

State cabinet sets new rules for JPSC exam

Ranchi: The sixth of the state joint public service commission (JPSC) examination will be conducted in accordance with a new pattern and regulations.

The state cabinet chaired by chief minister Raghubar Das on Tuesday directed the state public service commission to organize the examination with 10 amendments.

The preliminary test will be of 200 marks on questions about Jharkhand. The total marks in paper two of the main exam (on language) have been increased to 150. The total number of students who will appear for both preliminary and main exams will be a maximum of 15 times the total vacancies.

The main papers will have questions from English literature and grammar. The OMR sheets will be put up on the JPSC website after declaration of the final results.

In more administrative reforms, each edition of the JPSC exam will have to be named with a mention of the current year. The OMR sheet for the preliminary examination will be evaluated under fixed norms. Aspirants who have already applied for the sixth JPSC under the old advertisement will not be required to re-apply.

"New aspirants will be given sufficient time for application. Those who have applied and do not wish to appear will be reimbursed," cabinet secretary Surendra Singh Meena said after the meeting.

The changes were made on the suggestions of two committees headed by minister for parliamentary affairs Saryu Roy and former chief secretary Rajiv Gauba and the Ranchi High Court rulings on two PILs filed in 2013 and 2015 respectively, the government said.

The cabinet also gave its approval to the formation of a special purpose vehicle for its proposed Ranchi smart city project. Approval was also given to the formation of a new CM dashboard programme for monitoring schemes.