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Government of India  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, Dated, the -----, 2026

**G.S.R.....** – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of notification numbers GSR 390, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of the recruitment to the Group 'A' posts of Principal Private Secretary in the Group 'A' Posts under the Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement-** (1) These rules may be called Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Principal Private Secretary, Group-'A') Recruitment Rules, 2026.  
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. **Number of post, classification and Level in pay matrix-** The number of posts, its classification and **Level in the pay Matrix** attached thereto, shall be as specified in column (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.
3. **Method of recruitment, age limit and qualifications, etc.-** Method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto, shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the aforesaid Schedule.
4. **Disqualification-** Any 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 said post:

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 that there are other grounds for so doing exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5. **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 and in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission relax any of the provisions of these with respect to any class or category of persons.

6. **Saving-** Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation in age- limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the Other Backwards Classes, the Ex-servicemen, the Economically Weaker Section 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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**ANNEXURE-II**

**RECRUITMENT RULES FOR THE POST OF 'PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY' IN REGIONAL OFFICES, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

**SCHEDULE**

Name of Post	Number of post	Classification	Level in Pay Matrix	Whether Selection post or Non-Selection Post	Age limit for direct recruits	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Principal Private Secretary	10* (2025) Subject* to variation dependent on the volume of work in the Regional Offices located at-  * Bangalore-01 * Bhubaneswar-01 * Bhopal-01 * Chandigarh-01 * Chennai-01 * Dehradun-01 * Lucknow-01 * Nagpur-01 * Ranchi-01 * Shillong-01	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Ministerial	Level-11, (₹67,700-₹2,08,700/-)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Whether age & educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion/deputation/absorption to be made		If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment
(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)		(12)	(13)
Not applicable	Two years for promotees	By composite method [Deputation (including short-term contract) plus promotion]	Composite method (Deputation (including short-term contract) plus promotion):  Officers holding the post of Stenographer under the Central Government or State Governments or Union territories or Public Sector Undertakings or Recognised Research Institutions or Universities or Statutory or Autonomous Organisations, -		Group 'A' Departmental Confirmation/Selection Committee (for considering confirmation/promotion/selection on deputation) consisting of: -  1. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest	Consultation with Union Public Service Commission is not necessary.

		<p>(i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(ii) with eight years regular service in level-8, (₹47600-₹1,51,100/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(iii) with nine years regular service in level-7, (₹44,900-₹1,42,400/-) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department.</p> <p><b>Note 1.</b> The Departmental Private Secretary in level 7 in the pay matrix (₹44,900/- ₹1,42,400/-) in the concerned Regional Office with nine years regular service shall be considered along-with outsiders and if the Departmental candidate is selected for appointment to the post, it shall be treated as having been filled by promotion.</p> <p><b>Note 2.</b> The Departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation, and similarly, deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.</p> <p><b>Note 3.</b> Period of deputation (including short-term contract) including period of deputation (including short-term contract) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed five years.</p> <p><b>Note 4.</b> The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall be not exceeding 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.</p>	<p>Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi- Chairman;</p> <p>2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) of concerned Regional Office- Member;</p> <p>3. Director or Deputy Secretary or Deputy Inspector General of Forests or Asst. Inspector General of Forests RoHQ, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi - Member.</p> <p>4. Director/ Deputy Secretary (admin), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi - Member.</p>	
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## ANNEXURE-III

**FORM TO BE FILLED BY THE MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT WHILE FORWARDING PROPOSALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING AND THE UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR AMENDMENT OF APPROVED RECRUITMENT RULES.**

1.	Name of the post	Principal Private Secretary		
2.	Name of Ministry/Department	Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change		
3.	Reference No. in which commission's advice on recruitment rules was conveyed	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi Notification No..... dated .....		
Sl. No.	Schedule Details	Provision in the approved/existing rules	Revised provisions proposed	Reasons for the revision proposed
1.	<b>Name of the Post</b>	Principal Private Secretary	Principal Private Secretary	No Change
2.	<b>Number of posts</b>	10	10	No Change
3.	<b>Classification</b>	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Ministerial	General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Ministerial	No Change
4.	<b>Level in Pay Matrix</b>	Level-11, ₹67,700-₹2,08,700/-	Level-11, ₹67,700-₹2,08,700/-	No Change
5.	<b>Whether Selection post or Non-Selection Post</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	No Change
6.	<b>Age limit for direct recruits</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	No Change
7.	<b>Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	No Change
8.	<b>Whether age &amp; educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	No Change
9.	<b>Period of probation, if any</b>	Two years for promotes	Two years for promotes	No Change
10.	<b>Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods</b>	By composite method [Deputation (including short-term contract) plus promotion]	By composite method [Deputation (including short-term contract) plus promotion]	No Change
11.	<b>In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion/deputation/absorption to be made</b>	Composite method (Deputation (including short-term contract) plus promotion):  Officers holding the post of Stenographer under the Central Government or State Governments or Union territories or Public Sector Undertakings or Recognised Research Institutions or Universities or Statutory or Autonomous Organisations, -	Composite method (Deputation (including short-term contract) plus promotion):  Officers holding the post of Stenographer under the Central Government or State Governments or Union territories or Public Sector Undertakings or Recognised Research Institutions or Universities or Statutory or Autonomous Organisations, -	No Change  No Change

	<p>(i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(ii) with six years regular service in level-8, ₹47,600-₹1,51,100/- in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(iii) with seven years regular service in level-7, ₹44,900-₹1,42,400/- in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department.</p> <p><b>Note 1.</b> The Departmental Private Secretary in level 7 in the pay matrix (₹44,900/- ₹1,42,400/-) in the concerned Regional Office with seven years regular service shall be considered along-with outsiders and if the Departmental candidate is selected for appointment to the post, it shall be treated as having been filled by promotion.</p> <p><b>Note 2.</b> The Departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation, and similarly, deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.</p> <p><b>Note 3.</b> Period of deputation (including short-term contract) including period of deputation (including short-term contract) in another cx-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed four years.</p>	<p>(i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(ii) with <b>eight years</b> regular service in level-8, ₹47,600-₹1,51,100/- in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; or</p> <p>(iii) with <b>nine years</b> regular service in level-7, ₹44,900-₹1,42,400/- in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department.</p> <p><b>Note 1.</b> The Departmental Private Secretary in level 7 in the pay matrix (₹44,900/- ₹1,42,400/-) in the concerned Regional Office with <b>nine years</b> regular service shall be considered along-with outsiders and if the Departmental candidate is selected for appointment to the post, it shall be treated as having been filled by promotion.</p> <p><b>Note 2.</b> The Departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation, and similarly, deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.</p> <p><b>Note 3.</b> Period of deputation (including short-term contract) including period of deputation (including short-term contract) in another cx-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed <b>five</b> years.</p>	<p>No Change</p> <p>As per DoPT OM dated 20.09.2022, the minimum qualifying service for promotion has been included.</p> <p>As per DoPT OM dated 20.09.2022, the minimum qualifying service for promotion has been included.</p> <p>As per DoPT OM dated 20.09.2022, the minimum qualifying service for promotion has been included.</p> <p>No Change</p> <p>As per DoPT OM dated 28.03.2024, consolidated guidelines on deputation/foreign service for central Government employees has been included.</p>
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		<b>Note 4.</b> The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall be not exceeding 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.	<b>Note 4.</b> The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall be not exceeding 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.	No Change
12.	<b>If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition</b>	Group 'A' Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of: -  1. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi-Chairman;  2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) of concerned Regional Office-Member;  3. Director or Deputy Secretary, Regional), Office (Head Quarters) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi - Member.	Group 'A' Departmental Confirmation/ <b>Selection</b> Committee (for considering confirmation/ <b>promotion/selection on deputation</b> ) consisting of: -  1. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi-Chairman;  2. <b>Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) of concerned Regional Office- Member;</b>  3. Director or Deputy Secretary or <b>Deputy Inspector General of Forests or Asst. Inspector General of Forests RoHQ</b> , Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi - Member.- Member.  4. <b>Director/ Deputy Secretary (admin), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi - Member.</b>	DoPT, through its letter dated 03.07.2024, advised that the Ministry may constitute a Selection Committee as per administrative convenience, ensuring that the Chairperson and Members are at least one level above the post for which the committee is constituted.
13.	<b>Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment</b>	Consultation with Union Public Service Commission necessary.	Consultation with Union Public Service Commission necessary <b>is not</b> necessary	The Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) issued a Notification on 15.03.2024 exempting all Group 'A' and Group 'B' posts up to Level 13A in the pay matrix from the requirement of consultation with UPSC

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