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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 16/2018/Home.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9th April, 2018  
26th Meenam, 1193.

S. R. O. No. 436/2018.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Chemical Examiner's Laboratory Service Special Rules, 1997 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No. 317/97/Home, dated 19th December, 1997 and published as S.R.O. No. 1015/97 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1828 dated 20th December, 1997, namely:—

## RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(i) These rules may be called the Kerala Chemical Examiner's Laboratory Service (Amendment) Special Rules, 2018.

(ii) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*—In the Kerala Chemical Examiner's Laboratory Service Special Rules, 1997,—

(a) in rule 2, against category 4, for the words "Junior Scientific Officer", the words "Scientific Officer" shall be substituted.

(b) in rule 3,—

(i) in sub-rule (i),—

(a) against Category 3 Assistant Chemical Examiner in column (1), in item (i) of column (2), for the words "Junior Scientific Officers" the words "Scientific Officers" shall be substituted;

(b) in Category 4 Junior Scientific Officer in column (1), for the words "Junior Scientific Officer" the words "Scientific Officer" shall be substituted;

*Note:*—If qualified hands are not available at the time of occurrence of vacancy, those vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment;"

(c) in rule 4, for the words "Junior Scientific Officer", the words "Scientific Officer" shall be substituted.;

(d) in rule 5, in the Table,—

(i) for the words "Junior Scientific Officer" wherever they occur, the words "Scientific Officer" shall be substituted;

(ii) in column (3) for the words, figures and symbol "Masters Degree with at least 50% marks in Chemistry or Forensic Science or Biochemistry of a recognized University" wherever they occur, the words, figures and symbol "Masters Degree in Chemistry or equivalent

branches of Chemistry or in Forensic Science or Biochemistry approved by any University in Kerala obtained after a regular course of study with 50% marks", shall respectively be substituted.

(iii) in category 4, against the entries 'By transfer' in column (2) for item (i) in column (3) the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

"Masters Degree in Chemistry or equivalent branches of Chemistry or in Biochemistry approved by any University in Kerala with 50% marks. In the absence, Degree in Chemistry with at least 50% marks obtained after a regular course of study;"

(iv) after the Table the following shall be inserted.

*Note:—*For the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes the educational qualification shall be the lowest class of Degree/Masters Degree;"

(e) in rule 6,—

(i) in sub-rule (3) for the words "Junior Scientific Officer", the words "Scientific Officer" shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (2) and (3) for the figures 35, the figures 36 shall respectively be substituted;

(f) in rule 8, for the words and symbols, "the post of Joint Chemical Examiner/Assistant Chemical Examiner", the words and symbols, "the posts under categories 2, 3 and 4 of rule 3" shall be substituted;

(g) in rule 10, after item (ii) the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

"(iii) If appointed to the second Gazetted rank by promotion, for a total period of six months on duty within a continuous period of one year.

(iv) The probation shall be declared only on successful completion of training prescribed under rule 8;"

(h) after rule 10, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“11. *Saving clause.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Special Rules the service prospects of person with Masters degree in Microbiology, if any in the Department, will be protected.”.

By order of the Governor,

SUBRATA BISWAS,  
*Additional Chief Secretary to Government.*

### Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The designation of Junior Scientific Officer is changed to Scientific Officer in line with the staff pattern of Central Forensic Science Laboratory. The minimum educational qualification for the technical posts from the Scientific Officer to Chief Chemical Examiner is fixed as Degree/Masters degree with 50% marks in respective subject obtained under regular course of study from a recognized University for ensuring that adequately qualified and competent persons are appointed for undertaking chemical examination of material objects involved in criminal cases and rendering scientific evidence before the Court of law for the cause of justice. This amendment is effected as per the legal opinion of the Advocate General furnished to the Government in connection with W.A. No. 1570/2010 and W.A. No. 686/2011. In the Forensic Science Laboratory, a compulsory in-house training is prescribed for new recruits before they are entrusted with examination of material objects to make them competent to undertake examination of material objects. It has, therefore, become necessary to amend the Special Rules for the Chemical Examiner's Laboratory State Service.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.