III Judicial matters, Marks: 100, Duration: 2 Hrs (with Books)**

- (1) Indian Penal Code-Chapters II and IV. section 199, Chapters IX, IX-A., X, XI, XVI, XVII, XVIII sections 463 to 477 and Chapter XXI sections 499 to 600.
- (2) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 Chapters II, III, IV, VIII, IX, XI, XXIX, XXXVII, XXXVIII.
- (3) (i) Indian Evidence Act, 1872-section 1 to 115.  
(ii) Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.  
(iii) The Arms Act, 1959.

**Paper IV Community Development and Panchayati Raj, Marks: 100, Duration: 2 Hrs (with Books)**

- (1) Constitution of India
- (2) Community project and Panchayati Raj
  - (a) The Principles of Community Development
    - (i) Extension, its Organization and methods.
    - (ii) Background of Panchayati Raj and Panchayati Raj in Gujarat.

**Paper V Specialised Subjects 100 marks (with Books) (3 Hours)**

- (1) The Gujarat Land Revenue Code, 1879 (Bom. Act V 1879):
  - (i) Chapters I and II.
  - (ii) Chapter V sections 37 to 44.
  - (iii) Chapter VI section 62.
  - (iv) Chapter IX.

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- (2) The Gujarat Land Revenue Rules, 1921:
  - (i) Rules 24 to 28 (Boundary marks)
  - (ii) Rules 58 to 63 (Trees and Forest Rights)
  - (iii) Rules 64-65.
- (3) The Indian Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927).
- (4) The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- (5) The Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Rules there under.
- (6) The Saurashtra Felling of Trees (Infliction and Punishment) Act, 1951 and Rules there under.
- (7) The Gujarat Forest Manual Volumes I and II.
- (8) The Gujarat State Minor Forests Produce Trade Nationalization Act 1979.
- (9) The Customs Act.
- (10) The Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949 as in force and which apply to the Forest Department of Gujarat.

**APPENDIX 'B'**

(See rule 8(1))

**Application for appearing in Departmental Examination of Range Forest Officer**

1.	Applicant's name in full (Surname first) ( In English and Gujarati).	
2.	Designation ( In English and Gujarati).	
3.	Name of the office in which serving at present.	
4.	Birth date and age at the time of this examination.	
5.	Date of appointment and total years of service.	
6.	Whether the applicant had appeared at the Examination previously if so -	



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	(a)Month and year of examination at which he appeared.	
	(b)Whether any exemption is earned. If so, details of marks, Year of examination and subject should be given.	
	(c)Whether the applicant intends to avail of exemptions earned ? State "Yes" or "No"  (The choice will be treated as final and no change shall be allowed).	
7.	Authority of the Rule under which the applicant has to appear for the examination.	
8.	Number of chances and time limit within which the applicant is required to pass the examination (date of expiry of the period for appearing at the examination should be mentioned).	
9.	Number of trials exhausted.	
10.	Whether additional (special chance) has been granted? Number and date of orders, under which the additional chance has been granted to the applicant should be specified and a copy thereof should be sent).	
11.	Purpose of passing the examination (e.g. confirmation, retention in Government service, promotion, etc.).	
12.	Whether the applicant is eligible to appear at the examination according to the rules of the Departmental Examination.	



13.	Number and date of orders relaxing age and service limit from competent authority (copies of orders should be attached).	
14.	Remarks, if any.	

Place:

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Date:

Signature of the Applicant

### APPENDIX 'C'

(See rule 8(2))

### CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Certified that -

(1) The above particulars are verified and found correct. Shri/Smt./Kum..... is eligible to appear at the Departmental Examination for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer to be held in .....20....

(2) \* Necessary fee is paid; copy of *Challan* is attached herewith.

(3) \*Candidate is granted additional chance; a copy of order is attached.

Place:

Date:

(Signature and designation of the  
Head of Department/Office)

\* Strike out whichever is not applicable.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

G.J.Dave

Joint Secretary to Government.




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**Copy to :**

- The Secretary to Governor of Gujarat, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretary to the Minister of Forest, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretary to the Minister of State (Forest), Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Public Service Commission, Gandhinagar.  
(By letter)
- The Secretary, Gujarat Subordinate Services Selection Board, Gandhinagar. (By letter)
- Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
- The Manager, Government Central Press, Gandhinagar.....With a request to publish this notification in the Government Gazette immediately and send 200 copies thereof to the Forest and Environment Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar..... With a request to publish Gujarati translation of Notification and send two hundred copies to this department.
- All branches of the Forest & Environment Department.
- ✓ • System Manager, Forest and Environment Department.....with request to publish on this department's website.
- The Select file, Branch / Deputy Section Officer.





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