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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.261

Dated:06.05.1992.
Read the following:

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.886, G.A(I&PR) Dept., dated 11.06.1966.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.466, G.A(I&PR) Dept., dated 26.06.1979.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No.509, G.A(I&PR) Dept., dated 13.11.1985.
- 4) From One Man Commission, Lr.No.102/OMC/SPF.Ser.II/87-7,
dated 04.10.1989.
- 5) From the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Hyderabad, Lr.No.807/RR/2/91,
dated 16.08.91.

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ORDER :

The following notification will be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the constitution of India and supersession of the rules issued in the Government orders 1st to 3rd read above, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Special Rules for the Andhra Pradesh Information Service.

RULES

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:

These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Information Service Rules, 1992.

2. CONSTITUTION:

The Service shall consist of the following categories of posts.

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| CATEGORY 1 : | Director of Information and Public Relations. |
| CATEGORY 2 : | Joint Director Information and Public Relations. |
| CATEGORY 3 : | Radio Engineer |
| CATEGORY 4 : | (a) Deputy Director of Information & Public Relations.
(b) Deputy Director (Exhibitions/Photography) |
| CATEGORY 5 : | Divisional Radio Engineer |
| CATEGORY 6 : | Deputy Radio Executive Engineer |
| CATEGORY 7 : | (a) Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations
including Editor (English)/Editor(Telugu) Information Officer,
Script Writer (English) and Script Editor (Telugu).
(b) Assistant Director (Photography). |
| CATEGORY 8 : | Editor (Urdu) including Script Writer (Urdu). |
| CATEGORY 9 : | District Public Relations Officer |
| CATEGORY 10: | Librarian Grade.I |

3. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT AND APPOINTING AUTHORITY:

Subject to the other provisions in these rules the method of appointment and appointing authority for the several categories shall be as follows:

TABLE

Category (1)	Method of Appointment (2)	Appointing Authority (3)
1. Director of Information and Public Relations	By promotion from categories 2 and 3	Government
2. Joint Director	By promotion from category 4.	Government
3. Radio Engineer	By promotion from category 5.	Government
4. (a) Deputy Director I&PR	By promotion from category 7(a).	Government
(b) Deputy Director (Exhibitions/Photography)	i) By promotion from category 7(b). ii) If no qualified person is available for appointment by method (i) above, by transfer of Deputy Director from Category 4(a).	Government
5. Divisional Radio Engineer	By promotion from category 6.	Government
6. Deputy Radio Executive Engineer	i) By direct recruitment ii) By appointment by transfer of Assistant Radio Executive Engineer and RAE Amended as G.O.Ms.No.433, G.A(I&PR) Dept., dated 10.08.1992 in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.	Director I&PR
7. (a) Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations including Editor (English)/Editor(Telugu) Information Officer, Script Writer (English) and Script Editor (Telugu).	By promotion from category 9.	Government
(b) Assistant Director (Photography).	i) By appointment by transfer of Chief Photographer in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service. ii) If no qualified candidate in the category of Chief Photographer is not available or if qualified candidate in that category is not found suitable by direct recruitment.	Director I&PR
8. Editor (Urdu) including Script Writer (Urdu)	By direct recruitment	Director I&PR

9. District Public Relations Officer	i) By direct recruitment ii) By appointment by transfer of super into and Special Category stenographers to the Andhra Pradesh Ministerial Service in the I&PR Dept. iii) By appointment by transfer of Divisional Public Relations Officer in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service. iv) By transfer from category 10. v) By appointment by transfer of Translators Grade.I in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.	Director I&PR
10. Librarian Grade.I	By appointment by transfer of Librarian, Grade.II in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.	Director I&PR

NOTE 1: The appointment by promotion to the category of Director shall be made from a combined seniority list of Joint Directors and Radio Engineers with reference to their dates of commencement of probation in the respective categories.

NOTE 2:(a) 33% of the number of substantive vacancies in the category of Deputy Radio Executive Engineer shall be filled by direct recruitment.

(b) Appointments to the category of Deputy Radio Executive Engineer, other than those to be filled by direct recruitment, shall be filled by appointment by transfer of assistant Radio executive Engineer.

Provided that not withstanding anything contained in this rule, the seniority of a person appointed to the category of Deputy Radio Executive Engineer by different methods shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 33 of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules.

NOTE 3:(a) 30% of the number of substantive vacancies in the category of District Public Relations Officer shall filled by Direct Recruitment.

(b). Appointments to the category of District Public Relations Officer other than those to be filled by direct recruitment shall be filled in the following order:

- 1st Vacancy: Divisional Public Relations Officer
- 2nd Vacancy: Divisional Public Relations Officer
- 3rd Vacancy: Superintendent of Zonal Cadre
- 4th Vacancy: Divisional Public Relations Officer
- 5th Vacancy: Superintendents and S.SC. Stenos, Translator Grade.I of the Directorate from common seniority list.
- 6th Vacancy: Divisional Public Relations Officer
- 7th Vacancy: Divisional Public Relations Officer

Provided that the second vacancy in every third cycles shall be filled by transfer of Librarian, Grade.I of shall category 10 that his service as Librarian Grade.I shall also be counted for his eligibility under rule 7 for promotion to the post of Assistant Director in category 7(a) form the category of District Public Relations Officer.

Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, the seniority of a person appointed to the category of District Relations Officer by different methods shall be governed General Rule 33 of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules.

4. PREFERENCE FOR WOMEN:

In the matter of direct recruitment to the various posts in this service, other things being equal, preference shall be given to women and they shall be selected to an extent of at least 30% of posts in each category of O.C., B.C., S.C. and S.T. Quota.

Provided that if sufficient number of women candidates are not available, such vacancies shall be filled by men candidates.

5. QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible for appointment to the categories specified in column (1) of the annexure t these rules by the method specified in column (2) unless he possess the qualifications specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

6. AGE:

No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment, if he has completed 28 years of age on the first day of July of the year in which the Notification for selection is made except in the case f direct recruitment t the post of Assistant Director(Photography). The maximum age for direct recruitment to the post of assistant Director (Photography) shall be thirty five years on the first day of July of the year in which the notification for selection is made.

7. MINIMUM SERVICE:

No person shall be eligible for appointment by transfer or promotion unless he is an approved probationer and has put in not less than three years of service in the category from which promotion or appointment by transfer is made.

7. PROBATION:

(a) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to any posts shall form the date on which he commences probation, be on probation for a total period of two years on duty, within a continuous period of three years.

(b) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to any posts shall form the date on which he commences probation, be on probation for a total period of two years on duty, within a continuous period of three years.

9. TRAINING:

- (a) Every person appointed by any method to the post of District Public Relations Officer shall undergo immediately after appointment the course of training for such period and according to such programme and syllabus as may prescribed by the Director of Information and Public relations, from time to time.
- (b) Every person appointed as District Public Relations Officer by direct recruitment, shall before the commencement of training, execute an agreement bond to serve the Department for a period not less than three years after the completion of training aforesaid and he shall be liable to refund to the Government the pay and allowances or any other remuneration received by him in additional to the amount spent by the Government on his training.
- (i) if he fails to serve the Department for a period not less than three years after the completion of his training for any reason; or
- (ii) If he discontinues the training or is discharged from training course for misconduct or any other reasons; or
- (iii) If he secures any other employment else where than under the State Government, a fresh bond should be taken from such Government Servant to ensure that he shall serve the new employer for the remaining period.
- (c) The period of training shall count for purposes of probation, increments, leave and pension.
- (d) A direct recruit shall be eligible, during the period of training, for the initial pay of the posts with usual allowances admissible at the place of training.

10. TESTS:

(a) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the posts of District Public Relations Officer, Deputy Radio Executive engineer, Assistant Director (Photography), Editor(Urdu) including Script Writer(Urdu) shall pass the Accounts Test for Executive Officers within the period of probation.

(b) No person shall be eligible for appointment by transfer to the posts of deputy Radio Executive Engineer and Assistant Director (Photography), unless he has already passed the Accounts Test for Executive Officers.

11. UNIT OF APPOINTMENT:

For purpose of recruitment, appointment discharge, for want of vacancy, seniority, promotion, transfer and postings and appointment and full member the unit of appointment shall be as specified in the table below:

Category (1)	Post (2)	Unit of appointment (3)
Category 6	Deputy Radio Executive Engineer	Zone.I: District Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam.
Category 9	District Public Relations Officer	Zone.II: Districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna. Zone.III: Districts of Guntur Prakasam and Nellore. Zone.IV: District of Chittoor,

Cuddapah, Anantapur and Kurnool.
Zone.V: Districts of Adilabad,
Karimnagar, Warangal and Khammam.
Zone.VI: Districts of Hyderabad
Nizamabad Mahaboobnagar, Medak,
Nalgonda and Rangareddy.

Provided that the posts of deputy Radio Executive Engineers and District Public Relations Officers in the Office of the Director, Information and Public relations shall be filled by drafting persons holding the said posts in the six zonal cadres equitably from each of the said cadres in the ratio of the basic cadre strength of the said posts in the various zonal units.

12. TRANSFERS AND POSTINGS:

The transfers and postings of persons in categories 1 to 5 shall be made by the Government and in categories 6 to 10 shall be made by the Director of Information and Public Relations.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner, Printing Stationery & Stores Purchase, Hyderabad
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The Commissioner,
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE

(See Rule - 5)

Category (1)	Method of Appointment (2)	Qualifications (3)
6. Deputy Radio Executive Engineer	By direct recruitment.	Must possess a degree in Electronics or Telecommunication Engineering of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or Provisional Act or any other equivalent recognized qualification.
7(b). Assistant Director Photography)	By direct recruitment.	Must possess a degree or diploma in Photography of a recognized University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or Provisional Act or any other equivalent recognized qualification. "In respect of Degree holders in Photography, the experience shall be 3 years where as in respect of diploma holders etc., experience shall be 5 years.
8. Editor (Urdu) including Script Writer (Urdu)	By direct recruitment.	(a) Must possess a Post graduate Degree in Urdu with a post graduate diploma in Journalism from any University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or Provisional Act or an Institute recognized by the University Grant Commission. (b) Must have an experience of not less than three years in a newspaper organization or daily newspaper(Urdu) or a recognized news agency.
9. District Public Relations Officer	By direct recruitment.	Must possess a Degree in Arts, Science or Commerce of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, Provincial Act or a State Act or any other equivalent qualification with the Degree/Post graduate diploma in Journalism/Public Relations of a Recognized University or Institutions recognized by the Government of A.P.

OR

A Masters Degree in a Journalism

By appointment by transfer

Must have passed Accounts Test for Executive Officers or Accounts Test for Subordinate Officer, Parts.I and II.

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