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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2044
விஜய, ஐப்பசி-19

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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued for constitution of State Level Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee for Direct recruitment of frontline staff in the categories of Forester, Forest Guard, Forest Guard with Driving license and Forest Watcher.

2. In the letter second read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that the committee was constituted and it is functioning with effect from 19.07.2012. In the above Government order, it has been instructed to fill all future vacancies of Direct Recruitment in the category of Forester, Forest Guard, Forest Guard with Driving license through the open market advertisement by the above committee. In order to proceed with reference to the above instructions, necessary amendments to the Special Rules in Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service Rules is necessary. The process of granting approval on the amendments to the relevant service rules and the proposed recruitment procedures for the direct recruitment to be followed by the Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Service Recruitment Committee require detailed consultation. Filling up these posts on receipt of necessary orders of the Government by following due procedures like calling for applications through paper advertisement, verification of records, conducting the verification of required physical qualifications, conducting of examination, walking test etc., is likely to take longer time.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also stated that as per the Government Order first read above, existing direct recruitment vacancies and future vacancies of the Forest Department, Arasu Rubber Corporation Ltd., Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation Ltd., Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd. and in the categories of Forester, Forest Guard, Forest Guard with Driving license and Forest Watcher will have to be filled through the committee. As such, as per the approved estimate of vacancies upto 2012-2013, 157 Foresters, 315 Forest Guards and 25 Forest Guards with Driving license posts are to be filled by Direct Recruitment by the Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee.

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posts) in Forest Department. These posts are very crucial among the frontline Forest staff and the vacancies are required to be filled up forthwith for protection of forest wealth. Further, during the Hon'ble Minister(Forests) review meeting at Chennai with the District Forest Officers, Conservator of Forests and Chief Conservator of Forests on 05.08.2013 and 06.08.2013, it was observed by the Hon'ble Minister(Forests) that the present vacancy position is alarming to the extent of seriously affecting the Forest and Wildlife Protection and the implementation of schemes and urgent efforts need to be taken to fill up the vacant posts immediately.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has requested that till approval of the amendment to the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service Rules and recruitment procedure by the Committee and sanction of funds, the backlog vacancies to the tune of 25% of the Direct Recruitment vacancies upto 2012-2013 in the categories of Forester, Forest Guard, Forest Guard with Driving license may be allowed to be filled up by following the existing procedures and Rules through the employment exchange by the appointing authorities concerned.

6. The Government after careful examination decided to accept the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and accordingly direct to fill up the vacant posts of Forester, Forest Guard and Forest Guard with Driving License by following the existing procedures and rules through Employment Exchange by the appointing authorities concerned, till a final decision is taken in the pending issue of amendment to Special Rules to Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service regarding direct recruitment of these posts through Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee and to fill up the above said post on adhoc basis subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Exemption to the orders issued in G.O.(Ms)No.157, Environment and Forests Department, dated 29.06.2012, regarding selection of candidates to certain posts through Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee may be allowed as a one time measure to overcome the contingency.
- (ii) Adhere the existing rule provisions while filling up of all these posts through Employment Exchange and it should not exceed the percentage/ratio for Direct recruitment as prescribed in the Special Rules.

(By Order of the Governor)

Mohan Verghese Chunkath
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Limited, The Nilgiris.

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