

Health department raises food inspectors issue again

JAIPUR: Unrelenting health department has once again requested the finance department to allow its lower division clerks (LDC) to stay as food inspectors, which is a gazetted post. The demand was earlier rejected by the government, which, later, the high court had also turned down.

Health department sent a note to the finance department, asking to approve the appointments of 79 food inspectors. These officials were appointed from the rank of LDC (lower division clerk) which is against the service rules.

However, the finance department and later the high court had raised objection on it. "Post of food inspector is a gazetted post with a pay grade of Rs 4,800 per month. All selections related to that have to be done through Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC)," said an official.

Refusing to budge, the department maintained that the said officers were appointed as food inspectors by the department using provisions under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. It justified that there is a need to make the proposed amendment in rule 6 of Rajasthan Medical and Health Subordinate Service Rules.