

Government of Bihar
Department of Agriculture
DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE
Notification

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In exercise of the power conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India the Governor of Bihar, is hereby pleased to formulate the following rules for the recruitment, promotion and service conditions of Block Horticulture Officer under the Bihar Horticulture Subordinate Service (Agriculture subordinate Group-7) which is under the control of Directorate of Horticulture namely:-

1. Brief Name, Description and Commencement:

(1) These rules may be called the Bihar Horticulture Subordinate Service (Agriculture subordinate Group-7) Block Horticulture Officer Recruitment, Promotion and Other Services condition Rules, 2024.

(2) This shall be applicable across the State of Bihar.

2. Definition:

(1) Department means Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar

(2) "Cadre" means the cadre of Bihar Horticulture Subordinate Service (Agriculture subordinate Group-7)

(3) Commission means Bihar Public Service Commission

(4) "Year" means financial year i.e. the period from 1st April to 31st March of ensuing year

(5) "Member" means Person recruited under Bihar Horticulture Subordinate Service (Agriculture subordinate Group-7)

(6) "Appointing Authority" means appointing authority as mentioned in the Bihar Rules of Executive Business.

3. Constitution of Cadre and hierarchy of the post:

(1) This service shall be at the State level and Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar shall be its controlling department.

(2) The hierarchy of this cadre shall be as follows:

S.N.	Group Name	Level	Particulars
1	Block Horticulture Officer	Basic Category	Non-Gazetted
2	Senior Block Horticulture Officer	First Promotion Level	Non-Gazetted

4. Appointment in the basic category-

(1) It shall be obligatory for the candidate to be a citizen of India for appointment under the services. The vacant posts of the Block Horticulture Officer shall be filled through direct recruitment.

(2) The appointing authority shall take stock of the vacancies as on 1st April of each year and shall send the requisition to commission by 30th April.

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(3) **Educational qualification:** The minimum educational qualification for basic category of position of the cadre shall be graduation degree in horticulture science (B.

Sc. Horti.) / agriculture science (B. Sc. Ag.) from recognized university / institute.

(4)Direct appointment:

- a)Direct appointment shall be done from the candidates recommended on the basis of the competitive exams conducted by the commission.
- b)Selection on basic category posts will be done on the basis of the sum of marks obtained in written and oral examination and giving weightage to the period of work done under contract employment on the same post.

The merit list for selection shall be made on the basis of total marks by following: (i)
Weightage of marks received in written exam of Commission and interview -
75 Marks

(ii) Weightage on years of experience of working on contractual basis with Government of Bihar or non-private organizations under the Government of Bihar (Such as Government of India, Urban Local Bodies, Panchayat etc.)- 25 Marks

(For the contractual work experience at the rate of 5 marks per year the maximum marks will be 25)

Note:- “The contractual service period with Government of Bihar or non-private organizations under the Government of Bihar (Such as Government of India, Urban Local Bodies, Panchayat etc.) shall be decided by the controlling officer on the basis of scale of payment issued under payment certificate. For the purpose of calculating the work experience period, the service period shall be estimated from the date of publication of the advertisement.”

But the duly recruited and employed contractual employees, in regular appointment under direct recruitment on the same post, will be given relaxation in the maximum age limit up to the number of years for which they have worked in the same post on contractual basis in Government of Bihar or non-private organizations under the Government of Bihar (Such as Government of India, Urban Local Bodies, Panchayat etc.).

- c)**Age limit:** The minimum age as on 1st August of the year in which applications are invited will be 21 (twenty one) years and the maximum age limit will be the same as prescribed from time to time by the General Administration Department for direct appointment in the services of the State Government, but in special circumstances the department will be able to increase it by recording the reason in written for the same.

- d)**Reservation:** The compliance of reservation/roaster as notified by the State Government from time to time, will be mandatory in recruitment and promotion. e)For direct appointment, the department will send a requisition with the number of general and reservation category wise vacancies to the commission every year.

- f)**Subject and syllabus for competitive exam:** For direct appointment to the post of Block Horticulture Officer, it will be mandatory to pass Hindi subject of 100 marks in the examination conducted by Bihar Public Service Commission, but its marks will not be counted for the purpose of preparing the merit list. The merit list will be prepared on the basis of sum of marks obtained against two question papers of 200

and General Knowledge will be the same as decided for the joint competitive examination conducted by Bihar Public Service Commission. The curriculum of Horticulture/Agriculture Science will be prepared by the department in consultation with Bihar Public Service Commission. Appropriate number of candidates will be called for oral examination on the basis of the sum of marks obtained in the three papers of Horticulture/Agriculture Science and General Knowledge. The oral examination will be of 50 marks.

- g)**Recommendation of candidates by the Commission:** Commission will create separate merit list based on the sum of weightage of total marks obtained in the written and oral examination and weightage of the marks resulted from the contractual engagement. From these lists, the Commission shall send reservation category wise recommendation to Department based on the reported requisition.

5.Probation:

(1)Every member appointed by direct recruitment to the service shall be on probation for a period of two years from the date of joining the post, but in special circumstances, this period can be extended by the department by one year with reasons to be recorded in written. If the work of a member is not found satisfactory even within the extended period, service of such member can be terminated by the government without asking any reason or show cause, but written information shall be given to the said member with the reasons.

(2)The probation period shall be calculated for the purpose of regular service.

6.Training: It will be mandatory for the members appointed in Bihar Agricultural Subordinate Service (Horticulture) group - 7 to receive training from the institute determined by the department for promotion. Training institutes will be selected by the department from time to time.

In-service/training will be organized by the Agriculture Department, in which it will be mandatory for the officer to participate. On the basis of the above, the benefit of promotion will be estimated, but the said promotion shall not be obstructed in case the department does not organize training on time.

7.Departmental examination:

- (1) It shall be compulsory for the members to pass the departmental examination conducted by the Central Examination Committee (Revenue Board), Bihar.
- (2) After the first increment in the pay scale of the basic category the second increment will be given only after passing the departmental examination and confirmation of service.
- (3) This pause in the increment of the employees will be non-cumulative and the withheld increments will be given after passing the examination.
- (4) After completing 50 (fifty) years of age, employees can be exempted from the requirement of passing the departmental examination under the circulars/instructions issued from time to time by the General Administration Department.

8.Service Confirmation- After completing probation period, passing of departmental examination and successful completion of prescribed training and services found

clear, the service of directly appointed members shall be confirmed against the permanent cadre posts in the basic category.

9.Determination of seniority: The seniority of a member shall be determined in the light of the policy laid down from time to time by the General Administration Department.

10.Promotion to higher posts from the basic category:

- (1) Promotion to higher posts in the hierarchy of service cadre will be given on the basis of seniority cum merit over the personnel working in the line immediately below and in the light of the instructions issued from time to time by the General Administration Department. But promotion will be given only after completing the provisioned training.
- (2) However, the promotion will not be obstructed as a result of training not being conducted timely by the department/institute.
- (3) Confirmation will be necessary for promotion and the basis of promotion will be seniority-cum-merit, internal clearance and fixed time period.
- (4) **Departmental Promotion Committee** – The recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee may be considered for promotion. Departmental Promotion Committee will be constituted by the department.

11.Resolution of miscellaneous matters:

- (1) The department shall be competent to interpret the rule of these Rules which will be compulsory to obtain the opinion of the General Administration Department/Law Department/Finance Department.
- (2) The Department may resolve any difficulty arising in implementing any rule of these Rules by publication of appropriate order in the Official Gazette which is not inconsistent with the provisions of these Rules.
- (3) The subjects or points for provisions not made in these Rules, the rules made in the code/rules/resolution/instructions for the time being enforced by the State Government shall be applicable in the context of this service in respect to them.

12.Repeal and Savings:

- (1) All the circulars/instructions/resolutions released regarding appointment of staff/service conditions of this cadre before the commencement of these rules are hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said circulars/instructions/resolution previously issued shall be deemed to be done or taken under these rules as if it were enforced on the day on which such thing was done or such action was taken.

By the order of Governor of Bihar,

Sd/-

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Secretary,

Department of Agriculture

Government of Bihar.

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