





11. The employees of all the public sector corporations and autonomous bodies who happen to be Government servants before absorption in public sector corporations/autonomous bodies at the time of initial constitution of such corporations/autonomous bodies, shall be allowed age-concession in direct recruitment as admissible to Government servants. This concession will not, however, be admissible to such staff of the public sector corporations/autonomous bodies who were/are subsequently appointed by such corporation/autonomous bodies and are/were finally absorbed in the service of such corporations/autonomous bodies after the initial constitution of the public sector corporations/autonomous bodies.

12. The appointments to this service shall be subject to orders regarding reservation in the services for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Backward Classes issued by the Himachal Pradesh Government from time to time.

13. *Departmental Examination.*—(i) Every member of the service shall pass a departmental examination as prescribed in the departmental examination rules within the probation period or within two years from the notification of these rules whichever is latter failing which he shall not be eligible to:—

- (a) Cross the Efficiency Bar next due;
- (b) Confirmation in the service; and
- (c) Promotion to the next higher post:

Provided that if a member becomes otherwise eligible for promotion within the period mentioned above, he shall be considered for promotion and if otherwise found fit, shall be promoted provisionally subject to his passing the departmental examination. He may be reverted if he fails to pass the same:

Provided further that an officer who has qualified the departmental examination in whole or in part prescribed under any other rules before the notification of these rules, shall not be required to qualify the whole or in part of the examination as the case may be:

Provided further that an officer for whom no departmental examination was prescribed prior to the notification of these rules and who has attained the age of 45 years on the 1st of March, 1976, shall not be required to qualify the departmental examination prescribed under these rules.

(ii) An officer on promotion to a higher post in his direct line of promotion shall not be required to pass the aforesaid examination, if he has already passed the same in the lower gazetted post.

(iii) The Government may, in consultation with the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, grant in exceptional circumstances and for reasons to be reduced to writing, exemption in accordance with the departmental examination rules, any class or category of persons from the departmental examination in whole or in part.

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