GOVERNMENT OF ANDRA PRADESH

PUBLIC SERVICES - STATE SERVICES - ANDRA PRADESH INFORMATION SERVICE - RULES - RE-ISSUED.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&R) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 261, DATED: 26-5-1992

Read the following:-


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 in super-
session 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: These rules may be called the Andhra

2. Constitution: The Service shall consist of the following
categories of posts,

Category 1 : Director of Information and Public Relations,

Category 2 : Joint Director of Information and Public
Relations,

Category 3 : Radio Engineer

Category 4 : (a) Deputy Director of Information and
Public Relations,
            (b) Deputy Director (Exhibitions/Photography)

Category 5 : Divisional Radio Engineer

Category 6 : Deputy Radio Executive Engineer

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Category 7: (a) Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations including Editor (Engl) Editor (Telugu), Information Officer, Script Writer (English) and Script Writer (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:

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<td>Person is available for appointment by method (i) above, by transfer of a Deputy Director from Category 4 (a).</td>
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Category 7. (a) Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations, including Editor (English)/Editor (Telugu)/Information Officer, Script Writer (English) and Script Writer (Telugu).

(b) Assistant (i) by appointment Director, Director (Photography) by transfer of Chief Photographer in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.

(ii) If 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.

Category 8. Editor (Urdu) (i) by direct recruitment Director, Director (Photography) by transfer of Chief Photographer in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.

Category 9. District Public Relations Officer.

(i) By direct recruitment Director, Director (Photography) by transfer of superintendents and Special Category Stenographers in the Andhra Pradesh Ministerial Service in the I&PR Department.

(ii) By appointment by transfer of Divisional Public Relations Officer in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.

(iii) By transfer from category 10.

(iv) By appointment by transfer of Translators Grade-I in the Andhra Pradesh Information Subordinate Service.
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\(\frac{1}{3}\)% 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 notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, the seniority of persons appointed to the category of Deputy Radio Executive Engineer by different methods shall be governed by General 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 be 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 Zone I Cadres
4th vacancy - Divisional Public Relations Officer
5th vacancy - Superintendents and S.C. Stenos, Translator Grade-I of the Directorate from a common seniority list.
6th vacancy - Divisional Public Relations Officer
7th vacancy - Divisional Public Relations Officer
Provided that the second vacancy in every cycle shall be filled by transfer of Librarian, grade-I of Category 10 and 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) from the category of District Public Relations Officer.

Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, the seniority of persons appointed to the category of District Public Relations Officer by different methods shall be governed by 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 OC, BC, SC and ST 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 to these rules by the method specified in column (2) unless he possesses 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 twenty-eight years of age on the first day of July of the year in which the notification for selection is made, except in the case of direct recruitment to 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.
8. Probation: (a) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to any of the posts shall, from the date on which he commences probation, be on probation for a total period of two years on duty, within a contiguous period of three years.

(b) Every person appointed to any of the posts either by promotion or by transfer shall, from the date on which he commences probation, be on probation for a total period of one year on duty, within a continuous period of two 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 be 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 commence- ment 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 addition 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 reason; or

(iii) If he secures any other employment elsewhere 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 post with usual allowances admissible at the place of training.

10. Tests: (a) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the post of District Public Relations Officer, Deputy Radio Executive Engineers, 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 purposes of recruitment, appointment, discharge for want of vacancy seniority, promotion, transfer and appointment as full member the unit of appointment shall be as specified in the table below:

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<td>Zone-II: Districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna.</td>
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<td>Zone-V: Districts of Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Khammam.</td>
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<td>Zone-VI: Districts of Hyderabad, Nizamabad, Manabohi, Madak, Nalgonda and Rangareddy.</td>
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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 post 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)

K.V. NATARAJAN,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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<td>Category 6: Deputy Radio Executive Engineer</td>
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<td>Must possess a degree in Electronics or Telecommunication Engineering of a University in India established and incorporated by or under a Central Act, Provincial Act or any other equivalent recognised qualification.</td>
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| Category 7: Assistant Director (Photography) | By direct recruitment | Must possess a degree in Photography of a recognised University in India established and incorporated by or under a Central Act, Provincial Act or any other equivalent recognised qualification. "In respect of" P.....9"
Degree holders in Photography the experience shall be 3 years whereas in respect of Diploma holders etc. experience shall be 5 years.

Category 8: Editor (Urdu) By direct (a) Must possess a Postgraduate including recruitment Degree in Urdu with a postgraduate diploma in Journalism from any University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or Provincial Act or a State Act or an Institute recognised by the University Grant Commission.

(b) Must have an experience of not less than three years in a newspaper organisation or daily newspaper (Urdu) or a recognised news agency.

Category 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/Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism/Public Relations of a Recognised University or Institution recognised by the Government of a.P.

OR

A Masters Degree in a Journalism.

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

K.V. NATARAJAN,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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SECTION OFFICER.
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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS::HYDERABAD


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Sd/-T.Praekasa Rao, for Commissioner.

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