

RECRUITMENT RULES

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LAW DEPARTMENT

(G. O. Ms. No. 16/2026-LD., Puducherry, dated 28th August 2026)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution read with the Government of India, Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Department of Justice), Notification No. 30/16.76-Jus., dated 31st August, 1979 and all other enabling powers in this behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, on the recommendations of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras, is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Puducherry Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2008 issued *vide* Notification under G.O. Ms. No. 8/08-LD., dated 8th April, 2008 of the Law Department, Government of Puducherry and published as a Supplement to the Gazette No. 18, dated 29th April, 2008, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Puducherry Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 8.*— (i) In the Puducherry Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in Annexure-I under rule 8, for the Tabular Column at para (4), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

For the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	30 Marks
For the candidates belonging to Most Backward Classes, Other Backward Classes, Extreme Backward Classes, Backward Class Muslims and Backward Tribes.	35 Marks
For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities	30 Marks
For others	40 Marks

(ii) In the said rules, in Annexure-I under rule 8, for the Tabular Column at para (5), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

35% of Marks in each paper	For the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
40% of Marks in each paper	For the candidates belonging to Most Backward Classes, Other Backward Classes, Extreme Backward Classes, Backward Class Muslims and Backward Tribes.
35% of Marks in each paper	For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities
45% of Marks in each paper	For others

3. (i) In the said rules, in Annexure-II under rule 8, for the Tabular Column at para (3)(a), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

For the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	30 Marks
For the candidates belonging to Most Backward Classes, Other Backward Classes, Extreme Backward Classes, Backward Class Muslims and Backward Tribes.	35 Marks
For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities	30 Marks
For others	40 Marks

(ii) In the said rules, in Annexure-II under rule 8, for the Tabular Column at para (3)(b), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

35% of Marks in each paper	For the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
35% of Marks in each paper	For the candidates belonging to Most Backward Classes, Other Backward Classes, Extreme Backward Classes, Backward Class Muslims and Backward Tribes.
30% of Marks in each paper	For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities
40% of Marks in each paper	For others

(iii) In the said rules, in Annexure-II under rule 8, for the para 3(a), Part-A and Part-B, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"3. The syllabi for the examination shall be as follows:—

- (a) Preliminary Examination (Objective type – Maximum marks : 100) to be conducted either by way of online test or by way of on-paper test, in Optical Mark Recognition Paper (OMR paper).

Part-A : The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908;

The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881;

The Transfer of Property Act, 1882;

The Indian Contract Act, 1872;

The Specific Relief Act, 1963;

The Constitution of India; and

The Puducherry Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1969.

Part-B : The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973;

The Indian Penal Code, 1860;

The Indian Evidence Act, 1872;

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act; and

The Criminal Minor Acts (including Information Technology Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act);

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023;

Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023;

Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023."

(iv) In the said rules, in Annexure-II under rule 8, for the para 3(b)(ii), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(ii) Law Paper-I (Maximum Marks 100)

The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908;

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973;

The Indian Evidence Act, 1872;

Principles of Pleading;

The Constitution of India;

Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; and

Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023."

4. In the said rules, for the rule 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"21. Reservation:—

(1) The reservation of posts for Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes / Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates and Physically Handicapped Candidates shall be in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time; and

(2) 4% of the vacancies reserved for the persons with "Benchmark Disabilities" in the cadre of Civil Judge as per (i) the "Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act 49 of 2016)" and (ii) Official Memorandum No. 36035/02/2017-Estt.(Res.), dated 15-01-2018 of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, shall be available only for the following category of persons and only at the time of their initial direct recruitment into the category of posts mentioned under these rules:—

- (i) 1% for the persons with disabilities under the category of "Locomotor Disability" (as defined in the Schedule appended to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).
- (ii) 1% for the persons with "Low Vision" under the category of "Visual Impairment" (as defined in the Schedule appended to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).
- (iii) 1% for the persons with "Hard of Hearing" under the category of "Hearing Impairment" (as defined in the Schedule appended to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).
- (iv) remaining 1% for the persons mentioned in the above clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), above, on rotation basis.

Explanation : (i) The roster points meant for the candidates with Benchmark Disabilities mentioned in section 34 (1)(d) and 34 (1)(e) of the Act, shall be allotted to the candidates in categories (i) to (iii) mentioned above, in the same order.

- (ii) The sub-categories for each category, which are identified as suitable for the post, shall be notified based on the Government Order issued under section 33 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act, 49 of 2016) applicable on the date of the notification.
- (iii) The nature of Benchmark Disability and the percentage thereof, of the selectee shall be assessed by a District Level Medical Board Authority, for the purpose of assessing the assistive devices/ aids necessary for effective discharge of his / her functions.

Provided further that no person shall be eligible for the reservation under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act 49 of 2016), unless he / she produces a certificate of physical fitness from the Medical Board / Authority concerned prescribed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act 49 of 2016) to the effect that his / her handicap will not affect the effective functioning of the duties of the post to which he / she has been selected and also satisfies the High Court that his / her disability will not affect the effective functioning of the duties of the post to which he / she has been selected."

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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