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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Rules-A) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No.12/2026/P&ARD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07th August, 2026

S. R. O. No. 693/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968), read with section 3 thereof, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958, namely:—



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.* ———(1) These rules may be called the Kerala State and Subordinate Services (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall be deemed to have come into force on the 6th day of February 2013.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.* ———In Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958.——

(1) after sub-rule (i) of rule 18, the following Note shall be added, namely:-

"*Note.*—— The above sub-rule shall not apply to the cases of inter-departmental transfers granted to candidates advised from a District Ranked List to Headquarters vacancies as provided under paragraph 3(viii) and 3(ix) of G.O.(P)No.5/2013/P&ARD dated 6th February, 2013."

(2) in rule 27,——

(i) for the existing Note under the 4th proviso to sub-rule (a), the following Notes shall be substituted, namely:-

"*Note 1.*—— The above proviso shall not apply to inter-unit or inter-departmental transfers except those granted to candidates advised from a District Ranked List to Headquarters vacancies as provided under paragraph 3(viii) and 3(ix) of G.O.(P)No.5/2013/P&ARD dated 6th February, 2013.

Note 2.—— Cases already settled or disposed of prior to the publication of this notification in the official gazette shall not be reopened."

(ii) in the 5th proviso to sub-rule (c), after the word "proviso" the following words, symbols and figure shall be inserted, namely:——

"to this sub-rule and 4th proviso to sub-rule (a) and the Notes there under"

By order of the Governor,
ANUPAMA T V
Secretary to Government.



Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per para 3(viii) and 3(ix) of G.O.(P)No.5/2013/P&ARD. dated 6th February, 2013 the Government have granted exemption to the five year rule, in the case of inter-departmental transfers of the candidates who are advised from a district ranked list to Headquarters vacancies in Departments which do not have any office/post in the district of choice and, in cases where the department has an office in the district of choice, but the authority concerned certifies that a vacancy is not likely to arise in the district to accommodate him/her within five years. Later, as per G.O.(P)No.20/2014/P&ARD. dated 10th July, 2014 and G.O.(P)No.38/2014/P&ARD dated 14th November, 2014 the Government have modified the Order dated 6th February, 2013 so as to protect the seniority of these candidates with effect from their first effective advice as stipulated in sub-rule (c) of rule 27 of Part II of Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958. But, as per the Note under the 4th proviso to sub-rule (a) of rule 27 and 5th proviso to sub-rule(c) of rule 27, the seniority shall not be protected for inter-unit / inter-departmental transfers. As per sub-rule(i) of rule 18 of Part II of Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958, it is stipulated that an inter-departmental transferee shall have to undergo probation in the new department. Now, the Government have decided to give statutory validity to the above said Government Orders and to amend the Rules suitably.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

