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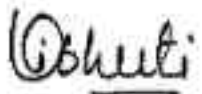
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Seeking comments from stakeholders on the draft 'Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Group 'A' posts (Non-Ministerial, Scientific and Technical) Recruitment Rules, 2026' - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that this Ministry is in the process of amending the 'Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Scientific Group 'A' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2015' (RRs, 2015). Upon notification, 'Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Group 'A' posts (Non-Ministerial, Scientific and Technical) Recruitment Rules, 2026' (RR, 2026) shall supersede the RRs, 2015.

2. In this regard, the draft RRs, 2026 (copy enclosed) are being placed on the Ministry's website for a period of 30 days for inviting comments from all stakeholders.

3. All stakeholders are, therefore, requested to furnish their comments, if any, preferably in a tabular form (in a MS word format), clearly indicating the paragraph number, original content and the suggested change w.r.t. the original content, latest by 19.08.2026. The comments may preferably be sent by email to moefcc-recruitment@gov.in.


(Vibhuti Panjiyar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl: As above

To,

- i. NIC/IT Cell – with the request to upload the draft RRs, 2026 on the Ministry's website and also upload the same on the e-office.
- ii. P.I / CS-II Division / NMNH / FE – with a request to intimate concerned stakeholders in this regards.

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
New Delhi, the

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, and in supersession of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Scientific Group 'A' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2015, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following Rules regulating the method of recruitment and the conditions of service to the Scientific Group 'A' posts in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, including its attached and subordinate offices, namely:

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Group 'A' posts (Non-Ministerial, Scientific and Technical) Recruitment Rules, 2026.

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

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

- a. "Assessment Board" means the Level-2 Assessment Board referred to in Schedule-IV;
- b. "Controlling Authority" means the Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change;
- c. "Departmental Confirmation Committee" means the Committee referred to in rule 9;
- d. "Departmental Peer Review Committee" means the Committee referred to in Schedule-IV;
- e. "Departmental Promotion Committee" means the Committee referred to in Schedule-I;
- f. "Internal Screening Committee" means the Level-I Internal Screening Committee referred to in schedule-IV;
- g. "Schedule" means the Schedule annexed to these Rules;
- h. "Scheme" means the "Revised Flexible Complementing Scheme (RFCS)" as issued by the Department of Personnel and Training vide O.M. No. AB/14017/41/2013-PP (RR) dated the 13th March, 2024, as amended from time to time.
- i. "Scientific Post" means a post as defined in the Scheme.
- j. "Selection Committee" means the Committee referred to in sub-rule (7) of Rule 5;

3. Name of posts, classification and level in pay matrix - The name of posts, their classification and level in pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified under:-

Sl.No.	Name of Post	Classification	Level in the Pay Matrix

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Scientist 'B'	General Central Service, Group 'A' Gazetted, (Non-Ministerial, Scientific and Technical)	Level 10
2.	Scientist 'C'		Level 11
3.	Scientist 'D'		Level 12
4.	Scientist 'E'		Level 13
5.	Scientist 'F'		Level 13-A
6.	Scientist 'G'		Level 14

Note: Recruitment to the posts of Scientist 'B' & Scientist 'B(IT)' in Botanical Survey of India and Scientist 'B' in Zoological Survey of India shall be made as per applicable Recruitment Rules relating to the said posts.

4. Number of Posts. - For the purpose of these rules, the number of posts in the Ministry (including its attached and subordinate offices) and their distribution shall be as specified in Table-1 to Table-7 of Schedule-III.

5. Method of Recruitment. –

- (1) The posts of Scientists 'B' to 'G' shall be selection posts.
- (2) The posts shall be exempted from the purview of the Union Public Service Commission for the purpose of recruitment, except for filling the posts of Scientist 'B' through promotion.
- (3) Recruitment for the posts of Scientist 'B' shall be made by either direct recruitment or promotion or deputation (including short-term contract) as specified in Schedule-I.
- (4) Particular method of recruitment for each post or each case of Scientist 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F' and 'G' shall be decided by the Controlling Authority from time to time.
- (5) Recruitment for the posts of Scientists 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F' and 'G' shall be made either by promotion or upgradation under the Scheme or direct recruitment or deputation (including short term contract) as specified in Schedule-II and as per 'Note for all Tables' specified in Schedule-III.
- (6) Particular discipline or field of essential educational qualification and experience for each post or in each case of direct recruitment or deputation (including short-term contract) to the posts of Scientist B, C, D, E, F and G shall be decided by the controlling authority, keeping in view the availability of Scientists of different disciplines and further requirement. The particular discipline shall be chosen from a list of disciplines mentioned in Schedule-V of these rules.
- (7) The recruitment by either direct recruitment or deputation (including short-term contract) shall be made on the recommendations of the Selection Committee. Composition of the Selection Committee shall be as follows:

Post / Grade (1)	Composition of the Selection Committee (2)
Scientist 'G'	1. Chairman – Secretary; or Special Secretary/ Scientist of eminence to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 2. Member – Additional Secretary in the Ministry to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 3. External Member – Three non-official experts to be nominated by the Controlling Authority.
	1. Chairman – Additional Secretary to be

Scientist 'B', Scientist 'C', Scientist 'D', Scientist 'E' Scientist 'F'	nominated by the Controlling Authority. 2. Member – Joint Secretary or Scientist 'G' in the Ministry to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 3. External Member – Three non-official experts to be nominated by the Controlling Authority.
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Note. - (I) The composition of the Selection Committee shall be approved by the Controlling Authority on each occasion.

(II) The absence of a Member of the Committee other than the Chairman shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee.

(8) The Selection Committee shall hold interview and evaluate the past performance of the candidates before making its recommendations under sub-rule (7).

(9) The Controlling Authority shall make appointment on the basis of the recommendations made by the Selection Committee under sub-rule (8).

6. Promotion / Upgradation under the Scheme.-

1. Promotion / Upgradation of Scientists to the grade of Scientist 'C' upto Scientist 'G' shall be as prescribed under the Scheme.
2. Promotion/ upgradation of Scientists to the grade of Scientists 'C' upto Scientists 'G' shall be as per the minimum residency period indicated below and in compliance with other provisions prescribed in the Scheme.

Level in the Pay Matrix	Designation	Minimum residency period linked to performance
Pay Level 10	Scientist B	-----
Pay Level 11	Scientist C	3 years as Scientist - B
Pay Level 12	Scientist D	4 years as Scientist - C
Pay Level 13	Scientist E	4 years as Scientist - D
Pay Level 13 A	Scientist F	5 years as Scientist - E
Pay Level 14	Scientist G	5 years as Scientist - F

3. There shall be two levels of assessment under the Scheme namely, Level-1 Screening (Internal Screening Committee) and Level-2 Screening (Assessment Board/ Departmental Peer Review Committee) as specified in Schedule-IV.
4. The assessment would be done twice in a year. Cases of those Scientists who have completed or will complete the minimum residency period as on the cut off dates of assessment viz., 1st January or 1st July, as the case may be, and have earned or will earn number of annual ACRs/APARs equal to or more than the number of years of minimum residency period for the period preceding the cut off dates of assessment, shall be considered for assessment under the Scheme.
5. Scientists who do not qualify either in Level -1 Screening or Level-2 Screening shall be reassessed only after one year when they earn at least one more APAR and AWR. Such re-assessment would again entail Level-1

and Level-2 Screening and not commence from the stage where the Scientist failed to qualify.

6. The assessment process under the Scheme for promotion/ upgradation to the next grade would be conducted only thrice, and thereafter, the Scientist would be covered under Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) Scheme as approved for Central Government civilian employees. The Scientist who has been granted any grade under MACP can be considered for next grade as provided for in the Scheme.
7. The period of service of Scientists or Technical experts doing management or administrative work shall not be counted for promotion or upgradation under the Scheme and Scientists or Technical experts doing exclusively management or administrative work shall not be considered for promotion or upgradation under the Scheme and they shall only be given benefit of upgradation under Modified Assured Career Progress.
8. The date of promotion/upgradation of Scientists recommended for promotion/upgradation to the next higher grade under the Scheme shall be the date on which the Controlling Authority approves the promotion / upgradation. Officers on leave or deputation outside the organization can be given promotion only with effect from the date they re-join or return to the parent cadre.
9. There shall be no retrospective promotion / upgradation.
10. Field experience, in research and development and / or experience in implementation of scientific projects, of at least two years for promotion to Scientist 'F' and five years for promotion to Scientist 'G' shall be essential.
11. Treatment of period on leave, period spent on deputation/foreign service etc., towards counting of minimum residency period shall be as prescribed in the Scheme.
12. Anything not mentioned in the rules shall be governed by provisions of the Scheme.

7. Annual Performance and Appraisal Reports and Annual Work Reports - The Scientists shall fill up the Annual Work Report and Annual Performance Appraisal Report, in the format provided for in the Scheme, mandatorily on an annual basis.

08. Probation - (1) The period of probation for Scientists appointed to the grade of Scientist 'B', either by direct recruitment or by promotion from Group 'B' scale, shall be two years and the period of probation shall be two years for Scientists appointed to the grade of Scientist 'C' by direct recruitment and one year for Scientists appointed to the grade of Scientist 'D', 'E' 'F' and 'G' by direct recruitment:

Provided that the controlling authority may extend the period of probation in accordance with the instructions issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard:

Provided further that any decision for extension of a probation period shall be taken ordinarily within eight weeks after the expiry of the previous probationary period and communicated in writing to the concerned officer together with the reasons for so doing within the said period.

(2) On completion of the period of probation or any extension thereof, Scientists shall, if considered fit for permanent appointment, be retained in their appointments on regular basis and be confirmed against the available substantive vacancies.

(3) If, during the period of probation or any extension thereof, as the case may be, the Central Government is of the opinion that a Scientist is not fit for permanent appointment, the Central Government may discharge or revert the Scientist to the post held by him prior to his appointment in the service, as the case may be.

(4) During the period of probation, or any extension thereof, Scientists may be required by Government to undergo such courses of training and instructions and to pass examinations and tests (including examination in Hindi) as Government may deem fit, as a condition to satisfactory completion of the probation.

(5) As regards other matters relating to probation, the same shall be governed by the instructions issued by the Central Government in this regard from time to time.

09. Confirmation. - Confirmation of scientific posts appointed through direct recruitment shall be done by the Controlling Authority on the recommendations of Departmental Confirmation Committee and the composition of Departmental Confirmation Committee shall be as follows:

(1) For Scientist 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F':

1.	The Secretary of the Department or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary	Chairperson
2.	Joint Secretary (Administration)	Member
3.	One Scientist in the Ministry to be nominated by the Controlling Authority who is at least one level above the post to which confirmation is being made.	Member

(2) For Scientist 'G':

1.	Secretary; or Special Secretary or Additional Secretary to be nominated by the Controlling Authority	Chairperson;
2.	Two Scientists from any other Government Ministry or Department to be nominated by the Controlling Authority who are at least one level above the post to which confirmation is being made.	Member

Note. - (1) The composition of the Departmental Confirmation Committee shall be approved by the Controlling Authority on each occasion.

(2) The absence of a Member of the Committee other than the Chairman shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee.

10. 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 scientific posts.

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 doing so, exempt any person from the

operation of this rule.

11. Power to Relax. – Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, and in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training and in matters where consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is necessary, in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training and Union Public Service Commission, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

12. Saving Clause – Nothing in these rules shall affect reservations, and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and other special categories of persons in accordance with orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

SCHEDULE I

[See rule 5(3)]

Recruitment for the post of Scientist 'B'

A. Direct Recruitment:

(1.) Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits:-

(a) Essential:

For Scientific Posts : Master's Degree in Physical/ Chemical/ Biological/ Earth-atmospheric/ Environmental/ Mathematical/ Computational and Information/ Agricultural Sciences or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(A) from a recognised University or Institute;

or

Bachelor's Degree in Engineering/ Technology/ Biotechnology/ Medicine or Veterinary Sciences or Pharmaceutical Sciences (minimum 4 years' degree course) or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(B) from a recognised University or Institute.

For Library and Documentation: Master's Degree in Natural Science or Agricultural Science; and Diploma in Documentation Technology or Library Science;

For Museum: Master's Degree in Botany or Zoology or Geology or Bioscience or Life Science or Environmental Science or Wildlife Biology; and

Diploma or certificate course in Museology of a duration of not less than one year;

Or

Two years' experience or working in a State or National Museum, preferably in the Natural History Sections.

(b) Desirable:

(i) Doctorate degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A); or

Master's Degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

(ii) One year experience in research and development in academic institutions or scientific and technical institutions/ organizations.

Note 1- The period spent on obtaining minimum essential educational qualification shall not count towards experience. Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of Essential Qualification) from a recognised University or institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.

Note 2- Service rendered in the field of forestry and wildlife shall be treated as relevant experience as per the Scheme for the posts for which such experience is considered appropriate by the Ministry.

(2.) Age-limit for direct recruits: The upper age-limit for direct recruitment shall not exceed thirty-five years.

(Relaxable for Government servants up to five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

Note. - The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in non-remote areas of India and not the closing date prescribed for the candidates in remote areas i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

B. Promotion:

In case of recruitment by promotion, grades from which the promotion is to be made.—

(1) The minimum educational qualification for promotion to the grade of Scientist 'B' from the eligible feeder grades shall be as specified in sub rule A(1) or as per applicable Recruitment Rules in BSI and ZSI.

(2) There shall be no upper age limit for promotion or as per applicable Recruitment Rules in BSI and ZSI, to the grade of Scientist 'B'.

(3) The promotion to the post of Scientist 'B' specified in Table-2 of Schedule-III shall be made on selection basis from amongst Research Officers (Environment) Grade-I having two years' regular service in the Level-8, and possessing educational qualifications and experience as specified in sub rule A(1), in accordance with sub rule B(5).

(4) The promotion in respect of the posts of Scientist 'B' specified in Table-5 of Schedule-III shall be made on selection basis from amongst the Taxidermist, Senior Educational Assistant, Publication Assistant, Senior Technical Assistant, Documentation Assistant or Library and Information Assistant in the National Museum of Natural History, having eight years' regular service in the Level-6, and possessing the educational qualifications and experience as specified in sub rule A(1), in accordance with sub rule B(5); and the eligibility list for promotion shall be prepared with reference to the date of completion of the prescribed qualifying service in their respective grade or post.

(5) Twenty-five percent of vacancies to the post of Scientist 'B' shall be filled up by promotion.

C. Deputation (including short-term contract):

In case of recruitment by deputation (including short-term contract), grades from which the deputation (including short-term contract) to be made shall be:-

(a.) Officers of Central Government, State Governments, Union Territories, Central/ State Universities, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory/ Autonomous Organizations of Government of India and the Scientific/ Technical Organizations as defined under the Scheme, may be appointed on deputation (including short term contract) basis in the manner specified in sub-rules (7), (8) and (9) of Rule 5, subject to the fulfilment of following requirements, namely: –

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the present cadre or department; or
- (ii) with two years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular basis in the level-9 (Rs.53100-167800/-) or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; or
- (iii) with four years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular basis in the level-8 (Rs.47600-151100/-) or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; and

(b.) possessing the minimum educational qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits in para A(1) above.

Note 1: The period of deputation including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily be three years which may be extended for a further period of two years with the approval of the Controlling Authority.

Note 2: The departmental officers in the feeder grade who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation (including short-term contract) except for the ex-cadre post for which they are not the feeder grade Officers. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

Note 3: The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application for the candidates in non-remote areas of India.

I. Screening and Selection Process — For deputation (including short term contract), the screening and selection process shall be as specified by the controlling authority.

II. The Departmental Promotion Committee (for consideration of promotion)

consisting of:

1.	Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission	Chairman
2.	One Joint Secretary or Scientist 'G' to be nominated by the Controlling Authority	Member
3.	Joint Secretary (Administration)	Member

Note. - (1) The composition of the Selection Committee shall be approved by the Controlling Authority on each occasion.

(2) The absence of a Member of the Committee other than the Chairman shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee.

III. Consultation with Union Public Service Commission - Consultation with Union Public Service Commission is necessary for recruitment by promotion.

SCHEDULE II

[See rule 5(5)]

Recruitment for the post of Scientist 'C' to Scientist 'G'

I. For the post of Scientist 'C':

A. Direct Recruitment:

(1.) Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits:-

(a) Essential:

For Scientific Posts : Master's Degree in Physical/ Chemical/ Biological/ Earth-atmospheric/ Environmental/ Mathematical/ Computational and Information/ Agricultural Sciences or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(A) from a recognised University or Institute;

or

Bachelor's Degree in Engineering/ Technology/ Biotechnology/ Medicine or Veterinary Sciences or Pharmaceutical Sciences (minimum 4 years' degree course) or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(B) from a recognised University or Institute.

For Library and Documentation: Master's Degree in Natural Science or Agricultural Science; and Diploma in Documentation Technology or Library Science;

For Museum: Master's Degree in Botany or Zoology or Geology or Bioscience or Life Science or Environmental Science or Wildlife Biology; and

Diploma or certificate course in Museology of a duration of not less than one year;

Or

Two years' experience or working in a State or National Museum, preferably in the Natural History Sections.

- (ii) Four years' experience in research and development in academic institutions or scientific and technical institutions / organizations.

(b) Desirable:

Doctorate degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A); or

Master's Degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

Note 1- The period spent on obtaining minimum essential educational qualification shall not count towards experience. Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of Essential Qualification) from a recognised University or institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.

Note 2- Service rendered in the field of forestry and wildlife shall be treated as relevant experience as per the Scheme for the posts for which such experience is considered appropriate by the Ministry.

(2.) Age-limit for direct recruits:

The upper age-limit for direct recruitment shall not exceed thirty-five years.

(Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

Note. - The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in non-remote areas of India and not the closing date prescribed for the candidates in remote areas i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

B. Deputation (including short-term contract):

In case of recruitment by deputation (including short-term contract), grades from which the deputation (including short-term contract) to be made shall be:-

(a.) Officers of Central Government, State Governments, Union Territories, Central/ State Universities, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory/ Autonomous Organizations of Government of India and the Scientific/ Technical Organizations as defined under the Scheme, may be appointed on deputation (including short term contract) basis in the manner specified in sub-rules (7), (8) and (9) of Rule 5, subject to the fulfilment of following requirements, namely: –

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the present cadre or department; or
- (ii) with three years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular

basis in the level-10 (Rs.56100-177500/-) or equivalent in the present cadre or department; and

(b.) possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under para A(1) above.

Note 1: The period of deputation (including short term contract) including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily be three years which may be extended for a further period of two years with the approval of the Controlling Authority.

Note 2: The departmental officers in the feeder grade who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation (including short-term contract) except for the ex-cadre post for which they are not the feeder grade Officers. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

Note 3: The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application for the candidates in non-remote areas of India.

II. For the post of Scientist 'D':

A. Direct Recruitment:

(1.) Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits:-

(a) Essential:

For Scientific Posts : Master's Degree in Physical/ Chemical/ Biological/ Earth-atmospheric/ Environmental/ Mathematical/ Computational and Information/ Agricultural Sciences or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(A) from a recognised University or Institute;

or

Bachelor's Degree in Engineering/ Technology/ Biotechnology/ Medicine or Veterinary Sciences or Pharmaceutical Sciences (minimum 4years'degree course) or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(B) from a recognised University or Institute.

For Library and Documentation: Master's Degree in Natural Science or Agricultural Science; and Diploma in Documentation Technology or Library Science;

For Museum: Master's Degree in Botany or Zoology or Geology or Bioscience or Life Science or Environmental Science or Wildlife Biology; and

Diploma or certificate course in Museology of a duration of not less than one year;

Or

Two years' experience or working in a State or National Museum, preferably in the Natural History Sections.

(ii) Eight years' experience in research and development in academic institutions or scientific and technical institutions / organizations.

(b) Desirable:

Doctorate degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A); or

Master's Degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

Note 1- The period spent on obtaining minimum essential educational qualification shall not count towards experience. Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of Essential Qualification) from a recognised University or institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.

Note 2- Service rendered in the field of forestry and wildlife shall be treated as relevant experience as per the Scheme for the posts for which such experience is considered appropriate by the Ministry.

(2.) Age-limit for direct recruits:

The upper age-limit for direct recruitment shall not exceed forty years.

(Relaxable for Government servants up to five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

Note. - The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in non-remote areas of India and not the closing date prescribed for the candidates in remote areas i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

B. Deputation (including short-term contract):

In case of recruitment by deputation (including short-term contract), grades from which the deputation (including short-term contract) to be made shall be:-

(a.) Officers of Central Government, State Governments, Union Territories, Central/ State Universities, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory/ Autonomous Organizations of Government of India and the Scientific/ Technical Organizations as defined under the Scheme, may be appointed on deputation (including short term contract) basis in the manner specified in sub-rules (7), (8) and (9) of Rule 5, subject to the fulfilment of following requirements, namely: –

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the present cadre or department; or
- (ii) with four years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular basis in the level-11 (Rs.67700-208700/-) or equivalent in the present cadre or department; and

(b.) possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under para A(1) above.

Note 1: The period of deputation (including short term contract) including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily be three years which may be extended for a further period of two years with the approval of the Controlling Authority.

Note 2: The departmental officers in the feeder grade who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation (including short-term contract) except for the ex-cadre post for which they are not the feeder grade Officers. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

Note 3: The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application for the candidates in non-remote areas of India.

III. For the post of Scientist 'E':

A. Direct Recruitment:

(1.) Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits:-

(a) Essential:

For Scientific Posts : Master's Degree in Physical/ Chemical/ Biological/ Earth-atmospheric/ Environmental/ Mathematical/ Computational and Information/ Agricultural Sciences or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(A) from a recognised University or Institute;

or

Bachelor's Degree in Engineering/ Technology/ Biotechnology/ Medicine or Veterinary Sciences or Pharmaceutical Sciences (minimum 4years'degree course) or equivalent as specified in Schedule V(B) from a recognised University or Institute.

For Library and Documentation: Master's Degree in Natural Science or Agricultural Science; and Diploma in Documentation Technology or Library Science;

For Museum: Master's Degree in Botany or Zoology or Geology or Bioscience or Life Science or Environmental Science or Wildlife Biology; and

Diploma or certificate course in Museology of a duration of not less than one year;

Or

Two years' experience or working in a State or National Museum, preferably in the Natural History Sections.

(ii) Eleven years' experience in research and development in academic institutions or scientific and technical institutions / organizations.

(b) Desirable:

Doctorate degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines

specified in Schedule V(A); or

Master's Degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

Note 1- The period spent on obtaining minimum essential educational qualification shall not count towards experience. Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of Essential Qualification) from a recognised University or institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.

Note 2- Service rendered in the field of forestry and wildlife shall be treated as relevant experience as per the Scheme for the posts for which such experience is considered appropriate by the Ministry.

(2.) Age-limit for direct recruits:

The upper age-limit for direct recruitment shall not exceed forty-five years.

(Relaxable for Government servants up to five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

Note. - The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in non-remote areas of India and not the closing date prescribed for the candidates in remote areas i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

B. Deputation (including short-term contract):

In case of recruitment by deputation (including short-term contract), grades from which the deputation (including short-term contract) to be made shall be:-

(a.) Officers of Central Government, State Governments, Union Territories, Central/ State Universities, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory/ Autonomous Organizations of Government of India and the Scientific/ Technical Organizations as defined under the Scheme, may be appointed on deputation (including short term contract) basis in the manner specified in sub-rules (7), (8) and (9) of Rule 5, subject to the fulfilment of following requirements, namely: –

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the present cadre or department; or
- (ii) with four years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular basis in the level-12 (Rs.78800-209200/-) or equivalent in the present cadre or department; and

(b.) possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under para A(1) above.

Note 1: The period of deputation (including short term contract) including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily be three years which may be extended for a further period of two years with the approval of the Controlling Authority.

Note 2: The departmental officers in the feeder grade who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation (including short-term contract) except for the ex-cadre post for which they are not the feeder grade Officers. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

Note 3: The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application for the candidates in non-remote areas of India.

IV. For the post of Scientist 'F':

A. Direct Recruitment:

(1.) Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits:-

(a) Essential:

For Scientific Posts : Doctorate degree from a recognized University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A) from a recognised University or Institute;

or

Master's Degree from a recognised University or Institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

For Library and Documentation: Master's Degree in Natural Science or Agricultural Science; and Diploma in Documentation Technology or Library Science;

For Museum: Master's Degree in Botany or Zoology or Geology or Bioscience or Life Science or Environmental Science or Wildlife Biology; and

Diploma or certificate course in Museology of a duration of not less than one year;

Or

Two years' experience or working in a State or National Museum, preferably in the Natural History Sections.

(ii) Sixteen years' experience in research and development in academic institutions or scientific and technical institutions / organizations.

(b) Desirable:

Post Doctorate degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A); or

Doctorate Degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

Note 1- The period spent on obtaining minimum essential educational qualification shall

not count towards experience. Only in cases where Master's degree is the minimum essential educational qualification - Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of essential qualification) from a recognised University or institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.

Note 2- Service rendered in the field of forestry and wildlife shall be treated as relevant experience as per the Scheme for the posts for which such experience is considered appropriate by the Ministry.

(2.) Age-limit for direct recruits:

The upper age-limit for direct recruitment shall not exceed fifty years.

(Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

Note. - The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in non-remote areas of India and not the closing date prescribed for the candidates in remote areas i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

B. Deputation (including short-term contract):

In case of recruitment by deputation (including short-term contract), grades from which the deputation (including short-term contract) to be made shall be:-

(a.) Officers of Central Government, State Governments, Union Territories, Central/ State Universities, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory/ Autonomous Organizations of Government of India and the Scientific/ Technical Organizations as defined under the Scheme, may be appointed on deputation (including short term contract) basis in the manner specified in sub-rules (7), (8) and (9) of Rule 5, subject to the fulfilment of following requirements, namely: –

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the present cadre or department; or
- (ii) with five years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular basis in the level-13 (Rs.123100-215900/-) or equivalent in the present cadre or department; and

(b.) possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under para A(1) above.

Note 1: The period of deputation (including short term contract) including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily be three years which may be extended for a further period of two years with the approval of the Controlling Authority.

Note 2: The departmental officers in the feeder grade who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation (including short-term contract) except for the ex-cadre post for which they are not the feeder grade Officers. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

Note 3: The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application for the candidates in non-remote areas of India.

V. For the post of Scientist 'G':

A. Direct Recruitment:

(1.) Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits:-

(a) Essential:

For Scientific Posts : Doctorate degree from a recognized University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A) from a recognised University or Institute;

or

Master's Degree from a recognised University or Institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

For Library and Documentation: Master's Degree in Natural Science or Agricultural Science; and Diploma in Documentation Technology or Library Science;

For Museum: Master's Degree in Botany or Zoology or Geology or Bioscience or Life Science or Environmental Science or Wildlife Biology; and

Diploma or certificate course in Museology of a duration of not less than one year;

Or

Two years' experience or working in a State or National Museum, preferably in the Natural History Sections.

(ii) Twenty one years' experience in research and development in academic institutions or scientific and technical institutions / organizations.

(iii) two years of experience in evolving, managing and directing Environmental/Forestry/Climate Change/Science and Technology programme; and

(iv) published research work.

(b) Desirable:

Post Doctorate degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(A); or

Doctorate Degree from a recognised University or institute in any of the disciplines specified in Schedule V(B).

Note 1- The period spent on obtaining minimum essential educational qualification shall not count towards experience. Only in cases where Master's degree is the minimum

essential educational qualification - Period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (in the field of essential qualification) from a recognised University or institute, as evidenced by certification by such University or institute, subject to completion of the doctorate degree and subject to a maximum of two years shall count towards experience. The period spent on pursuing doctorate degree shall not count towards experience for any purpose, if the doctorate degree has not been awarded. However, in cases of full-time employment (regular or contractual) of more than two years during the same period as the period spent on obtaining doctorate degree (degree awarded), experience shall be counted only for the employment period and not for the doctorate degree.

Note 2- Service rendered in the field of forestry and wildlife shall be treated as relevant experience as per the Scheme for the posts for which such experience is considered appropriate by the Ministry.

(2.) Age-limit for direct recruits:

The upper age-limit for direct recruitment shall not exceed fifty years.

(Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

Note. - The crucial date for determining the age-limit shall be the closing date for receipt of application from candidates in non-remote areas of India and not the closing date prescribed for the candidates in remote areas i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

B. Deputation (including short-term contract):

In case of recruitment by deputation (including short-term contract), grades from which the deputation (including short-term contract) to be made shall be:-

(a.) Officers of Central Government, State Governments, Union Territories, Central/ State Universities, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory/ Autonomous Organizations of Government of India and the Scientific/ Technical Organizations as defined under the Scheme, may be appointed on deputation (including short term contract) basis in the manner specified in sub-rules (7), (8) and (9) of Rule 5, subject to the fulfilment of following requirements, namely: –

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the present cadre or department; or
- (ii) with five years' service rendered after appointment to the post on a regular basis in the level-13A (Rs.131100-216600/-) or equivalent in the present cadre or department; and

(b.) possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under para A(1) above.

Note 1: The period of deputation (including short term contract) including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily be three years which may be extended for a further period of two years with the approval of the Controlling Authority.

Note 2: The departmental officers in the feeder grade who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation (including short-term contract) except for the ex-cadre post for which they are not the feeder grade Officers. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

Note 3: The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application for the candidates in non-remote areas of India.

Schedule-III
[see rule 4(2)]

Table-1: Total number of posts in the Ministry (including its attached and subordinate offices

Designation	No. of Posts
Scientist 'B'	155 #
Scientist 'C'	151
Scientist 'D'	53
Scientist 'E'	10
Scientist 'F'	07
Scientist 'G'	02
Total	378

includes 44 posts of Scientist 'B' & 02 posts of Scientist 'B(IT)' in Botanical Survey of India and 65 posts of Scientist 'B' in Zoological Survey of India, to be filled up under separate applicable Recruitment Rules notified from time to time.

Table-2 to Table-7: Distribution of posts in the Ministry, its attached and subordinate offices:

Table-2: Number of posts in the Ministry (Proper) and its Regional Offices

Designation	No. of Posts
Scientist 'B'	30
Scientist 'C'	55
Scientist 'D'	17
Scientist 'E'	04
Scientist 'F'	06
Scientist 'G'	00
Total	112

Table-3: Number of posts in the Botanical Survey of India (a subordinate office

Designation	No. of Posts
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Scientist 'B' (IT)	02
Scientist 'B'	44
Scientist 'C'	41
Scientist 'D'	18
Scientist 'E'	02
Scientist 'F'	01
Scientist 'G'	01
Total	109

Note-1. - The posts of Scientist 'B' & Scientist 'B(IT)' in the Botanical Survey of India shall be filled as per the separate applicable Recruitment Rules notified from time to time.

Note-2. – Promotion / upgradation to the grade of Scientist 'C' and other higher grades shall be made as per provisions of the Scheme (as amended from time to time) as given in Rule 11 of these rules.

Table- 4: Number of posts in Zoological Survey of India (a subordinate office):

Designation	No. of Posts
Scientist 'B'	65
Scientist 'B' (Chemist)	03
Scientist 'C'	47
Scientist 'D'	17
Scientist 'E'	03
Scientist 'F'	00
Scientist 'G'	01
Total	136

Note-1. - The posts of Scientist 'B' in the Zoological Survey of India shall be filled as per the separate applicable Recruitment Rules notified from time to time.

Note-2. - Promotion / upgradation to the grade of Scientist 'C' and other higher grades shall be made as per provisions of the Scheme (as amended from time to time) as given in Rule 11 of these rules.

Table-5: Number of posts in National Museum of Natural History and its Regional Offices (a subordinate office):

Designation	No. of Posts
Scientist 'B'	11
Scientist 'C'	04
Scientist 'D'	01
Scientist 'E'	01
Scientist 'F'	00
Scientist 'G'	00

Total	17
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Table-6: Number of posts in Directorate of Forest Education (a subordinate office):

Designation	No. of Posts
Scientist 'B'	00
Scientist 'C'	03
Scientist 'D'	00
Scientist 'E'	00
Scientist 'F'	00
Scientist 'G'	00
Total	03

Table-7: Number of posts in National Zoological Park (a subordinate office):

Designation	No. of Posts
Scientist 'B'	00
Scientist 'C'	01
Scientist 'D'	00
Scientist 'E'	00
Scientist 'F'	00
Scientist 'G'	00
Total	01

Note applicable for all Tables: The vacancies in each grade shall first be filled from the Scientists in the feeder grade who are recommended for promotion to the next higher grade under the Scheme. If the number of Scientists recommended for consideration of promotion to the next grade under the Scheme are more than the number of vacancies available in the promotion grade, then to that extent the number of posts be automatically upgraded to the promotion grade subject to the condition that the combined sanctioned strength of all the grades shall remain the same. Vacancies arising due to attrition shall normally revert to the entry level grade of the respective Scientific/Technical Category. However, based on functional needs and with the approval of Controlling Authority, some of these vacancies may be filled by the method of recruitment prescribed in the RRs, for the posts above entry level, based on the level of the vacancy and commensurate with the higher qualifications and skills of individual candidates within the overall sanctioned strength.

Schedule IV

[See rule 6(3)]

Assessment process under the Scheme

Level-1 Screening: Composition of Internal Screening Committee shall be as under: -

Post / Grade	Composition of the Internal Screening Committee
(1)	(2)
Scientist 'B', to Scientist 'C', Scientist 'C' to Scientist 'D' and Scientist 'D' to Scientist 'E'	1. Chairman - Additional Secretary to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 2. Members – 02 Scientists in the Ministry at the level of Scientist 'G' 3. External Member – One Scientist at the level of Scientist 'G' from Department of Atomic Energy or Department of Space or Defence Research and Development Organization.
Scientist 'E' to Scientist 'F' and Scientist 'F' to Scientist 'G'	1. Chairman – Secretary; or Special Secretary or Additional Secretary to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 2. Members – 02 Scientists at the level of Scientist 'G' in the Ministry. 3. External Member – One Scientist at the level of Scientist 'G'/'H' from Department of Atomic Energy or Department of Space or Defence Research and Development Organization.

Note 1: The composition of the Internal Screening Committee shall be approved by the Controlling Authority on each occasion.

Note 2: Absence of any member from the proceedings of the Internal Screening Committee shall not invalidate the recommendations of the said Committee.

Note 3: The quorum for any meeting of the Internal Screening Committee shall be three, including the Chairperson.

Note 4: The recommendations of Internal Screening Committee shall be subject to acceptance of the Controlling Authority.

Level-2 Screening:

2.1 Composition of Assessment Board (for consideration of promotion or upgradation under the Scheme to the post of Scientist 'C' up to Scientist 'E' otherwise than under Exceptionally Meritorious Category):

Post / Grade	Composition of the Assessment Board
(1)	(2)
Scientist 'B', to Scientist 'C', Scientist 'C' to Scientist 'D' and Scientist 'D' to	1. Chairman - Additional Secretary to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 2. Member – Joint Secretary or Scientist 'G' in the Ministry to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 3. External Members – Three experts in the relevant field to be nominated by the Controlling Authority. 4. Member – For assessment of promotion/ upgradation to

Scientist 'E'	the grade of Scientist 'E', Joint Secretary (Administration) of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy as a representative of Department of Personnel and Training shall also be a Member.
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2.2 Composition of the Departmental Peer Review Committee (for consideration of promotion/ upgradation under the Scheme to the post of Scientist 'F' or Scientist 'G' and to the post of Scientist 'C' up to Scientist 'E' under Exceptionally Meritorious Category):

Post / Grade	Composition of the Departmental Peer Review Committee
(1)	(2)
Scientist 'E', to Scientist 'F'	1. Chairman – Secretary 2. Members – Two Secretaries from other Scientific Ministries/ Departments or their representatives not below the rank of Joint Secretary 3. External Members – Two eminent Scientists or experts in the relevant field nominated by the Controlling Authority 4. Member – Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training
Scientist 'F' to Scientist 'G'	1. Chairman - Secretary 2. Members – Two Secretaries from other Scientific Ministries/ Departments or their representatives not below the rank of Additional Secretary 3. External Members – Two eminent Scientists or experts in the relevant field nominated by the Controlling Authority 4. Member –Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training

Note 1: The composition of Assessment Board and Departmental Peer Review Committee shall be approved by the Controlling Authority on each occasion.

Note 2: Absence of any member from the proceedings of the Assessment Board and Departmental Peer Review Committee shall not invalidate the recommendations of the said Committee.

Note 3: The quorum for any meeting of the Assessment Board and Departmental Peer Review Committee shall be three, including the Chairperson.

Note 4: The recommendations of the Assessment Board and Departmental Peer Review Committee shall be subject to acceptance of the Controlling Authority.

Schedule-V
[See rule 5(6)]

A. Science Disciplines:

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S.No.	Discipline	Subjects
1.	Physical Science	1. Physics 2. Applied Physics 3. Solid State Physics 4. Basic Sciences with specialization in Physics 5. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Physics' as the main discipline.
2.	Chemical Sciences	1. Chemistry 2. Organic Chemistry 3. Inorganic Chemistry 4. Analytical Chemistry 5. Physical Chemistry 6. Chemical Sciences 7. Biochemistry 8. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Chemistry' as the main discipline.
3.	Biological Sciences	1. Botany 2. Plant Science 3. Zoology 4. Animal Science 5. Wildlife Science 6. Fisheries 7. Marine Sciences 8. Aquatic Ecology 9. Oceanography 10. Forestry 11. Forest Ecology 12. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Biology or Biotechnology' as the main discipline.
4.	Earth Atmospheric Sciences	1. Atmospheric Sciences 2. Atmospheric Physics 3. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Geology or Geophysics' as the main discipline.
5.	Environmental Sciences	1. Environmental Sciences 2. Ecology 3. Environment and Ecology 4. Limnology 5. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Environment or Ecology' as the main discipline.
6.	Mathematical Sciences	1. Mathematics 2. Applied Mathematics
7.	Computational and Information Sciences	1. Computational Science 2. Data Science 3. Statistics 4. Computational Statistics

		5. Information Science 6. Applied Statistics 7. Cryptography 8. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Computational and/or Information' as the main discipline
8.	Agricultural Sciences	1. Agricultural Sciences 2. Agricultural Physics 3. Agricultural Chemistry 4. Agricultural Microbiology 5. Vegetable Science 6. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Agriculture' as the main discipline.

B. Engineering/ Technology/ Biotechnology/ Medicine or Veterinary Sciences or Pharmaceutical Sciences (minimum 4 years degree course) disciplines and subjects thereunder:

S.No.	Discipline	Subjects
1.	Engineering/ Technology	1. Mechanical Engineering 2. Environmental Engineering 3. Civil Engineering 4. Mining Engineering 5. Biotechnology 6. Chemical Engineering 7. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Engineering' as the main discipline.
2.	Biotechnology	1. Biotechnology 2. Biochemical Technology 3. Bioinformatics 4. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Biotechnology' as the main discipline
3.	Medicine	Medicine
4.	Veterinary	Veterinary Sciences
5.	Pharmaceutical Sciences	1. Pharmacology 2. Pharmacy 3. Medicinal Chemistry 4. Pharmaceutical Chemistry 5. Any other relevant discipline with qualifying degree with 'Pharmaceutical Sciences' as the main discipline