

**Recruitment Rules for the post of Range Forest Officer
Revenue and Forest Department
Mantralaya Mumbai 32 Dated 6th April 1998**

No. FTR 1290/CR302/F-4 :- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of all existing rules, orders or instruments made in this behalf, the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to make the following rules regulating recruitment to the post of Range Forest Officer in the Maharashtra Forest Service, Group –B, under the Revenue and Forests Department of the Government of Maharashtra, namely:--

- 1) These rules may be called the Range Forest Officer in the Maharashtra Forest Service, Group B (Recruitment) Rules 1997.
- 2) In these rules unless the context requires otherwise:-
 - (a) "Commission" means the Maharashtra Public Service Commission.
 - (b) "Range Forest Officer's Training course" means a training course conducted by the Range Forest Officers' Training college for imparting training in forestry and allied subjects, to the Range Forest Officers according to the rules prescribed by the Government of India or the State Government.
 - (c) "Department" means Revenue and Forest Department of Government of Maharashtra.
- 3) Appointment to the post of Range Forest Officers in the Maharashtra Forest Service Group B shall be made either –
 - (a) by promotion of a suitable person on the basis of seniority cum merit from amongst the person holding the post of Forester having not less than three years regular service as Forester and possessing qualification as to have passed Secondary School Certificate Examination ; or
 - (b) by nomination from amongst candidates who are selected for the Range Forest Officers' training course, on the basis of result of the competitive examination held by the commission in accordance with the rules made in this behalf from time to time and have successfully completed the training course.
- 4) In order to be eligible for admission to the competitive examination a candidate shall :-
 - a) not less than eighteen years and not more than thirty years of age;
 - b) possess a degree of a statutory university with at least one of the subject of Botany, Chemistry, Forestry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Zoology, Horticulture, Agriculture Engineering ;
 - c) Possess the minimum physical standard as follows:

S.N.	Category of candidate	Height (in cm)	Chest girth (deflated) (in cm)	With minimum expansion by (in cm)
1.	Male candidate	163	79	5
2.	Female Candidate	150	74	5
Relaxable in the case of candidate belonging to Schedule Tribes as below :				
3.	Male candidate	152.5	79	5
4.	Female candidate	145	74	5

- d) have visual acuity 6/6 each eye with 4+OD after correction. There should be no infective condition of external eye or squint ;
- e) have ability for walking a distance of 25 kilometers and 14 kilometers to be completed in 4 hours by male or female candidates respectively.
Provided that after the selection of candidates by the commission, on the basis of Competitive Examination, a selected candidate shall be required to undergo the Physical and Medical test to be held by the Department on the terms of Rules 4(c), 4(d) and 4(e) respectively.

- 5) Appointment to the post mentioned in rule 3 by promotion and nomination shall be made in the ratio of 50:50.
- 6) A person appointed to the post by nomination shall be on probation for a period of three years including two years training at the forestry training colleges recognized by the Government of India in this regard and one year field training as decided by Principal Chief Conservator Forests or Chief Conservator Forests (Administration).
- 7) The interse-seniority of the Range Forest Officer, appointed by nomination shall be determined by adding the marks obtained by the candidate on the basis of merit in the examination held by the Commission and marks obtained by the candidates in the final examination at the Training course.
- 8) A person appointed to the post whether by promotion or by nomination, shall be required to pass the departmental examination and examination in Hindi and Marathi according to the rules made in that behalf, unless he has already passed, or has been exempted from passing these examinations.
- 9) A person appointed to the post shall be liable for transfer anywhere in the state of Maharashtra .

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

GOVIND SWARUP
Secretary (Forests)