

6.¹THE INDIAN FOREST SERVICE (APPOINTMENT BY PROMOTION) REGULATIONS, 1966

In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of rule 8 of the Indian Forest Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1966, the Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments and the Union Public Service Commission, hereby makes the following regulations namely:

1. Short title & commencement.- 1(1) These regulations may be called the Indian Forest Service (Appointment by promotion) Regulations 1966.

1(2) They shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 1st July 1966.

2. Definitions.- 2(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :

- a) 'Cadre Officer' means a member of the Service;
- b) 'Cadre Post' means any of the posts specified as such in the regulations made under sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of the Cadre Rules;
- c) 'Cadre Rules' means the Indian Forest Service (Cadre) Rules, 1966;
- d) 'Committee' means the Committee set up in accordance with regulation 3;
- e) 'Commission' means the Union Public Service Commission;
- f) 'Recruitment Rules' means the Indian Forest Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1966;
- g) 'State Government' means:
 - (i) in relation to a State in respect of which a separate cadre of the service exists, the Government of such State ; and
 - ²(ii) in relation to a group of States in respect of which a Joint Cadre of the Service is constituted, the Joint Cadre Authority;
 - (iii) in relation to a group of Union Territories , and in respect of which a joint cadre of the service is constituted, the Central Government.
- ³h) 'Year' means the period commencing of the first day of January and ending on 31st day of December of the same year.

2(2) All other words and expressions used in these regulations but not defined shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Recruitment Rules.

3. Constitution of the Committee to make selection.-⁴3(1) There shall be constituted for a State Cadre or Joint Cadre specified in column 2 of Schedule, a committee consisting of the Chairman of the Commission or where the Chairman is unable to attend, any other member of the Commission representing it and other members specified in the corresponding entry of column 3 of the said Schedule:

Provided that –

¹ The principal regulations were notified vide Notification No.2/9/65-AIS(IV) dated 17.11.1965

² Substituted vide DP Notification No. 13/4-71AIS(I), dated 11.01.1972.

³ Inserted vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91 dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.21.11.1991) and further substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt. 31.12.1997)

⁴ Inserted/modified/added vide MHA Notification No. 5/8/67-AIS(IV) dated 16.03.1968, MHA Notification No. 5/18/69- AIS(IV) Dated 12.08.69, DP Notification No. 13/4/71-AIS(I) dated 11.01.1972, DP Notification No.14015/14/96-AIS(I) dated 22.03.1996, DP Notification No.14015/56/96-AIS(I) dated 05.02.1997 (GSR No.58E dt. 05.02.1991) and finally substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/08/2001 dated 31.01.2005.

(i) No member of the Committee other than the Chairman or the member of the Commission shall be a person who is not a member of an All India Service;

(ii) The nominees of the Government of India shall not belong to the cadre for which the meeting of the Committee is to be held; and

(iii) The Central Government may after consultation with the State Government concerned, amend the Schedule.

3(2) The Chairman or the member of the Commission shall preside at all meetings of the Committee at which he is present.

3(3) The absence of a member, other than the Chairman or member of the Commission, shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee if more than half the members of the Committee had attended its meetings.]

⁵4. Deleted.

5. Preparation of a list of suitable officers.- ⁶5(1) Each Committee shall ordinarily meet every year and prepare a list of such members of the State Forest Service as are held by them to be suitable for promotion to the Service. The number of members of the State Forest Service to be included in the list shall be determined by the Central Government in consultation with the State government concerned, and shall not exceed the number of substantive vacancies as on the first day of January of the year in which the meeting is held, in the posts available for them under rule 9 of the Recruitment Rules. The date and venue of the meeting of the Committee to make the selection shall be determined by the Commission:

⁷[Provided that no meeting of the Committee shall be held, and no list for the year in question shall be prepared when;

- (a) there are no substantive vacancies as on the first day of January of the year in the posts available for the members of the state Forest Service under rule 9 of the recruitment rules; or
- (b) the Central Government in consultation with the State Government decides that no recruitment shall be made during the year to the substantive vacancies as on the first day of January of the year in the posts available for the members of the State Forest Service under rule 9 of the Recruitment Rules;

Provided further that where no meeting of the Committee could be held during a year for any reason other than that provided for in the first proviso, as and when the Committee meets again, the Select List shall be prepared separately for each year during which the Committee could not meet, as on the 31st December of each year.]

EXPLANATION:- In case of Joint Cadres, a separate select list shall be prepared in respect of each State Forest Service.

⁸5(2) The Committee shall consider for inclusion to the said list, the cases of members of the State Forest Services in the order of seniority in that service of a number which is equal to three times the number referred in sub-regulation (1).

⁵ Regulation 4 omitted w.e.f. 15.01.1972, vide 5/9/70-AIS(IV) dated 03.01.1972

⁶ Substituted vide DP Notification No. 5/9/70-AIS(IV) dated 03.01.1972, Notification No. 11039/6/77-AIS(I)-C, dated 19.03.1983, Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and again substituted vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997).

⁷ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

⁸ Substituted vide DP&AR Notification No. 11039/2/76-AIS(I)-C dated 20.04.1976.

Provided that such restriction shall not apply in respect of a State where the total number of eligible officers is less than three times the maximum permissible size of the Select List and in such a case the Committee shall consider all the eligible officers.

Provided further that in computing the number for inclusion in the field of consideration, the number of officers referred to in sub-regulation (3) shall be excluded;

Provided also that the Committee shall not consider the case of a member of the State Forest Service unless ⁹{on the first day of ¹⁰[January] of the year for which the Select List is prepared}, he is substantive in the State Forest Service and has completed not less than eight years of continuous service (whether officiating or substantive) in ¹¹post(s) included in the State Forest Service.

EXPLANATION 1: The powers of the State Government under the third proviso to this sub-regulation shall be exercised in relation to the members of the State Forest Service of a constituent State, by the Government of that State.

¹²Provided also that the officers belonging to any service referred to in item (ii) of clause (g) of rule 2 of the recruitment rules, shall not be eligible to be considered for promotion to any cadre other than the Union Territories Cadre.

Provided also that in respect of any released Emergency Commissioned or Short Service Commissioned officers appointed to the State Forest Service, eight years of continuous service as required under the preceding proviso shall be counted from the deemed date of their appointment to that service, subject to the condition that such officers shall be eligible for consideration if they have completed not less than four years of actual continuous service, ¹³{on the 1st day of ¹⁴[January] of the year for which the Select List is prepared}, in the post of Assistant Conservator of Forests.

¹⁵EXPLANATION II: In computing the period of continuous service for the purpose of this regulation there shall be included any period during which an officer has undertaken:

- (a) Training in a diploma course in the Forest Research Institute and College, Dehradun; or
- (b) Such other training as may be approved by the Central Government in consultation with the Commission in any other institution.

¹⁶EXPLANATION III: Service in post(s) included in the State Forest Service would also include service rendered in ex-cadre posts connected with forestry whether under the Government or in

- (i) a company, Association or Body of individuals whether incorporated or not, which is wholly or substantively owned or controlled by Government, Municipal or Local Body, and
- (ii) an International Organisation, an Autonomous Body not controlled by Government or a Private Body;

⁹ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

¹⁰ Amended vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and again amended vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997).

¹¹ Inserted vide DP & AR Notification No. 11039/21/76-AIS(I)-C dated 01.06.1978.

¹² Inserted vide DP& AR Notification No. 11039/2/76-AIS(I)-B dated 03.10.1977 effective from 20.04.1976.

¹³ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

¹⁴ Amended vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and again amended vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

¹⁵ Substituted vide DP&AR Notification No. 11039/2/76-AIS(I)-C dated 20.04.1976.

¹⁶ Added vide Notification No. 16021/2/77-AIS(IV) dated 19.04.1978 effective from 01.07.1966.

Provided that the State Government certified that the officer concerned would have continued to hold a post included in the State Government Services but for his deputation to such ex-cadre post.

5(3) The Committee shall not ¹⁷consider the cases of the members of the State Forest Service who have attained the age of ^{17A}Fifty-six years ¹⁸{on the first day of ¹⁹[January] of the year for which the Select List is prepared}:

²⁰Provided that a member of the State Forest Service whose name appears in the Select List ²¹[prepared for the earlier year] before the date of the meeting of the Committee and who has not been appointed to the service only because he was included ²²[provisionally in that Select List] shall be considered for inclusion in the fresh list to be prepared by the Committee, even if he has in the meanwhile, attained the age of ^{17A}fifty-six ²³years.

²⁴Provided further that a member of the State Forest Service who has attained the age of ^{17A}fifty-six years ²⁵{on the first day of ²⁶[January] of the year for which the Select List is prepared} shall be considered by the Committee, if he was eligible for consideration on the first day of "January of the year or any of the years immediately preceding the year in which such meeting is held but could not be considered as no meeting of the Committee was held during such preceding year or years under item (b) of the proviso to sub-regulation(1)".

²⁷5(3A) The Committee shall not consider the case of such member of the State Forest Service who had been included in an earlier select list and –

- a) had expressed his unwillingness for appointment to the service under regulation 9;

Provided that he shall be considered for inclusion in the Select List, if before the commencement of the year, he applies in writing, to the State Government expressing his unwillingness to be considered for appointment to the service;

- b) was not appointed to the service by the Central Government under regulation 10.

²⁸5(3AA) The Selection Committee shall classify eligible officers as 'Outstanding', 'Very Good', 'Good' or 'unfit' as the case may be on an overall relative assessment of their service records.

5(4) The List shall be prepared by including the required number of names first from amongst the officers finally classified as 'Outstanding' then from amongst those similarly classified as 'Very Good' and thereafter from amongst those similarly classified

¹⁷ Deleted vide Notification No. 28013/20/76-AIS(I)-C dated 05.10.1979.

^{17 A} Substituted vide DOPT Notification No. 14015/30/2015-AIS-(I) (B) dated 17.03.2015

¹⁸ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

¹⁹ Amended vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and again amended vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

²⁰ Substituted vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

²¹ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/19/2001-AIS(I)-C dated 13.10.2005 (GSR No.631E dt.13.10.2005)

²² Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/19/2001-AIS(I)-C dated 13.10.2005 (GSR No.631E dt.13.10.2005)

²³ Substituted/added vide Notification No. 28013/20/76-AIS(I)-C dated 05.10.1979.

²⁴ Substituted/added vide Notification No. 28013/20/76-AIS(I)-C dated 05.10.1979.

²⁵ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

²⁶ Amended vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and again amended vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

²⁷ Substituted vide DP&AR Notification No. 11039/4/76-AIS(IV) Dated 03.06.1977 and again substituted vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

²⁸ Renumbered vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

as 'Good' and the order of names inter-se within each category shall be in the order of their seniority in the State Forest Service.

²⁹Provided that the name of an officer so included in the list shall be treated as provisional if the State Government withholds the integrity certificate in respect of such an officer or any proceedings, departmental or criminal are pending against him or anything adverse against him which renders him unsuitable for appointment to the service has come to the notice of the State Government.

³⁰[Provided further that while preparing yearwise select lists for more than one year pursuant to the 2nd proviso to sub regulation (1), the officer included provisionally in any of the Select List so prepared shall be considered for inclusion in the Select List of subsequent year in addition to the normal consideration zone and in case he is found fit for inclusion in the suitability list for that year on a provisional basis such inclusion shall be in addition to the normal size of the select list determined by the Central Government for such year.]

EXPLANATION I: The proceedings shall be treated as pending only if a charge-sheet has actually been issued to the officer or filed in a Court as the case may be.

EXPLANATION II: The adverse thing which came to the notice of the State Government rendering him unsuitable for appointment to the service shall be treated as having come to the notice of the State only if the details of the same have been communicated to the Central Government and the Central Government is satisfied that the details furnished by the State Government have a bearing on the suitability of the office and investigation thereof is essential.

³¹5(5) Omitted.

6. Consultation with the Commission.- The list prepared in accordance with regulation 5 shall then be forwarded to the Commission by the State Government along with:

- (i) the records of all members of the State Forest Service included in the list;
- (ii) the records of all members of the State Forest Service who are proposed to be superseded by the recommendations made in the list;
- (iii) ³² Deleted;
- (iv) The observations of the State Government on the recommendations of the Committee.

³³6(A) The State Government shall also forward a copy of the list referred to in regulation to the Central Government and the Central Government shall send their observations on the recommendations of the Committee to the Commission.

7. Select List.- ³⁴[7(1) The Commission shall consider the list prepared by the Committee along with:

- (i) the documents received from the State Government under regulation 6;

²⁹ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and further substituted/inserted/amended vide DP Notification No.14015/32/91-AIS-(I)-C dated 18.08.1993 (GSR No.561E dt. 18.08.1993).

³⁰ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

³¹ Omitted vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

³² [Deleted] vide Notification No. 11039/3/79-AIS(I)-C dated 02.06.1979 G.I. Notification No. 817 dated 02.06.1979.

³³ inserted vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991)

³⁴ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991)

- (ii) the observations of the Central Government and unless it considers any change necessary, approve the list.]

7(2) ³⁵[If the Commission considers it necessary to make any changes in the list received from the State Government, the Commission shall inform the State Government and the Central Government of the changes proposed and after taking into account these comments, if any, of the State Government and the Central Government, may approve the list finally with such modifications, if any, as may in its opinion be just and proper.]

7(3) The list as finally approved by the Commission shall form the Select List of the members of the State Forest Service.

³⁶Provided that if an officer whose name is included in the Select List is, after such inclusion, issued with a charge sheet or a charge sheet is filed against him in a Court of Law, his name in the Select List shall be deemed to be provisional.

7(4) ³⁷The Select List shall remain in force till the 31st day of December of the year in which the meeting of the Selection Committee was held with a view to prepare the list under sub-regulation (1) of regulation 5 or up to 60 days from the date of approval of the Select List by the Commission under sub-regulation (1) or as the case may be finally approved under sub-regulation (2) whichever is later:

Provided that where the State Government has forwarded the proposal to declare a provisionally included officer in the Select List as 'Unconditional' to the Commission during the period when the Select List was in force, the Commission shall decide the matter within a period of ninety days of before the date of meeting of the next Selection Committee, whichever is earlier and if the Commission declares the inclusion of the provisionally included officer in the Select List as unconditional and final, the appointment of the concerned officer shall be considered by the Central Government under regulation 9 and such appointment shall not be invalid merely for the reason that it was made after the Select List ceased to be in force.

Provided further that in the event of any new service or services being formed by enlarging the existing State Forest Service or otherwise being approved by the Central Government as the State Forest Service under clause (i) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2, the Select List in force at the time of such approval shall continue to be in force until a new list prepared under regulation 5 in respect of the members of the new State Forest Service, is approved under sub-regulation (1) or as the case may be, finally approved under sub-regulation (2).

³⁸Provided also that where the select list is prepared for more than one year pursuant to the second proviso to sub-regulation (1) of regulation 5, the Select Lists shall remain in force till the 31st day of December of the year in which the meeting was held to prepare such lists or up to 60 days from the date of approval of the Select Lists by the Commission under this regulation, whichever is later.

³⁹7(5) Omitted.

³⁵ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

³⁶ Substituted vide DP Notification No.14015/32/91-AIS-(I)-C dated 18.08.1993 (GSR No.561E dt. 18.08.1993).

³⁷ Substituted/inserted/amended vide DP&AR Notification No. 11/1/71-AIS(I) dated 19.2.74, DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

³⁸ Inserted vide DP Notification No.14015/27/99-AIS(I)-C dated 25.07.2000 (GSR No.635E dt. 25.07.2000)

³⁹ Inserted vide Notification No. 16019/1/77-AIS(IV)-A dated 08.11.1978 and Notification No. 11076/1/77-AI(IV) dated 06.09.1980 and finally omitted vide DP Notification NO.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

⁴⁰8. Omitted.

9. Appointments to the Service from the Select List.- ⁴¹9(1) Appointment of a member of the State Forest Service, who has expressed his willingness to be appointed to the service shall be made by the Central Government in the order in which the names of the members of the State Forest Service appear in the Select List for the time being in force during the period when the Select List remains in force:

Provided that the appointment of members of the State Forest Service shall be made in accordance with the agreement arrived at under clause (b) of sub-rule (3) of rule 8 of the Recruitment Rules in the order in which the names of the members of the State Forest Service occur in the relevant parts of the Select List for the time being in force.

Provided further that the appointment of an officer, whose name has been included or deemed to be included in the Select List provisionally under proviso to sub-regulation (5) of regulation 5 or under the proviso to sub-regulation (3) of regulation 7 as the case may be shall be made within sixty days after the name is made unconditional by the Commission in terms of the first proviso to sub-regulation (4) of regulation 7.

Provided also that in case a Select List officer has expressed his unwillingness for appointment to the service, he shall have no claim for appointment to the service from that select list unless he informs the Central Government through the State Government before the expiry of the validity of the Select List revoking his earlier expression of unwillingness for appointment to the service.

⁴²9(2) Omitted.

⁴³10. Power of the Central Government not to appoint in certain cases.- Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations,⁴⁴[] the Central Government may not appoint any person whose name appears in the Select List if it is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest.

Provided that no such decision shall be taken by the Central Government without consulting the Union Public Service Commission.

11. Saving - ⁴⁵Omitted.

⁴⁶Schedule (See Regulation 3)

Sl. No.	Name of the State Cadre/Joint Cadre	Other Members of the Committee
1.	Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories	a) Chief Secretary of the constituent State. In respect of Union Territory segment, the senior-most Chief Secretary amongst the Chief Secretaries to the Union Territory administrations; b) The senior-most Chief Secretary of the remaining

⁴⁰ Omitted vide DP Notification No.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

⁴¹ Inserted/modified/amended vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991), DP Notification No.14015/32/91-AIS(I)-C dated 18.08.1993 (GSR No.561E dt. 18.08.1993) and DP Notification No.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

⁴² Inserted/modified/amended vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991) and omitted vide DP Notification No.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

⁴³ Inserted vide DP Notification No.14015/16/91-AIS(I) dated 28.11.1991 (GSR No.704E dt.28.11.1991)

⁴⁴ Omitted vide DP Notification No.14015/52/96-AIS(I)-C dated 31.12.1997 (GSR No.734E dt.31.12.1997)

⁴⁵ Omitted

⁴⁶ Inserted vide DP Notification No.14015/08/2001 dated 31.01.2005.

		<p>constituents of the Cadre;</p> <p>c) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the constituent segment for which the meeting is held. In respect of Goa segment, the CF to attend;</p> <p>d) Head of Forests Department of the constituent segment, not below the rank of Secretary to Government. For Union Territory segment, the senior-most officer looking after Forest Department among all Union Territories;</p> <p>e) Joint Secretary, Government of India, dealing with AGMUT cadre in Ministry of Environment & Forests; and</p> <p>f) Two nominees of Government of India not below the rank of Joint Secretary.</p>
2.	Assam-Meghalaya and Manipur-Tripura Joint Cadres	<p>a) Chief Secretary of the Governments of the constituent States;</p> <p>b) Principal Chief Conservators of Forests of the constituent States; and</p> <p>c) Two nominees of Government of India not below the rank of Joint Secretary.</p>
3.	Other Cadres	<p>a) Chief Secretary of the State Government;</p> <p>b) Secretary, Forests Department of the State Government;</p> <p>c) Principal Chief Conservators of Forests of the constituent States; and</p> <p>d) Two nominees of Government of India not below the rank of Joint Secretary.</p>