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New grade under Goa Civil Service

The personnel department of the state government has notified the Goa Civil Service Rules, 2016, with the addition of a new grade namely Senior Administrative Grade, which now raises the number of grades under the Goa Civil Service Rules to five.

Coming out with this information, additional secretary for personnel department Yetindra Maralkar, who has issued the notification, said that the number of posts under these rules has also been increased.

These new set of rules have been made, in supersession of the Goa Civil Service Rules, 1997, in consultation of the Goa Public Service Commission (GPSC).

The notification also maintains that “The minimum passing percentage for competitive written examination for the Goa Civil Service shall be 65 per cent of the total marks, the passing percentage for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be minimum 55 per cent of the total marks, and for Other Backward Class, differently abled persons and for children of freedom fighters, it shall be minimum 60 per cent of the total marks.”

GPSC chairman Jose Manuel Noronha told this daily that the new grade has been added under the Goa Civil Service Rules 2016, for better administrative purpose. “Furthermore, these rules have allowed more posts under them, which in turn would facilitate the government to have additional workforce in the Goa Civil Service,” he observed.

As per the re-constitution of service, under Goa Civil Service Rules, 2016, the service will have five grades namely Senior Administrative Grade, Selection Grade, Junior Administrative Grade, Senior Scale and Junior Scale. All the posts linked to these five grades shall be Goa Civil Service posts, Group ‘A’ Gazetted.

Furthermore, as per these rules, the posts in Senior Administrative Grade, Selection Grade, Junior Administrative Grade and Senior Scale, taken together would generally not exceed 40 per cent of the permanent strength of the service.

Following the issuance of the particular notification, the strength of the Goa Civil Service will be 287, including 176 specific posts under the state government and 111 posts related to deputation, leave, and training reserve, inclusive of posts added subsequent to the formation of the service.

The notification also states that at a regular interval of every five years, the government may, on the recommendation of a committee headed by the Chief Secretary or any senior officer to be nominated by the Chief Secretary, re-examine the strength and composition of the Goa Civil Service, in consultation with the administrative reforms department and the finance department.

“The competitive examination for direct recruitment in the Goa Civil Service shall comprise a written examination and an oral,” the notification maintains, adding “Such oral interview shall be conducted under CCTV surveillance or videographed and the proceedings thereof shall also be video-recorded and such recording shall form a permanent record of the Goa Public Service Commission.”