

The 11th November, 1970

ASSAM RULE XXV OF 1970

No. SDB.104/59/113.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Assam is pleased to make the following rules regulating recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed to the Assam Supply Service, namely:—

THE ASSAM SUPPLY SERVICE RULES, 1970

Preliminary

1. **Short title and Commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the "Assam Supply Service Rules, 1970".

(2) These shall come into force at once.

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2. Definitions.—In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

- (a) "appointing authority" means (i) the Governor of Assam, in respect of the posts of Joint Director of Supply, Deputy Director of Supply, Assistant Directors of Supply, Superintendent of Supply and Inspector of Supply and in respect of the post of Sub-Inspector of Supply, it means (ii) the Director of Supply;
- (b) "Commission" means the Assam Public Service Commission;
- (c) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under rule 12;
- (d) "Director" means the Director of Supply, Assam;
- (e) "Government" means the State Government of Assam;
- (f) "Governor" means the Governor of Assam.
- (g) "member" means a member of the Assam Supply Service appointed to the service either before or after the commencement of these rules;
- (h) "recommending authority" means the Head of the Department under whose administrative control a person is serving for the time being.
- (i) "Service" means the Assam Supply Service.
- (j) "Year" means the calendar year.

"Cadres"

3. Constitution.—(1) The service shall consist of the following six categories of posts:

- (a) Joint Director of Supply;
- (b) Deputy Director of Supply;
- (c) Assistant Director of Supply;
- (d) Superintendent of Supply;
- (e) Inspector of Supply;
- (f) Sub-Inspectors of Supply.

(2) Each of the six categories in sub-rule (1) shall form an independent cadre. Members of any category shall have no claim for appointment to another category except in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

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4. Status.—Members belonging to categories (a) and (b) shall be class I Officers, those belonging to categories (c) and (d) shall be class II Officers and those belonging to category (e) shall be class III Officers of gazetted status. Members belonging to category (f) shall be class III Officers with non-gazetted status.

5. Strength of the service.—(1)—The number of posts, permanent as well as temporary, in each of the categories, shall be such as may be determined by the Governor from time to time.

(2) On the commencement of these rules the strength of the service, permanent, as well as temporary shall be as shown in the Schedule I.

RECRUITMENT

6. Joint Director of Supply.—Recruitment to the post of Joint Director of Supply shall be made by promotion from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14 from amongst the members of the service confirmed in the post of Deputy Director of Supply on or before the first day of the year in which the selection is made.

7. Deputy Director of Supply.—Recruitment to the post of Deputy Director of Supply shall be made by promotion from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14 from amongst the members of service confirmed in the post of Assistant Director of Supply on or before the first day of the year in which the selection is made.

8. Assistant Director of Supply.—Recruitment to the post of Assistant Director of Supply shall be made by promotion from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14 from amongst the members of the service confirmed in the post of Superintendent of Supply on or before the first day of the year in which the selection is made.

9. Superintendent of Supply.—Recruitment to the post of Superintendent of Supply shall be made by promotion from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14 from amongst the members of the service confirmed in the post of Inspector of Supply or from amongst the Inspector of Supply who have rendered not less than 5 years continuous service on or before the first day of the year in which the selection is made.

10. Inspector of Supply.—Recruitment to the post of Inspector of Supply shall be made:

(1) by promotion from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14 from amongst the members of the service confirmed in the post of Sub-Inspector of Supply or from amongst the Sub-Inspector of Supply who have rendered not less than 5 years continuous service on the first day of the year in which the selection is made;

(2) by selection under sub-rule 3 of rule 13 strictly on the basis of merit from amongst the ministerial staff and accounts staff in the office of

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the Director of Supply and in the Supply offices in the District and Subdivisions who are of outstanding ability and have rendered at least 5 years service as Upper Division Assistant and Accountant respectively on the first day of the year in which the selection is made and are graduates;

Provided that the person shall not cross the age of 40 years on the first day of the year in which the selection is made.

Note.— Appointment under this sub-rule shall be made from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14; or

(3) by direct recruitment under rule 17.

Note:— The proportion of vacancies to be filled up in any year according to sub-rules (1), (2) and (3) shall be 50, 25, 25 respectively. In the event of sufficient number of qualified or suitable persons not being available in categories (1) and (2), the balance shall be made up from category (3) i.e., through direct recruitment. Here vacancies shall include both permanent and temporary vacancies.

11. Sub-Inspector of Supply:—Recruitment to the post of Sub-Inspector of Supply shall be made through competitive Examination as prescribed under rule 17.

"PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION"

12. Selection Committee.—For purpose of preparing the select list mentioned in rule 6, rule 7, rule 8, rule 9, sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 10, there shall be a selection committee consisting of the following members:—

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| (1) Secretary to the Government of Assam, Supply Department | Chairman |
| of Supply, Assam | Member |
| (3) Joint Director of Supply, Assam | Member |
| (4) Joint Secretary or Deputy Secretary to the Government in the Appointment Department or any other officer nominated by Chief Secretary. | ... |
| (5) Deputy Secretary or Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, in the Supply Department | Convenor and Secretary of the Committee. |

Note:— The Joint Director of Supply, Assam shall not however, be member of the selection committee for the purpose of preparing the select list referred to in rule 6.

13. Method of selection:—(1) The appointing authority shall refer to the committee the approximate number of vacancies likely to occur during the year in each of the categories and furnish the committee with the character rolls and personal files of all eligible candidates. The committee shall examine the character rolls and personal files of the candidates, take into consideration the seniority and merit of the candidates and prepare select list of names in order of preference separately for recruitment under rule 6, rule 7, rule 8, and rule 9 and sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 10.

In every case where a junior member in a cadre is selected in preference to his senior in that cadre, the committee shall record in writing the reasons for such supersession.

The lists shall be forwarded by the committee to the appointing authority.

(2) The selection shall be based on merit and suitability in all respects with due regard to seniority and to the following aspects of a candidate namely:—

- (a) personality and character;
- (b) tact, energy and general intelligence;
- (c) integrity; and
- (d), previous record of service.

(3) The appointing authority may, from time to time, for the purpose of recruitment to the service under sub-rule (2) of rule 10, call upon the recommending authority to submit recommendations in respect of eligible persons who are outstanding in merit and ability together with the character rolls and other connected papers as may be required. The appointing authority shall refer the cases of persons so recommended to the committee. The committee shall examine the cases and prepare a list in the manner as provided in sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule.

14. Select List.—The lists so prepared shall be forwarded to the Commission along with the character rolls and service records of all eligible candidates and the observations of the appointing authority on the recommendation of the committee. The Commission shall consider the lists along with other documents received and may approve the lists unless it considers any change necessary. If the Commission considers any change necessary, it shall inform the appointing authority of the changes proposed and after taking into consideration of the comments, if any, of the appointing authority, the Commission shall approve the lists finally with such modification, if any, as the Commission may think to be just and proper. The lists so finally approved by the Commission shall form select lists for the purpose of appointment under rule 6, rule 7, rule 8, rule 9 and sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 10.

15. Review of the select list.—The Selection Committee shall meet once a year and review the select lists every year.

16. Validity of the select list.—A select list shall ordinarily remain in force for a period of one year from the date of the Commission's letter of recommendation if not reviewed under rule 15:

Provided that in the event of any great lapse in the conduct or performance of duties on the part of any candidate in the select list, the appointing authority may, if he so thinks fit, remove any such candidate from the select list. In removing the name of a candidate from the select list, the Commission shall be consulted.

PROCEDURE FOR RECRUITMENT BY COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

17. Competitive Examination.—(1) A competitive examination for direct recruitment to the service shall be held at such intervals as the appointing authority may, from time to time, determine in consultation with—

- (a) the Commission for the post of Inspector of Supply, and
- (b) the Committee for the post of Sub-Inspector of Supply.

(2) The examination shall be conducted by the Commission or the Committee, as the case may be, in accordance with such rules and syllabi as the appointing authority may, from time to time, make in consultation with them.

(3) The Commission or the Committee as the case may be shall prepare a list of all candidates who have qualified in the examination in order of merit, which shall be determined in accordance with the aggregate marks obtained by each candidate and if two or more candidates obtain equal marks, the Commission or the Committee as the case may be shall arrange them in order of their relative merit which shall be determined in accordance with the general suitability of the candidates to the service. The list shall be forwarded to the appointing authority and be published in the *Assam Gazette*. The list shall ordinarily remain in force for a period of one year from the date of the Commission's letter of recommendation.

(4) The inclusion of a candidate's name in the list shall confer no right to appointment unless the appointing authority is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary, that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the service.

18. Reservation.—(1) of the number of vacancies to be filled up by direct recruitment on the results of each examination there shall be reservation in favour of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Plains) and Scheduled Tribes (Hills) to the extent as may be determined by Government from time to time.

(2) If a sufficient number of suitable candidates with minimum qualifications belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Plains) and Scheduled Tribes (Hills) referred to in sub-rule (1) is not

available for filling up all the vacancies reserved for them the remaining vacancies shall be filled up from among other candidates and an equivalent number of additional vacancies shall be reserved for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Plains) and Scheduled Tribes (Hills) for the next recruitment year.

Provided that if sufficient number of suitable candidates is not available to fill up all the reserved vacancies including the additional vacancies, the reservation including the additional vacancies on account of the deficiency shall be carried forward upto two subsequent years or for such period as the State Government may, by a general or special order, from time to time determine before the reservation is finally treated as lapsed.

Qualification for recruitment by Competitive Examination

19. Age.—The candidate shall belong to the age group of 21 to 25 years and 18 to 25 years for the post of Inspector of Supply and Sub-Inspector of Supply respectively, on the first day of the year of advertisement issued by the Assam Public Service Commission in respect of Inspector of Supply and the appointing authority in respect of Sub-Inspector.

Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to special categories the upper age limit shall be subject to such relaxation as may be made by the Governor from time to time.

Note.—"Special categories" means persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, and such other persons or class of persons as may be notified by Government from time to time.

20. Academic qualifications.—(1) A candidate for direct recruitment to the post of Inspector of Supply shall hold a degree in Arts, Science or Commerce of a University recognised by the Government for this purpose.

(2) For recruitment to the post of Sub-Inspector of Supply, a candidate must have passed the Higher Secondary School Examination from a recognised University Board or any examination declared equivalent thereto by the Government.

Note.—Pending conversion of all the existing schools into Higher Secondary Schools and during the transitional period when both the old courses and the new courses continue together, Pre-University and Intermediate would be equivalent qualifications.

21. Character.—A candidate shall produce to the Commission/the Committee certificates of good character from—

- (a) The Principal Academic Officer of the University or College School in which he last studied.
- (b) two respectable persons (not related to the candidate) who are well acquainted with him.

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22. Physical fitness (1)—A candidate shall be of sound health, both mentally and physically, and be free from organic defects or bodily infirmity likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties.

(2) A candidate shall be required to undergo a medical examination before final selection for appointment to the service under rule 17.

23. (1) Disqualification for appointment.—No person shall be qualified for appointment to the service unless he is a citizen of India.

(2) No person who has more than one wife living shall be eligible for appointment of the service.

Provided that the Governor may, if he is satisfied that there are special grounds for so doing exempt any person from the operation of this sub-rule.

(3) No person who attempts to enlist support for his candidature directly or indirectly by any recommendation, either written or oral or by any other means, shall be appointed to the service.

24. (1) Appointment to the service.—Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 17 and sub-rule (1) of rule 18, appointments under sub-rule (3) of rule 10 and rule 11 shall be made in such order as the names appear in the list prepared and forwarded by the Commission or the Committee as the case may be.

(2) Appointments under rule 6, rule 7 rule 8 rule 9 and sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 10 shall be made in such order as the names appear in the list approved by the Commission under rule 14.

Provided that a temporary appointment for a period not exceeding two months may be made by the appointing authority at its discretion.

(3) A person shall join within 15 days of the date of receipt of the order of appointment, failing which and unless the appointing authority extends the period, which shall not exceed three months, the appointment shall be cancelled.

PROBATION AND CONFIRMATION

25. (1) Probation.—Persons appointed to the service against permanent vacancies except those appointed under rule 11 shall be on probation for a period of two years:

Provided that the period of such probation may, for good and sufficient reasons, be extended by the appointing authority in individual cases by a period not exceeding two years:

Provided further that the Governor may reduce the period of probation to one year for those who have already successfully undergone the prescribed training and passed all the Departmental Examinations as prescribed for the service.

(2) Every probationer shall during the period of probation successfully undergo such training as the Governor may, from time to time, prescribe and shall appear at and pass Departmental Examinations prescribed for the service and conducted by the Commission.

(3) Where a cadre consists of both permanent and temporary posts appointment on probation against permanent vacancies in the respective cadres shall be according to the order of seniority as determined under rule 32.

(4) All persons appointed against temporary posts in cadre shall also be allowed to undergo the training and appear at and pass the Departmental Examinations prescribed for the service.

26. Confirmation.—(1) Where a probationer has completed his period of probation to the satisfaction of the appointing authority, he shall be confirmed in the service, if he :—

- (a) has passed all the Departmental Examinations and has successfully undergone the prescribed training and
- (b) is considered fit otherwise for confirmation by the appointing authority.

Provided that where a probationer is not given opportunity for undergoing the prescribed training during the period of probation, his confirmation shall not be held up for the reason of not successfully undergoing the said training, but such a probationer when called upon by the appointing authority to undergo such training, shall successfully undergo the said training, failing which he shall be liable to removal from services unless the appointing authority allows him further chances for passing the said examinations.

(2) Subject to availability of a permanent vacancy, a member of the service appointed under rule 11 shall be confirmed in the cadre if he :—

- (a) has completed at least one year of service to the satisfaction of the appointing authority
- (b) is otherwise considered fit for confirmation by the appointing authority.

(3) Subject to the conditions laid down in sub-rules (1) and (2) confirmation shall be made on the basis of seniority determined under rule 32.

27. Discharge of reversion before confirmation.—A member shall be liable to be discharged from the service of reverted to his next lower post or to his previous service to which he holds a lien as the case may be if he :—

- (1) (a) in the case of a probationer, fails to pass the Departmental Examinations unless the Governor permits him to sit for re-examination in the subject or subjects in which he failed or
- (b) in the case of a member appointed under rule 11, fails to qualify for confirmation in that cadre even after a second chance or
- (c) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this rules.
- (d) is found ineligible or otherwise unfit for being a member of the service.

28. Scales of pay.—The scale of pay admissible to members of different cadres of the service shall be such as shown in Schedule II subject to such revision as may be made by the Government from time to time.

29. Fixation of initial pay.—(1) On first appointment to the service, the initial pay of a member of the service, shall be fixed at the minimum of the time-scale, unless under the Assam Fundamental Rules and Assam Subsidiary Rules or under any other rules governing the fixation of pay for the time being in force, he is entitled to have his pay fixed at a higher stage in that time-scale.

(2) On promotion of a member from a lower to a higher cadre in the service, initial pay shall be fixed in accordance with the principles governing such fixation under the Assam Fundamental Rules and Assam Subsidiary Rules or in any rules for the time being in force.

30. Increments.—(1) The first increment of a member of the service appointed on probation in a time-scale, shall accrue on the expiry of one year from the date of his probation, but further increments shall be admissible only on his confirmation.

(2) A member of the service on confirmation shall draw pay at the rate corresponding to his position in the time-scale; but he shall not be entitled to any arrear in pay on account of withholding of due increments for the period prior to the date of his confirmation.

(3) The appointing authority may withhold from such time as it may direct, an increment or increments due to a substantive member of the service who has failed to pass the Departmental Examination within such time as the appointing authority may, by general or special order, prescribe but the withholding of such increments shall have no cumulative effect.

(4) A member of the service appointed against a temporary vacancy in a cadre shall be eligible to draw his usual increments in the time-scale under the provisions of the Assam Fundamental Rules subject to the condition that as and when placed on probation he shall remain at the stage of pay in the time-scale where he was on the date of probation till his confirmation.

31. Crossing of efficiency bar.—A member of the service shall not be allowed to cross an efficiency bar in the time-scale unless the appointing authority is satisfied about his ability and integrity.

32. Seniority.—*Intra*-seniority of the Deputy Director of Supply appointed under rule 7 shall be according to the order of preference as arranged in the select list.

(2) *Intra*-seniority of the Assistant Directors of Supply appointed under rule 8 shall be according to the order of preference as arranged.

(3) Inter-se seniority of the Superintendents of Supply appointed under rule 9 shall be according to the order of preference as arranged in the select list.

(4) Inter-se seniority of Inspectors of Supply appointed under sub-rule (1) or (2) or (3) of the rule 10 shall be according to the order of preference as arranged in the respective select list and the list as approved by the Commission under rule 17.

Inter-se seniority between an Officer recruited under any one of the aforesaid sub-rule and an Officer recruited under any of the remaining other two sub-rules shall be according to the date of appointment.

Inter-se seniority among the Officers appointed under aforesaid rules on the same date shall be according to the following order:

- (i) Officers appointed under sub-rule (1) of rule 10.
- (ii) Officers appointed under sub-rule (2) of rule 10.
- (iii) Officers appointed under sub-rule (3) of rule 10.

(5) Inter-se seniority of Sub-Inspectors of Supply appointed under rule 11 shall be in the order in which their names appear in the select list as prepared under sub-rule 3 of rule 17.

(6) For the purpose of seniority in the respective cadre persons shall join their appointment within a period of 15 days from the date of their receipt of the appointment order:

Provided that if a member is prevented from joining within this period by the circumstances of public nature or for reasons beyond his control, the appointing authority may extend it for a further period of 15 days. If the period is not so extended, the seniority shall be determined according to the date of joining.

(7) If the confirmation of a member of the service in a cadre is delayed in account of his failure to qualify for such confirmation, he shall lose his position in order of seniority in that case vis-à-vis such of his juniors as may be confirmed earlier than he. His original position in that particular cadre shall, however, be restored in his confirmation subsequently.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

33. Leave, Pension, etc.—Save as provided in these rules, all matters relating pay, allowances, leave, pension, discipline and other conditions of service shall be regulated by general rules framed by Government from time to time.

34. Power of Government to dispense with or relax any rule.—Where the Government is satisfied that the operation of any of these rules may cause undue hardship in any particular case, it may dispense with or relax the requirement of that rule to such extent and subject to such conditions as it may consider necessary for dealing with the case in a just and equitable manner;

Provided that the case of any person shall not be dealt with in any manner less favourable to him than that provided in any of these rules.

35. Interpretation.—If any question arises relating to the interpretation of these rules, it shall be referred to the Government in the Supply Department whose decision thereon shall be final.

36. Repeal and saving.—Any rules corresponding to these rules and in force immediately before the commencement of these rules are hereby repealed.

Notwithstanding such repeal any order, made or action taken under any of the rules so repealed or under any general orders ancillary thereto shall be deemed to have been validity made or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

SCHEDULE I [RULE 5(2)]

| | Permanent | Temporary | Total |
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| The present strength of the service as shown below category-wise:- | | | |
| 1. (a) Lt. Director of Supply | 1 | X | 1 |
| 2. (b) Dy. Director of Supply | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 3. (c) Asstt. Director of Supply | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 4. (d) Superintendent of Supply | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| 5. (e) Inspector of Supply | 41 including 3 Textile Inspectors merged with Supply Depart- ment. | 79 | 120 |
| 6. (f) Sub-Inspector of Supply | 142 including 13 Textile Sub- Inspectors merged with Supply Depart- ment. | 91 | 233 |

The 21st March 1989

No.SDB.318/69/258.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the constitution of India, the Governor of Assam hereby directs that the following further amendments shall be made in the Assam Supply Service Rules, 1970, hereinafter referred to as the "Said Rules"; namely:—

1. Short title and amendment. (1) These rules may be called "The Assam Supply Service (Amendment) Rules, 1989." (2) These shall come into force at once.
2. In the Assam Supply Service rules, 1970, for the word "Supply" wherever it occurs the words "Food and Civil Supplies" shall be substituted.
3. Amendment of Rule 2.—In the said rules, in clause (c) of Rule 2, after the word and figure, "rule 12" the following word, and figure shall be inserted, namely:—"and sub-rule (1) of Rule 17".

 Amendment of Rule 10.—In the said rules, for rule 10 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"10. Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies: Recruitment to the post of Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies shall be made by promotion from the select list approved by the Commission for this purpose under rule 14 from amongst the members of the Service confirmed in the post of Sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies or from amongst the Sub-Inspectors of Food and Civil Supplies who have rendered not less than 5 years continuous service on the first day of the year in which the selection for promotion is made."

5. Amendment of Rule 11.—In the said rules, for rule 11, the following shall be substituted, namely:—
"11. Sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies.—Recruitment to the cadre of Sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies shall be made in the following manner:—
(1) Seventy-five percent of the vacancies in the cadre of Sub Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies shall

be filled up by direct recruitment through competitive examination to be conducted by a Committee constituted under rule 17 (1).

- (2) Twenty-five percent of the vacancies in the cadre of Sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies shall be filled up by promotion from the select list prepared for this purpose under sub-rule (5) of Rule 13, from amongst the ministerial cadre who are of outstanding ability and have rendered at least 5 five years continuous service in the ministerial cadre on the first day of the year in which the selection for promotion is made. The ministerial cadre shall include the post of Lower Division Assistant, Accounts Assistant, Accounts Assistant (Junior) in the office of the Director and the Food and Civil Supplies Offices in the Districts and Sub-Divisions.

6. Amendment of Rule 12.—In the said rules, in rule 12,—

- (1) for the words and figure sub-rules (1) and (2) of Rule 10", the following words and figure shall be substituted, namely:—"and rule 10"; and
- (2) for item (4) the following shall be substituted, namely:—
"(4) An officer of the personnel Department not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to be nominated by Secretary Member".

7. Amendment of Rule 13.—In the said rules, in rule 13,—

- (1) for the words and figure "sub-rules (1) and (2) of Rule 10", the following word and figure, shall be substituted, namely:—

"rule 10".

- (2) for the sub-rule (3) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

- "(3) The appointing authority may, from time to time, for the purpose of recruitment to the service under sub-rules (2) of rule 11, call upon the recommending authority to submit recommendation in respect

of eligible persons together with the character rolls and other connected papers as may be required. The appointing authority shall then refer the cases of persons so recommended to the Committee. The Committee shall examine the cases and prepare a list of names recommended in order of preference taking into account the suitability of persons with due regard to merit and seniority. The Committee shall furnish its recommendation to the appointing authority who will finally approve the list with such modifications as it may consider necessary. The list finally approved by the appointing authority shall form the select list and it shall remain valid for one calendar year from the date of its approval. ”

8. Amendment of Rule 14.—In the said rules, in rule 14, for the words and figure “sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 10”, the following word and figure shall be substituted, namely :—

“rule 10”.

9. Amendment of Rule 17.—In the said rules, for Rule 17, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“17(1). Competitive Examination :—

A competitive examination for direct recruitment to the cadre of Sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies shall be held at such intervals as the appointing authority may, from time to time, determine in consultation with the Committee comprising of the following members :—

- (i) Director of Food & Civil Supplies—Chairman.
 - (ii) Jt. Director of Food & Civil Supplies—Member.
 - (iii) Deputy Secretary/Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Food and Civil Supplies Department—Member-Secretary.
- (2) The examination shall be conducted by the Committee in accordance with such rules and syllabus as the appointing authority may decide from time to time in consultation with the Committee.

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- (3) The Committee shall prepare a list of candidates in order of merit who have qualified in the examination. The Committee may also hold interview of the successful candidates in the written test in consultation with the appointing authority and in that event the marks obtained by a candidate in the written test as well as interview shall be taken into account before finalisation of relative position of a candidate in the merit list. The list so prepared shall be forwarded to the appointing authority who will finally approve the list and publish it. The list so approved and published shall form the select list and remain in force for one calendar year from the date of its approval.
 - (4) The inclusion of a candidate's name in the select list shall confer no right to appointment unless the appointing authority is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the service."

10. Amendment of rule 18.—In the said rules, for rule 18, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

"18. Reservation—In all cases of appointment by direct recruitment or by promotion to the Service, there shall be reservation in favour of candidates belonging to the members of the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes (both plains and Hills) in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of vacancies in Services and posts) Act, 1978 and the rules made thereunder. There shall also be reservation in favour of O. B. C. (including M. O. B. C.), in accordance with Personnel (B) Department's O. M. No. ABP. 338/83/14 dated 4th January 1984 for direct recruitment only. General orders in respect of reservation in favour of other categories of candidates, as may be in force, from time to time, shall also be followed".

11. Amendment of rule 19.—In the said rules, for rule 19, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

"19. Age- a candidate for direct recruitment to the cadre of sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies

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shall not be less than 21 years and more than 30 years of age on the first January of the year in which the advertisement for the post is made;

Provided that in case of candidates belonging to Special categories like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and such other categories, as may be notified by the Government from time to time, the upper age limit shall be subject to such relaxation as may be followed by the Government from time to time".

12. Amendment of rule 20.—In the said rules, for rule 21, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

"20. Academic qualification :—

A candidate for direct recruitment to the cadre of Sub-Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies must be a graduate in any discipline of any recognised University".

13. Amendment of rule 21.—Of the said rules, in rule 21, the following words and the oblique shall be omitted, namely :—

"the commission"

14. Amendment of rule 24.—In the said rules, in rule 24—(a) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely :—

"(1) Appointment to the Service—Subject to provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 17 and of rule 18, appointments under sub-rule (1) of rule 11 shall be made in such order as the names appear in the select list.

(b) in Sub-rule (2) for the word and figure Sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 10", the following word and figure shall be substituted, namely :—

"rule 10".

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Food and Civil Supplies Department.