CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

No. FST. 1077/6875/(244)/14-ADF.—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 Government of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to make the following rules regulating recruitment to the posts of District Fisheries Development Officer, Fisheries Training Officer, Fisheries Development Officer, Curator (Taraporewala Aquarium) and Assistant Project Officer (Drought Prone Area Programme) in the Maharashtra Service for Fisheries, Class II, namely:

1. These rules may be called the District Fisheries Development Officer, Fisheries Training Officer, Fisheries Development Officer, Curator (Taraporewala Aquarium) and Assistant Project Officer (Drought Prone Area Programme) in the Maharashtra Service for Fisheries, Class II (Recruitment) Rules, 1982.

2. In these rules unless the context requires otherwise,—

(a) "Commission" means the Maharashtra Public Service Commission;

(b) "degree" means a degree of a statutory University;

(c) "Government" means the Government of Maharashtra.

3. The appointment to a post of District Fisheries Development Officer, Fisheries Training Officer, Fisheries Development Officer, Curator (Taraporewala Aquarium) or Assistant Project Officer (Drought Prone Area Programme) in the Maharashtra Service for Fisheries Class II, shall be made either,—

(a) by promotion of a suitable person on the basis of seniority—cum—merit from amongst persons from the cadre of Assistant Fisheries Development Officer, Biologist, Pisciculturist, Fisheries Assistant, Senior Fisheries Assistant, Head Master and Instructor who possess a degree in Science with Zoology as one of the subjects and have put in not less than three years' service in Class III Technical Cadre, in the Directorate of Fisheries of Government; or

(b) by nomination from amongst candidates who,—

(i) Unless already in the service of Government, are not more than thirty-three years of age;

(ii) possess a post-graduate degree in Zoology (by papers or thesis) or any diploma declared by Government to be equivalent to such post-graduate degree;
(iii) possess practical experience of Fisheries work for a period of not less than three years gained after acquiring the qualifications mentioned in sub-clause (ii);

(iv) have adequate knowledge of Marathi:

Provided that the age limit may be relaxed by Government on the recommendation of the Commission in favour of candidates having exceptional qualifications or experience or both:

Provided further that preference may be given to candidates having training and administrative experience in fisheries.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (iii), of clause (b) of rule 3, if at any stage of selection, the Commission is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates possessing the requisite experience are not available to fill up the vacancies reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (including Nav-Boudhas), Scheduled Tribes, Denotified Tribes or Nomadic Tribes, then the Commission may, in the matter of such selection, relax the requirement in respect of the period of experience set out therein and select suitable candidates belonging to such Castes or Tribes.

5. The persons appointed to the posts referred to in rule 3 by nomination shall be on probation for a period of two years.

6. Appointment to each of the posts referred to in rule 3 shall be made by promotion and by nomination in the ratio of 50:50.

7. The persons appointed, whether by promotion or nomination, to any of the posts referred to in rule 3 shall be required to pass the examinations in Hindi and Marathi and also a Departmental examination according to the rules made in that behalf, unless they have already passed, or have been exempted from passing, these examinations.

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

J. INNOCENT,
Secretary to Government.