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G.S.R. In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of the Posts and Telegraphs Accountants Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1958, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the recruitment and conditions of service of persons to the posts of Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:- (1) These rules may be called the Junior Accounts Officers Service, Telecommunication Wing (Group C) Recruitment Rules, 1977.

(2) They shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1976.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "Departmental Examination" means the examination referred to in Rule 8;

(b) "Director General" means the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs;

(c) "examination" means an examination held in accordance with the Posts and Telegraphs Accountants Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1958;

(d) "notified date" means the date on which these rules are published in the Official Gazette;

(e) "Service" means the Junior Accounts Officers Service in the Telecommunication Wing of the Posts and Telegraphs Department.

3. Classification.- The post in the Service shall be classified as Group C, non-gazetted - non-ministerial.

4. Scale of Pay. - The post of the Junior Accounts Officer in the Telecommunication Wing shall carry a scale of pay/Rs.500-20-700-EB-25-900.

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5. Members of the Service. - The following persons shall be members of the Service with effect from the date indicated against them:-

- (a) Junior Accounts Officers appointed to the Posts and Telegraphs Accountants Service of the Posts and Telegraphs Department before the commencement of these rules, from the date of such commencement;
- (b) Junior Accounts Officers appointed to the Posts and Telegraphs Accountants Service on and from the commencement of these rules and before the notified date, from the date they are so appointed;
- (c) Persons appointed to the Service on or after the notified date, from the date they are so appointed.

6. Certain categories of persons eligible for appointment as Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing.- (1) (a) Junior Accountants in the Posts and Telegraphs Department who have passed Part II of the examination before the notified date shall be eligible for appointment as Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing in their turn, subject to availability of posts.

(b) Junior Accountants who have not passed Part II of the examination held before the notified date shall, before appointment as Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing, be required to pass Part II of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Telecommunication Wing, which shall be held only once exclusively for such persons, and no such person shall be eligible to appear for Part II of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Postal wing.

(2) Persons of the Posts and Telegraphs Department who have passed Part I and Part II of the examination and have not been appointed as Junior Accountants before the notified date, shall after such date be appointed as Junior Accountants according to the ranks obtained by them in the list of qualified candidates.

(3) (a) Persons who have passed Part I of the examination before the notified date and have not been appointed as Junior Accountants in accordance with the provisions of the Posts and Telegraphs Accountants Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1958 shall after such date be appointed as Junior Accountants in their turn, subject to availability of posts.

(b) Persons who have not passed Part II of the examination before the notified date shall, before appointment as Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing, be required to pass Part II of the Departmental Examination, which shall be held only once exclusively for such persons, and no such person shall be eligible to appear for Part II of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Postal Wing.

7. Mode of recruitment. - After considering the categories of persons referred to in rule 6 for appointment to the Service, further appointment as Junior Accounts Officer in the Telecommunication Wing shall be made only if a person qualifies himself in the Departmental Examination.

8. Departmental Examination. - (1) The Departmental Examination shall consist of two parts, namely, Part I and Part II and shall be conducted in accordance with such syllabus, and in such manner, and at such time and place, as may be specified by the Director General from time to time.

(2) Part I of the Departmental Examination shall be common to both the Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing and the Junior Accounts Officers in the Postal Wing.

(3) (a) Any person after passing Part I of the Departmental Examination may exercise an option to appear in Part III of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Junior Accounts Officers in the Telecommunication Wing or Part II of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Junior Accounts Officers in the Postal Wing, and the option once exercised shall be final.

(b) Any person who passes Part II of the Departmental Examination shall be eligible for appointment as Junior Accounts Officer in the Telecommunication Wing or in the Postal Wing, in accordance with the option exercised by him under clause (a).

9. Eligibility to appear in Departmental Examination.-

(1) Persons of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department shall be eligible to appear in Part I of the Departmental Examination if they have rendered three years' continuous service after appointment thereto on a regular basis, and are not more than 45 years of age, on the 1st day of the January of the year in which the Departmental Examination is scheduled to be held.

(2) Persons transferred from the Indian Audit and Accounts Department (Accountant General Posts and Telegraphs Department) to the Posts and Telegraphs Department under the Departmentalisation of Union Accounts (Transfer of Personnel) Act, 1976 (59 of 1976) shall be eligible to appear for Part I of the Departmental Examination if they comply with the conditions referred to in sub-rule (1).

Explanation.- In computing the period of three years' continuous service in respect of persons referred to in this sub-rule, the service rendered by any person in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department after appointment thereto on a regular basis shall be taken into account.

(3) Any person, including a person referred to in sub-rule (2), shall, after passing Part I of the Departmental Examination, be eligible to appear for Part II of Departmental Examination in accordance with the option exercised by him under sub-rule (3) of rule 8, if he is not more than 48 years of age on the 1st day of January of the year in which the Departmental Examination is scheduled to be held.

(4) All Junior Divisional Accountants transferred from the Indian Audit and Accounts Department to the Posts and Telegraphs Department under the Departmentalisation of Union Accounts (Transfer of Personnel) Act, 1976 (59 of 1976), shall form a separate poll in the Telecommunication Wing and shall be eligible for appointment as Junior Accounts Officers in the said Wing on passing Part II of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Junior Accounts Officers of the Telecommunication Wing, and no such person shall be eligible to appear for Part II of the Departmental Examination to be held for the Postal Wing.

(5) Members of the staff in the office of the Director General who have been recruited to the Central Secretariat Service, the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service and the Central Secretariat Clerical Service shall not be eligible to appear at the Departmental Examination.

10. Training. - All candidates shall, before appointment as Junior Accounts Officers in the telecommunication Wing, undergo training for the period specified by the Director General from time to time:

Provided that the Central Government may, if it considers necessary so to do in the interests of the Service, dispense with the training of a candidate or a group of candidates before appointment to the Service and such candidate or candidates may be required to undergo the training at a later stage.

11. Sphere of duty. - Members of the Service shall be liable to be transferred all over India.

12. Probation. - The period of probation shall be two years.

13. Residuary matters. - In regard to matters not specifically covered by or under these rules, the members of Service shall be governed by the rules, regulations and orders applicable to the Central Civil Services in general.

14. Disqualifications. - No person -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or

(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the Service:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

15. Power to relax. - Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

16. Saving. - Nothing in these rules shall affect reservations and other concessions required to be provided for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

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Explanatory Memorandum

Consequent on the passing of the Departmentalisation of Union Accounts (Transfer of Personnel) Act 1976 (59 of 1976), the Government of India decided to transfer the work relating to maintenance of accounts of the Postal Wing of the Posts and Telegraphs Department from the control of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department to the Posts and Telegraphs Department, with effect from the 1st April, 1976, and to constitute two separate services of Junior Accounts Officers, one for the Postal Wing and the other for the Telecommunication Wing from the said date.

2. The Junior Accounts Officers who have been transferred from the Indian Audit and Accounts Department to the Posts and Telegraphs Department, shall constitute a separate Junior Accounts Service of the Postal Wing, and the existing Junior Accounts Officers of the Posts and Telegraphs Service shall constitute a separate Junior Accounts Officers Service of the Telecommunication Wing. The rules

relating to the constitution of the Junior Accounts Officers Service for the Telecommunications Wing have, therefore, to be given retrospective effect from the 1st April, 1976.

3. It is hereby certified that giving retrospective effect to these rules would not adversely affect the rights of any person already in service.

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