



## **ABSTRACT**

Fire and Rescue Services Department – Tamil Nadu Fire Subordinate Service – Excluding the post of Station Officer, Fire and Rescue Services Department from the purview of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and to bring it under the purview of Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board – Amendment to the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Fire Subordinate Service - Orders - Issued.

### **Home (Police-XVII) Department**

**G.O.(Ms).No.234**

**Dated: 13.05.2023**

சோபகிருது வருடம், சித்திரை 30,  
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2054.

#### **Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms) No.1052, Home Department, dated 06.05.1976.
2. From the Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Chennai letter Rc.No.3926/B1/2019, dated 25.02.2019 and 31.12.2019.
3. From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai letter No.1355/RND-D2/2020, dated 29.09.2020.
4. From the Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Chennai letter Rc.No.3926/B1/2019, dated 24.02.2022, 05.08.2022, 03.01.2023, 24.03.2023 and 03.05.2023.

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#### **ORDER:-**

In the Government order first read above, the work of selection of candidates to the post of Station Officer in Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department by direct recruitment has been entrusted with the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

2. In the letter second read above, the Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Chennai has stated that the post of Station Officer in Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department is equivalent to the post of Sub-Inspector of Police in Police Department. The Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board is an exclusive

agency for conducting recruitment for the uniformed services posts including direct recruitment for the post of Sub-Inspector of Police. The Police Constables in Police Department are benefited with the reservation earmarked for serving Constables in the selection of Sub-Inspector, which is not followed in the recruitment of Station Officer done by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Hence, if the same recruiting agency of Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board is entrusted with recruitment of the post of Station Officer in Fire and Rescue Services Department as done in the post of Sub-Inspector of Police, will bring uniformity in selection of similar posts in two Departments as being done in the recruitment of Police Constables, Fireman and Warden. The Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Tamil Nadu has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders to exclude the post of Station Officer, Fire and Rescue Services Department from the purview of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and to bring it under the purview of Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board.

3. The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission in the letter third read above, has stated that the Commission has discussed the subject in depth and decided to agree to the proposal for excluding the post of Station Officer in Tamil Nadu Fire Sub-ordinate Service from the purview of the Commission.

4. The Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Chennai in the letter fourth read above has sent proposal for amending the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Fire Subordinate Service and for excluding the post of Station Officer, Fire and Rescue Services Department from the purview of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and to bring it under the purview of Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board and incorporating the eligibility criteria in respect of selection of General candidates and Departmental candidates for the post of Station Officer in Fire and Rescue Services Department.

5. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Chennai in detail along with relevant records and decided to exclude the post of Station Officer from the purview of Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and to bring it under the purview of Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board. Accordingly, the Government issue the following amendments to the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Fire Subordinate Service. The following notification will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette:-

### **NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 27 of the Tamil Nadu Fire Service Act, 1985 (Tamil Nadu Act of 40 of 1985) read with proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Fire Subordinate Service (Section 10 in Volume – III of the Tamil Nadu Services Manual, 2016)

2. (i) The amendment (1)(i) hereby made shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

(ii) The amendments (1)(ii) and (2) hereby made shall come into force on the date of publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

### **AMENDMENTS**

In the said Special Rules,-

(1) in rule 4,-

(i) in sub-rule (a), for the expression "The rule of reservation of appointments (General rule 22)", the expression "The principle of reservation of appointments as provided in section 27 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 2016)" shall be substituted;

(ii) after sub-rule (b), the following sub-rule shall be added, namely:-

"(c) In respect of the category of Station Officer, 20% of the vacancies under direct recruitment shall be reserved for departmental candidates.";

(2) in Annexure II, in the tabular column, against the entry "Class I Category 2 – (i) Station Officer" in column (1),-

(i) for the entry in column (2), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) For appointment of a candidate by direct recruitment, he must have completed the age of 20 years and must not have completed the age of 30 years:

Provided that for appointment of a candidate who is a member of Scheduled Caste including Arunthathiyars / Scheduled Tribe, the upper age limit shall be 35 years:

Provided further that for appointment of a candidate who is a member of Backward Classes or Backward Class (Muslims) or Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, the upper age limit shall be 32 years:

Provided also that for appointment of a candidate who is a Destitute Widow, the upper age limit shall be 37 years:

Provided also that for appointment of a candidate who is an Ex-serviceman, the upper age limit shall be 47 years, subject to condition that his candidature shall be considered only for a period of three years after the date of discharge from his unit:

Provided also that for appointment of a candidate who is an Ex-personnel of the Central Paramilitary Forces or a person serving in Armed Forces / Central Paramilitary Forces and who is about to retire within one year, the upper age limit shall be 47 years, subject to the condition that his candidature shall be considered only for a period of three years after the date of discharge from his unit:

Provided also that for appointment of a candidate by direct recruitment under the departmental quota, the candidate must not have completed the age of 47 years on the first day of July of the year in which the selection for appointment is made.

(2) For appointment of a candidate by recruitment by transfer from the post of Assistant in the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service in the department of Fire and Rescue Services, he must not have completed the age of 35 years.”;

(ii) in column (3),-

(a) in entry (1), after item (c), the following item shall be added, namely:-

“(d) Lasik / Laser surgery / excimer laser surgery in either of the eye shall deemed to be a disqualification.”;

(b) for the entries (2), (3) and (4), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) Must possess the following minimum physical standards:-

(a) The norms for general candidates for Physical Measurement Test are as follows:-

<b>Height Measurement</b>		
Category	Men	Women
OC, BC, BC(M), MBC & DNC	170 cms	159 cms
SC, SC(A), ST	167 cms	157 cms
<b>Chest measurement (for Men only)</b>		
Normal	81 cms	
Expansion in full inspiration	5 cms (81 cms to 86 cms)	
Ex-servicemen / Ex-Personnel of the Central Paramilitary Forces / Person serving in Armed Forces / Central Paramilitary Forces who is about to retire within one year / Departmental candidates	Exempted from Physical Measurement Test	

(b) All the physical measurements (Height / Chest) will be rounded off to the nearest 0.5 centimeter, as the case may be.

(c) Physical Measurement Test is qualifying in nature.

(d) The candidates who qualify in the Physical Measurement Test will alone be allowed to participate in the Endurance Test.

(3) Educational and other qualification:-

(a) By direct recruitment.- (i) **General Candidates:-** Must possess a degree from any University or Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant:

Provided that other things being equal, preference shall be given to persons who have successfully undergone any of the training course in the National Fire Service College, Nagpur.

(ii) **Departmental Candidates.-** (a) Must possess a degree from any university or Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant:

(b) Must have put in a service for a period of not less than five years in their respective categories on the date of notification of the vacancy; and

(c) Must have clean record of service without any punishment other than a minor punishment of censure:

Provided that other things being equal, preference shall be given to persons who have successfully undergone successfully any of the training course at National Fire Service College, Nagpur.

(b) By recruitment by transfer.- Must possess a degree from any University or Institution recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant.

(c) No person shall be eligible for appointment if the degree obtained is not in accordance with the pattern specified under Explanation-I to section 25 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016.

(d) Tamil Language Eligibility Test: All candidates shall be subjected to the Tamil language eligibility test. It is qualifying in nature and will be of objective type. The candidate has to obtain a minimum of 40 percentage of marks to be eligible for the next level of evaluation of the main examination OMR answer sheet. The marks obtained in Tamil language eligibility test will not be considered for preparation of provisional selection list at any stage. The syllabus is upto 10<sup>th</sup> standard level. It will have 100 objective type questions for 100 marks and the duration of examination will be 100 minutes (1 hour and 40 minutes). The minimum qualifying mark is 40% i.e 40 marks.

(4) The candidates shall be subjected to the written examination, endurance test and physical efficiency test as detailed below before they are admitted to the oral test:-

(i) Main written examination:-(a) General candidates:-

Part A - General knowledge  
40 marks - 80 questions. (Objective Type)

Part B – Psychology Test: Logical analysis, numerical analysis, mental ability, information handling ability, communication skills – Tamil and English  
30 marks - 60 questions. (Objective type)

Each question carries ½ marks, Duration: 2 ½ hours, Minimum qualifying marks in written examination is 35% i.e. 25 marks

(b) Departmental candidates:-

Part A - General Knowledge

15 Marks -30 questions. (Objective type)

Part B - Psychology Test- Logical analysis, numerical analysis, mental ability, information handling ability, communication skills – Tamil and English, rules and regulations relating to Fire and Rescue Services, Station routine, Tamil Nadu Fire Service Manual and administration of Fire and Rescue Services.  
70 marks - 140 questions (Objective type)

Each question carries ½ mark, Duration: 3 hours, Minimum qualifying marks in written examination is 35% i.e. 30 marks

(ii) Endurance Test:- (a) The norms for General and Departmental candidates for Endurance Test is as follows:-

Men / Departmental candidates	1500 metres run in 7 minutes
Women	400 metres run in 2 minutes and 30 seconds
Ex-servicemen / Ex-personnel of Central Para Military Forces / Person serving in Armed Forces / Central Para Military Forces who is about to retire within one year	1500 meters run in 8 minutes

(b) Endurance Test is qualifying in nature.

(c) The candidates who qualify in the Endurance Test will alone be allowed to participate in the Physical Efficiency Test.

(iii) Physical Efficiency Test:-(a) For Men Candidates:-

Sl. No.	Event	No star (No star = 0 Mark)	One Star (1 star = 2 Marks)	Two Stars (2 stars = 5 Marks)
1.	Rope climbing	Less than 5.00 Meters	5.00 Meters	6.00 Meters
2.	Long Jump	Less than 3.80 Meters	3.80 Meters	4.50 Meters
	(or)			
	High Jump	Less than 1.20 Meters	1.20 Meters	1.40 Meters
3.	100 Meters Run	More than 15.00 seconds	15.00 Seconds	13.50 Seconds
	(or)			
	400 Meters Run	More than 80.00 seconds	80.00 Seconds	70.00 Seconds

Out of the above five events, every candidate shall participate in three events, namely, rope climbing, one jump event and one running event.

(b) For Women Candidates:-

Sl. No.	Event	No Star (No star = 0 Mark)	One Star (1 star = 2 Marks)	Two Stars (2 stars = 5 Marks)
1.	Shot Put (4 Kg)	Less than 4.25 Meters	4.25 Meters	5.50 Meters
	(or)			
	Cricket ball throw	Less than 17.00 Meters	17.00 Meters	24.00 Meters
2.	Long Jump	Less than 3.00 Meters	3.00 Meters	3.75 Meters
3.	100 Meters Run	More than 17.50 seconds	17.50 Seconds	15.50 Seconds
	(or)			
	200 Meters Run	More than 38.00 seconds	38.00 Seconds	33.00 Seconds

Out of the above five events, every candidate shall participate in three events, namely, one throw event, one jump event and one running event.

(c) For Ex-Servicemen and Ex-Personnel of Central Paramilitary Forces / Person serving in Armed Forces / Central Paramilitary Forces who are about to retire within one year:-

Sl. No.	Event	No star (No star = 0 Mark)	One star (1 star=2 Marks)	Two star (2 stars=5 Marks)
1.	Shot put (7.26 Kgs)	Less than 5.00 Meters	5.00 Meters	6.00 Meters
2.	High jump	Less than 0.90 Meters	0.90 Meters	1.40 Meters
	(or)			
	Long jump	Less than 3.25 Meters	3.25 Meters	4.50 Meters
3.	100 Meters Run	More than 17.00 seconds	17.00 Seconds	13.50 Seconds
	(or)			
	400 Meters Run	More than 85.00 seconds	85.00 Seconds	70.00 Seconds

Out of the above five events, every candidate shall participate in three events, namely, shot put event, one jump event and one running event.

(d) Departmental candidates are exempted from Physical Efficiency Test.

(5) Special marks:-

(i) For General candidates,- Special marks shall be given to the candidates after viva-voce as detailed below, subject to a maximum of 5 marks.

(a) National Cadet Corps (NCC) (Maximum 2 Marks)

One Year Member/ "A" certificate	½ Mark
Possession of "B" Certificate	1 Mark
Possession of "C" Certificate/Under Officer Best Cadet in All India level	2 Marks

(b) National Service Scheme (NSS) (Maximum 1 Mark)

Participation in a National Programme like Republic Day parade in New Delhi / National Integration and Motivation Camps / Inter State Youth Exchange Programme by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports of State Government	½ mark
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Best Volunteer at State Level / National level or Best NSS Cadet at Republic Day Parade in New Delhi	1 mark
Participation in regular activities or State Special camps	½ mark

(c) Sports / Games (Maximum 2 Marks)

**List of approved Games:-**

1. Basket Ball, 2. Foot Ball, 3. Hockey, 4. Volley Ball,
5. Hand Ball, 6. Kabbadi, 7. Wrestling, 8. Boxing,
9. Gymnastics, 10. Judo, 11. Weight Lifting, 12. Aquatics (Swimming),
13. Athletics, 14. Equitation (Horse riding), 15. Rifle Shooting, 16. Silambam

Represented School in District level	½ mark
Represented College in Zonal level (Inter Collegiate)	½ mark
Represented University (Form-III) (Inter University)	1 mark
Represented District in Inter District tournament	1 mark
Represented State (Form-II) (Tamil Nadu)	1 ½ mark
Represented Nation in international Competition (Form-I) (India)	2 marks

In each category, the highest certificate (yielding maximum marks) will be considered. If a candidate having two certificates which are carrying equal marks, only one certificate will be considered for awarding marks. A candidate can claim maximum of 5 marks under special marks.

(ii) For Departmental candidates, - Special marks shall be given to the departmental candidates after viva-voce for having medal as detailed below subject to the maximum of 5 marks.

Name of the medal		Marks
(a)(i)	President's Fire Service Medal for gallantry on the occasion of Republic Day / Independence Day	5 marks
(ii)	Fire Service Medal for gallantry on the occasion of Republic Day / Independence Day	
(iii)	Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for gallantry (Anna Medal) on the occasion of Anna's Birthday on 15 <sup>th</sup> September	
(b)(i)	Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal for Excellence	3 marks
(ii)	Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Anna Medal for gallantry on the occasion of Republic Day	

(c)(i)	Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day / Independence Day	2 marks
(ii)	Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal) on the occasion of Anna's Birthday on 15 <sup>th</sup> September	
(d)	Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal on Pongal Day	1 mark

(6) Marks allocation:-

Details	General candidates	Departmental candidates
Tamil language Eligibility Test	100 marks	100 marks
Main written examination	70 marks	85 marks
Physical Efficiency Test	15 marks	Exempted
Viva-voce	10 marks	10 marks
Special marks	5 marks	5 marks
Total	100 marks	100 marks

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)****K. PHANINDRA REDDY  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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