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Punjab relaxes upper age limit for sportspersons in police

With an aim to promote sports, Punjab cabinet today gave its nod to relax the upper age limit for sportspersons desirous of joining Punjab Police. It has also decided to consider players who have participated in tournaments prior to 2012 Olympic games eligible for recruitment in Punjab Police.

The decisions were taken in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal here. "To propel sports activities across Punjab, the Cabinet agreed to give three years relaxation in the upper age limit to the sportspersons who have won medals in international events and are desirous of joining Punjab Police," an official spokesperson said.

At present, the upper age limit of joining the police as Deputy Superintendent is 28 years and for Sub-Inspector and Constable, 25 years.

In another major decision, the cabinet approved regularisation of services of 198 service providing trainers, employed under the Centre of Excellence Scheme of Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, as craft instructors.

"The decision would result in creating a potential 4,000 additional seats in industrial training institutes to give further impetus to skill training in the state," the spokesperson said. The cabinet also gave its approval to create three posts of senior scale stenographer in place of three posts of senior assistants surrendered by the Cooperation Department.

"This move will streamline the functioning of the department, besides providing promotion avenues to steno typists/ junior scale stenographers," the spokesman said.

The Cabinet also gave its approval to fill backlog of 14 posts in Punjab home guards and Civil Defence department. "This decision would bring far more efficiency in the functioning of the department with the induction of experienced and disciplined ex-servicemen besides providing an employment opportunity to them," the spokesman said.

The Cabinet also gave ex-post facto approval to disburse development grants to every village panchayat, received from the 14th Finance Commission, "so as to enable them to undertake their infrastructure

works in accordance with the recommendations of fourth Punjab Finance Commission”.

The Cabinet also accorded status of sub-tehsil to Jandiala Guru. At present, Jandiala Guru falls in Amritsar district and its residents have to visit sub-division office situated in Amritsar- I for their revenue related works.