

ANDHRA PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: VIJAYAWADA**NOTIFICATION NO.12 /2021. Dt. 28/09/2021****DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF HORTICULTURE OFFICER IN A.P. HORTICULTURE SERVICE****(GENERAL RECRUITMENT)****PARA – 1:**

- 1.1. Applications are invited online for recruitment to the post of Horticulture Officer in A.P. Horticulture Service for a total of 39 vacancies in the scale of pay of Rs.35,120/- to 87,130/- from candidates within the age group of 18 – 42 years as on 01.07.2021.
- 1.2. The candidate shall apply online through Commission's Website <https://psc.ap.gov.in> from **11/10/2021 to 02/11/2021** (Note: **01/11/2021** is the last date for payment of fee upto 11:59 mid night).
- 1.3. The applicant who desires to apply for the above post shall login the Commission's Website, with his/her registered OTPR number. In case the candidate is applying for the first time to the posts notified by A.P.P.S.C. he/she shall register his/her bio-data particulars through One Time Profile Registration (OTPR) on the Commission's Website viz., <https://psc.ap.gov.in> Once applicant registers his/her particulars, a user ID is generated and sent to his/her registered mobile number and email ID.
- 1.4. The selection to the post shall be on the basis of Written Examination in Computer Based Recruitment Test mode conducted by the Commission. The Dates of Written Examination will be announced separately.
- 1.5. The candidates are required to visit the Commission's website regularly to keep themselves updated about dates of written examinations are to be held. The examination would be in objective type and questions are to be answered on computer system. Instructions regarding computer based recruitment test are attached as Annexure - III. The medium of Examination will be **English only**.
- 1.6. A general Mock Test facility is available to the applicants on the Commission's website to acquaint themselves with the computer based recruitment test. Applicant can visit the website and practice the answering pattern under MOCK TEST option available on main page of website <https://psc.ap.gov.in>
- 1.7. The applicant is required to visit the Commission's website regularly to keep himself / herself updated until completion of the recruitment process. The Commission's website information is final for all correspondence. No individual correspondence by any means will be entertained under any circumstances.
- 1.8. HALL TICKETS for the written Examination will be hosted on Commission's website for downloading. Instructions would be given through the website regarding downloading of Hall Tickets.
- 1.9. All desirous and eligible candidates shall apply online after satisfying themselves as per the terms and conditions of this recruitment notification. Any application sent through any mode other than the prescribed online mode will not be entertained under any circumstances. Submission of application form by the candidate is considered that he / she has read the notification and shall abide by the terms and conditions laid down there under.
- 1.10. The details of vacancies are as follows:-

Name of the Department	Zone wise vacancies				Total
	I	II	III	IV	
Horticulture Officer in A.P. Horticulture Service	05	13	11	10	39

Note: The details of vacancies viz., Community, Zone and Gender wise (General / Women) may be seen at Annexure-I.

PARA-2: ELIGIBILITY:

- i. He / She is of sound health, active habits and free from any bodily defect or infirmity rendering him/her unfit for such service;
His / Her character and antecedents are such as to qualify him/her for such service;
- ii. He /She should possess the academic and other qualifications prescribed for the post: and
- iii. He/ She is a citizen of India:
Provided that no candidate other than a citizen of India may be appointed except with the previous sanction of the State Government and except in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as they may be laid down. Such

sanction shall not be accorded unless the State Government are satisfied that sufficient number of citizens of India, who are qualified and suitable are not available.

PARA-3: EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate should possess the prescribed academic qualification as per the date of this notification. **The date of this notification** shall be the crucial date for calculating the experience including the practical experience. **In respect of other than prescribed Educational Qualifications, claiming equivalence, the decision of the concerned department (Unit Officer) shall be final.**

Note: If the applicant possesses an equivalence of qualification other than prescribed qualification in the Commission's notification, applicant should produce a copy of the Government Orders to the Commission in advance in with 10 days of last date for submitting applications, failing which their application will be rejected.

Name of the post	Educational Qualifications
Horticulture Officer in A.P. Horticulture Service	Must possess Four year B.Sc. Degree/ B.Sc. (Hons) Degree in Horticulture of a recognized University in the State or any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.

PARA- 4 RESERVATIONS:

- 4.1. There will be reservations in direct recruitment in respect of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Economically Weaker Sections, Physically Challenged, Women and Meritorious Sports Person as per Rule 22 and 22 (A) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules.
- 4.2. In the case of candidates who claim the benefit of reservation or relaxation from upper age limit on the basis of Caste/Tribe or Community the basic document of proof of Community will be the Certificate issued by the Revenue Authorities not below the rank of Tahsildar in the case of SC/ST/EWS and Non Creamy Layer Certificate issued by the Revenue Authorities in the case of Backward Classes. The list of Caste/Tribe/Community is as incorporated in Schedule-I of above Rules. The list is also appended at Annexure -IV. The candidates have to produce proof of the community claimed in their application at all stages of selection along with the certificates relating to educational qualifications and local status certificates etc.,. Subsequent claim of change of community will not be entertained.
- 4.3. The person with disability means a person suffering from not less than forty percent of any disability as certified by a medical authority except hearing Impairment. Hearing Impairment means loss of sixty decibels or more in the better ear in the conversational range of frequencies which corresponds to 85 dBs Hearing threshold on the audiogram in the better ear i.e., 85 dB hearing level in audiogram – 25 dB upper limit of normal hearing = 60 dBs hearing loss as per provision under "Person with Disabilities Act, 1995".
- 4.4. Caste & Community: Community Certificate issued by the competent authority in terms of G.O. Ms No. 58, SW (J) Dept., dt.12/5/97 should be submitted at appropriate time. As per A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, Rule -2(28) Explanation: In so far as claiming for SC reservation is concerned, No person who professes a religion different from Hinduism shall be deemed a member of Schedule Caste. However, scheduled caste converts to Buddhism deemed to be scheduled caste. BCs, SCs, STs & EWS belonging to other States are not entitled for reservation.
- 4.5. There shall be Reservation to Women horizontally to an extent of 33 1/3% in terms of rule 22 -A of APSSS Rules as per G.O. Ms. No. 63, GA (Ser-D) Dept., dated: 17.04.2018.
- 4.6. The reservation to meritorious sports persons will apply as per G.O.Ms.No.13, GA (Ser-D) Dept., dated: 23.01.2018, G.O.Ms.No.74, Youth, Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports) Dept., dated: 09.08.2012, G.O.Ms.No.473, Youth, Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports) Dept., dated: 03.12.2018 and G.O.Ms.No.08, Youth, Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports) Dept., dated: 23.11.2020.
- 4.7. Evaluation of various physical disabilities and procedure for certification will be as per orders contained in G.O.Ms. No. 56, WD, CW & DW (DW) Dept., dated 02.12.2003 and G.O.Ms. No. 31, WD, CW & DW (DW) Dept., dated 01.12.2009.
- 4.8. Reservation to BC-E group will be subject to the adjudication of the litigation before the Hon'ble Courts including final orders in Civil Appeal No: (a) 2628-2637 of 2010 in SLP. No. 7388-7397 of 2010, dated. 25/03/2010 and orders from the Government.
- 4.9. The candidates claiming status of non-creamy layer of Backward Class have to obtain a Certificate in terms of G.O. Ms. No. 3, Backward Classes Welfare (C-2) Department, Dated

04.04.2006 read with G.O. Ms. No. 26 Backward Classes Welfare(C) Department, Dated 09.12.2013 regarding their exclusion from the Creamy Layer from the competent authority (Tahasildar) and produce the same at appropriate time of verification. In case of failure to produce the same on the day of verification, the Candidature will be considered against open competition even if he / she are otherwise eligible in all aspects.

- 4.10. Economically Weaker Sections means the persons who are not covered under existing scheme of reservations for the SCs, the STs and Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and whose gross annual family income is below Rs.8.00 lakh are identified as Economically Weaker Sections for the benefit of reservations. The persons seeking the benefit of reservation under EWS category shall obtain the necessary EWS Certificate issued by the Tahsildar concerned and produce at an appropriate time to the Commission as per G.O.Ms.No:73 GA(SER-D)Dept,Dt:04-08-2021.

PARA - 5: RESERVATION TO LOCAL CANDIDATES:

- 5.1. The specification of a post is determined by the concerned Department with reference to both vertical and horizontal reservations as well as local reservation. The reservations are specified through the indent by the concerned department and the general criteria with regard to reservations are given below.
- 5.2. Reservation to the Local candidates is applicable as provided in Article 371-D as per G.O.Ms.No.674, G.A (SPF- A) Department, dated.20.10.1975 and rules as amended from time to time and as in force on the date of notification. The candidates claiming reservation as Local candidates should obtain the required Study Certificate(s) (from IV Class to X Class or SSC) OR Residence Certificate in the proforma prescribed for those candidates who have not studied in any Educational Institutions as the case may be. The relevant certificates with authorized signature shall be produced as and when required.
- 5.3. It is a Zonal post and local reservations are applicable.

PARA -6 DEFINITION OF LOCAL CANDIDATE:

- 6.1. A local candidate has been defined in G.O.Ms.No.674, General Administration (SPF-A) Department, dated: 20.10.1975 "LOCAL CANDIDATE" as follows:

"Local Candidate:- (1) A candidate for direct recruitment to any post shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area.

(a) in cases where a minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post.

(i) "if he has studied in an educational institution or educational institutions in such local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination; or

(ii) where during the whole or any part of the four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination he has not studied in any educational institution, if he has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the qualifying examination in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared.

(b) In cases where no minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post, if he has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date on which the post is notified for recruitment.

Explanations:- For the purpose of the paragraph.

(i) Educational institution means a University or any educational institution recognized by the State Government, a University or other competent authority;

(ii) Relevant qualifying examination in relation to a post means;

(a) the examination, a pass in which is the minimum educational qualification prescribed for the post;

(b) the Matriculation examination or an examination declared by the State Government to be equivalent to the Matriculation examination;

Whichever is lower; and

(iii) In reckoning the consecutive academic years during which a candidate has studied, any period of interruption of his study by reason of his failure to pass any examination shall be disregarded.

(iv) the question whether any candidate for direct recruitment to any post has resided in any local area shall be determined with reference to the places where the candidate

actually resided and not with reference to the residence of his parents or other guardian (Vide G.O.Ms.No.168, G.A. (SPF.A) Department, dated.10-3-77).

(2) A candidate for direct recruitment to any post who is not regarded as a local candidate under sub paragraph (1) in relation to any local area shall.

(a) In cases where a minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post.

(i) if he has studied in educational institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with academic year in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(1) Such local area where he has studied for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or

(2) where the periods of his study in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he has studied last in such equal periods;

(ii) if during the whole or any part of the seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic years in which he appeared or as the case may be first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he has not studied in the educational institutions in any local area, but has resided in the State during the whole of the said period of seven years, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(1) such local area where he has resided for a maximum period out of the said period of seven years: or

(2) where the periods of his residence in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he has resided last in such equal periods;

(b) In cases where no minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post, if he has resided in the State for a period of not less than seven years immediately preceding the date on which the post is notified for recruitment, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(i) such local area where he has resided for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or

(ii) Where the periods of his residence is two or more local areas are equal such local area where he has resided last in such equal periods " .

(G.O.Ms.No.168, dated 10-3-1977)

- 6.2. Single certificate, whether of study or residence as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.674, General Administration (SPF-A) Dept., dated: 20.10.1975 would suffice for enabling the candidate to apply as a "LOCAL CANDIDATE".
- 6.3. Residence certificate will not be accepted, if a candidate has studied in any Educational Institution upto S.S.C. or equivalent examination. Such candidates have to produce study certificates invariably. The candidates, who acquired degree from open Universities directly without studying in any Educational Institution, only may submit residence certificate. Here Educational Institutions mean a recognized Institution by the Government / University/Competent authority.
- 6.4. Candidates are advised to refer provisions of the PRESIDENTIAL ORDER 1975 in this regard.
- 6.5. Candidates who migrated from Telangana to Andhra Pradesh between 2nd June, 2014 and 1st June, 2021 as per G.O.Ms.No. 130, General Administration (SPF&MC) Department, dated.29.10.2019 and as per terms laid down in circular memo no.4136/SPF & MC/2015-5, Dated.20.11.2017 of Government of Andhra Pradesh shall obtain the Local Status Certificate from competent authority and produce at the time of verification.
- 6.6. The composition of Districts in each zone is as hereunder:
- Zone-I: Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam. (SKM, VZM,VSP,)
- Zone-II: East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna. (EG, WG, KST)
- Zone-III: Guntur, Prakasam and Nellore. (GNT, PKM, NLR)
- Zone-IV: Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool. (CTR, CDP, ATP, KNL)

The candidates belonging to other States are not entitled for local Reservations.

PARA- 7 AGE:

7.1. Minimum 18 years & Maximum 42 years as on 01/07/2021, as per G.O.Ms.No.52 GA (Ser-A)Dept., Dt.17.06.2020.

N.B.: No person shall be eligible if less than 18 years and is more than 42 years.

7.2. Age Relaxation is applicable to the categories as detailed below:

S. No.	Category of candidates	Relaxation of age permissible
1.	SC, ST, BCs and EWS	5Years
2.	Physically Handicapped persons	10 Years
3.	Ex-Service men	Shall be allowed to deduct from his age a period of 3 years in addition to the length of service rendered by him in the armed forces / NCC.
4.	N.C.C. (who have worked as Instructor in N.C.C.)	
5.	Regular A.P. State Government Employees (Employees of Corporations, Municipalities etc. are not eligible).	Allowed to deduct from his age the length of regular Service under State Government up to a maximum of five years for the purposes of the maximum age limit.
<p>EXPLANATION: Provided that the persons referred to at Sl.Nos.3 & 4 above shall, after making the deductions referred to in sub Rule 12 (c) (i) & (ii) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules not exceed the Maximum age limit prescribed for the post. The age relaxation for Ex-Servicemen is applicable for those who have been released from Armed Forces other than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency.</p>		

PARA - 8 HOW TO APPLY:

STEP-I: The applicant who desires to apply for the post shall login the Commission's Website with his/her registered OTPR number. Candidate applying for the first time for any notification has to first fill the OTPR application carefully to obtain OTPR ID. While filling the OTPR, the candidate has to ensure that the particulars are filled correctly. The Commission bears no responsibility for the mistakes, if any, made by the candidates. If candidates choose to modify they may do so by clicking the modify OTPR make the modification, save them and proceed to STEP-II.

STEP-II: The applicant has to Login the Commission's website with the user name (OTPR ID) and the Password set by candidate. After Login, the applicant has to click on the "Online Application Submission" present in the bottom right corner of the Commission's website.

PAYMENT PROCESS: The applicant now has to click on the payment link against the notification number that he wants to apply. The basic details required for calculation of the fee and age relaxation will be pre-populated from the OTPR data. The applicant has to verify all the details that are displayed. Once the payment form is submitted, the respective details (used for calculation of fee and age relaxation) will not be altered in any stage of application processing. Hence if any details are to be changed, applicant should use the modify OTPR link, modify the details, save it and again click on application payment link.

STEP-III: After checking all the data and ensuring that the data is correct the applicant has to fill application specific data such as Local/Non Local status, white card details etc., which are also used to calculate the fee. Once all the data is filled appropriately, the applicant has to submit the payment form. On successful submission, the payment reference ID is generated and is displayed on the screen. By clicking "OK" the applicant is shown the various payment options where he/she can select any one among them and complete the payment process as given on the screen.

STEP-IV: Once the payment is successful, payment reference ID is generated. Candidates can note the payment reference ID for future correspondence. Thereafter the applicant is directed to the application form. Applicant should provide the payment reference Id generated along with the other details required for filing the application form (other fields like OTPR ID and fees relaxations details will be pre-populated from the data submitted in the payment form for respective notification). The applicant should check the data displayed thoroughly and should fill the application specific fields like qualification details, examination centre etc., carefully and submit the application form. Once the application is submitted successfully then application receipt is generated. The applicant is requested to print and save the application receipt for future reference/correspondence.

NOTE: Applicant shall note that the data displayed from OTPR at the time of submitting the

application will be considered for the purpose of this notification only. Any changes made by the applicant to OTPR data at a later date shall not be considered for the notification on hand.

STEP-V: In any case if the payment process is not submitted successfully, then the applicant should start the fresh payment process as mentioned in STEP-II.

STEP-VI: Once the application is submitted successfully, correction in application form will be enabled. The corrections can be made in the application form itself. Fields which affect the name, fee and age relaxations are not enabled for corrections.

NOTE:

- A. The Commission is not responsible, for any omissions made by the applicant in bio-data particulars while submitting the application form online. The applicants are therefore, advised to strictly follow the instructions given in the user guide before submitting the application.
- B. All the candidates are requested to submit their application with correct data. It is noticed that some of the candidates are requesting for change in the data, after submission of the application. It is informed that such requests shall be allowed on payment of Rs.100/- (Rupees hundred only) for each correction. However changes are not allowed for name, fee and age relaxation. No manual application for corrections shall be entertained. Corrections in the applications will be enabled after the last date of the submission of applications and will be allowed up to 7 days only from the last date of applications.
- C. The particulars furnished by the applicant in the application form will be taken as final. Candidates should, therefore, be very careful in uploading / submitting the application form online.
- D. Incomplete/incorrect application form will be summarily rejected. The information if any furnished by the candidate subsequently will not be entertained by the Commission under any circumstances. Applicants should be careful in filling-up the application form and submission. If any lapse is detected during the scrutiny, the candidature will be rejected even though he/she comes to the final stage of recruitment process or even at a later stage and also liable for punishment as per Para 16.1 of this notification.
- E. Before uploading/submission application form, the candidates should carefully ensure his/her eligibility for this examination. No relevant column of the application form should be left blank; otherwise application form will not be accepted.

PARA - 9: (a) FEE:

- 9.1. Applicant must pay Rs. 250/- (Rupees two hundred and fifty only) towards application processing fee and Rs 120/- (Rupees One Hundred and twenty only) towards examination fee.
- 9.2. However, the following categories of candidates are exempted from payment of examination fee Rs.120/- only.
 - i) SC, ST, BC, PH & Ex-Service Men.
 - ii) Families having household supply white card issued by Civil Supplies Department, A.P. Government. (Residents of Andhra Pradesh)
 - iii) Un-employed youth as per G.O.Ms.No.439, G.A (Ser- A) Dept., dated: 18/10/1996 should submit declaration at an appropriate time to the Commission.
 - iv) Applicants belonging to the categories mentioned above (except Physically Handicapped Persons & Ex-Service Men) hailing from other States are not entitled for exemption from payment of fee and not entitled for claiming any kind of reservation.
 - v) Candidates belonging to other States shall pay the prescribed examination fee of Rs.120/-(Rupees One Hundred and twenty only), along with processing fee of Rs. 250/- (Rupees two hundred and fifty only) through different channels as indicated at Para-8. Otherwise such applications will not be considered and no correspondence on this will be entertained.

9.3. **b) MODE OF PAYMENT OF FEE:**

- i) The fee mentioned in the above paragraph is to be paid online using payment gateway using net banking/ credit card / debit card. The list of banks providing service for the purpose of online remittance of fee will be available on the website.
- ii) The fee once remitted shall not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances. Failure to pay the examination fee and application fee (in non-exempt case) will entail total rejection of application.
- iii) IPOs / Demand Drafts are not accepted.
- iv) In case of corrections Rs.100/- per correction will be charged. However changes are not allowed for name, fee and age relaxation.

PARA-10: SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:-

The Scheme & Syllabus for the examination has been shown in Annexure-II.

PARA - 11: CENTRES FOR THE EXAMINATIONS:

The centres of examination will be announced separately. The applicant may choose the Test centre with three preferences. However the Commission reserves the right to allot the applicant to any centre of examination depending on the availability of the resources like centers / systems.

PARA - 12 RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES RELATED TO QUESTION PAPER, ANSWER KEY AND OTHER MATTERS

- 12.1. The Commission would publish the key on its website after conduct of the examination. Any objections with regard to the key / questions shall be filed within one week after publication of the key in the prescribed proforma available in the website.
- 12.2. The objections received in the prescribed proforma and within due date will be referred to Expert Committee for opinion and to take appropriate decision thereon by the Commission. As per decision of the Commission a revised key will be hosted and further objections only in respect of keys that are revised would be called for a period of three working days from the date of publication of revised key. No further objections on original key will be entertained at this stage. The matter will again be referred to experts. Taking into consideration the opinion of Expert Committee and the final key would be hosted on website based on the decision of the Commission.
- 12.3. The objections if any would be examined and the decision of the Commission in this regard shall be final. Any objection filed after expiry of specified time from the date of publication of key / revised key would not be entertained.

PARA -13 NOTE ON IMPORTANT LEGAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

- 13.1. Vacancies: The recruitment will be made to the vacancies notified only. There shall be no waiting list as per G.O. Ms. No. 81, General Administration (Ser. A) Department, Dated 22/02/1997, G.O.Ms.No.544, General Administration (Ser. A) Department, Dated: 04.12.1998 and Rule 6 of APPSC Rules of procedure. In any case, no cognizance will be taken by Commission of any vacancies arising or reported after the completion of the selection and recruitment process or the last date as decided by the Commission as far as this Notification is concerned, and these will be further dealt with as per G.O. & Rule cited above. As per G.O.Ms.No:139 Finance HR (I) Planning Policy Dept., dt:28/07/2016 Rule 7 of APPSC Rules of procedure regarding relinquished vacancies has been deleted.
- 13.2. The recruitment will be processed as per this notification and as per the Rules and Instructions issued by the Government and also as decided by the Commission from time to time. A.P. Agriculture Service issued in G.O.Ms.No.776, Food & Agri. (Agri.II) Dept., dt.15-9-1989, G.O.Ms.No.4, Agri. & Coop. (Horti) Dept., dated:07.01.2011, G.O.Ms.No.3 Agriculture and Cooperation (H&S) Department, dated: 18-01-2019 and Special Rules / Adhoc Rules Governing the recruitment and other related GOs, Rules etc., are applicable.
- 13.3. Rules: The various conditions and criteria prescribed herein are governed by the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 read with the relevant Special Rules applicable to any particular service in the departments. Any guidelines or clarification is based on the said Rules, and, in case of any necessity, any matter will be processed as per the relevant General and Special Rules as in force.
- 13.4. The Commission is empowered under the provisions of Article 315 and 320 of the Constitution of India read with relevant laws, rules, regulations and executive instructions and all other enabling legal provisions in this regard to conduct examination for appointment to the posts notified herein, duly following the principle of order of merit as per Rule 3(vi) of the APPSC Rules of Procedure read with relevant statutory provisions and ensuring that the whole recruitment and selection process is carried out with utmost regard to secrecy and confidentiality so as to ensure that the principle of merit is scrupulously followed.
- 13.5. Zonal/Local: In terms of Para 4 of the G.O., A.P. Public Employment (Organization of Local Cadres and Regulation of Direct Recruitment) Order, 1975 (G.O.Ms.No.674, G.A. (SPF-A) Dept., dated: 20/10/1975) read with G.O.Ms.No.124, General Administration (SPF-A) Department, dated: 07/03/2002 and G.O.Ms.No.566, General Administration (SPF-A2) Department, Dt:05/11/2012, "The provisional list shall be divided into two parts. The first part shall comprise 40% of the posts consisting of combined merit lists of locals as well as non-locals and the remaining second part shall comprise the balance 60% of the posts consisting of locals only and the posts shall be filled duly following the rule of reservation".
- 13.6. Scheme is prescribed as per G.O.Rt.No.2494, General Administration (Ser-A) Dept., dated:

- 28.11.2018.
- 13.7. The persons already in Government Service/ Autonomous bodies/ Government aided institutions etc., whether in permanent or temporary capacity or as work charged employees are however required to inform, in writing, to their Head of Office/ Department that they have applied for this recruitment.
- 13.8. A candidate shall be disqualified for appointment, if he himself or through relations or friends or any others has canvassed or endeavored to enlist for his candidature, extraneous support, whether from official or non-official sources for appointment to this service.
- 13.9. The Degrees obtained through Open Universities / Distance Education mode must have recognition by the Distance Education Council, Government of India. Unless such Degrees have been recognised by the D.E.C. they will not be accepted for purpose of Educational Qualification. The onus, in case of doubt, of Proof of recognition by the D.E.C. that their Degrees / Universities have been recognised, rests with the candidate. Candidates may also refer G.O.R.T.No.143, Higher Education (EC) Dept., Dated:11.07.2018 and the Supreme Court judgment dated:03.11.2017 in this connection.

PARA- 14 The candidate shall go through the Annexures appended to the notification before filling the application form

Annexure- I- Break up of vacancies
 Annexure- II- Scheme & Syllabus
 Annexure- III Instructions to candidates
 Annexure- IV- LIST OF SC / ST /BC's

PARA-15: PROCEDURE OF SELECTION:

- 15.1. The selection to this recruitment notification will be based on the Merit in the written Exam to be held as per the Scheme and Syllabus shown at Annexure - II. The selection of candidates for appointment to the post will be made on the basis of Written Examination.
- 15.2. Appearance in all the papers of examination (computer based test) is compulsory. Absence in any of the papers will automatically render the disqualification of the candidature.
- 15.3. The standard for the examination and the cut off marks for various categories for selection shall be fixed by the Commission. However the candidates have to secure minimum qualifying marks to be short listed for selection against respective vacancies. The minimum qualifying marks for the vacancies notified under different categories are as follows as per G.O.Ms.No.103, G.A. (Ser.A) Dept., dt.03.02.1967.
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| 1. Open competition & EWS | 40% |
| 2. Backward Class | 35% |
| 3. SCs, STs & PHs | 30% |
- N.B.: Mere securing of minimum qualifying marks does not confer any right to the candidate for being considered to the selection.
- 15.4. The claims of members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Economically Weaker Section and Women as the case may be, shall also be considered for the vacancies earmarked for open competition, which shall be filled on the basis of merit in the open competition. In respect of social reservations viz., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, the vertical reservation will be applicable and the number of appointments reserved for that category shall in no way be affected during the period the reservation for that category is in force. In case of women, the horizontal reservation is applicable in terms of G.O.Ms.No.63, GA (Ser-D) Dept., dated: 17.04.2018.
- 15.5. In the event of Schedule Caste & Schedule Tribe candidates not coming up for selection with the existing minimum prescribed for selection in the competitive examination conducted by the APPSC their selection shall be considered on the basis of rank with reference to their performance in the written competitive examination irrespective of the marks secured, as per G.O.Ms.No.631, G.A. (Ser.A) Dept., dt.05.09.1977.
- 15.6. Where the candidates get equal number of marks in the main examination if two or more candidates get equal total number of marks, those candidates shall be bracketed. Candidates within the same bracket shall then be ranked 1, 2, 3 etc., according to age i.e., oldest being considered for admission. In case there is tie in age, the person who possesses educational qualification at earlier date would be considered.
- 15.7. With regard to situation where there is deletion of questions, if any, from any paper, scaling (proportionate increase) would be done for that particular part of the paper to the maximum marks prescribed for the paper and the marks would be rounded off to 2 decimals to determine the merit of the candidate.

- 15.8. While the Commission calls for preference of candidates in respect of Zones in the application form, it is hereby clarified that the said preferences are only indicative for being considered to the extent possible but not binding or limiting the Commission's powers under Article 315 and 320 of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the Commission has the power to assign a candidate to any of the notified posts for which he is considered to be qualified and eligible, subject to fulfilling the selection criterion. Mere claim of preference for any Zone for allotment against vacancy does not confer a right to selection for that Zone in particular or any Zone in general.
- 15.9. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their being found medically fit in the appropriate medical classification, and if he/she is of sound health, active habits and free from any bodily defect or infirmity.
- 15.10. ANSWER KEY AND MARKS: Answer key would be published on the website. No separate memorandum of marks would be issued.

PARA-16: DEBARMENT:

- 16.1. Candidates should make sure of their eligibility to the post applied for and that the declaration made by them in the format of application regarding their eligibility is correct in all respects. Any candidate **furnishing in-correct information or making false declaration regarding his/her eligibility at any stage or suppressing any information** is liable TO BE DEBARRED UPTO FIVE YEARS FROM APPEARING FOR ANY OF THE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION, and summary rejection of their candidature for this recruitment.
- 16.2. The Penal Provisions of Act 25/97 published in the A.P. Gazette No. 35, Part-IV.B Extraordinary dated: 21/08/1997 shall be invoked **if malpractice and unfair means are noticed at any stage** of the recruitment. Further candidates shall be liable for penalty as per G.O.Ms.No.385,G.A.(Ser. A) Dept., Dt.18/10/2016. The Chief Superintendent of the examination centre is authorized to take decision in case of malpractice or usage of unfair means or creation of disturbance or use of physical force by any candidate and report the matter to the competent authority as well as register a police case.
- 16.3. The Commission is vested with the Constitutional duty of conducting recruitment and selection as per rules duly maintaining utmost secrecy and confidentiality in this process and any attempt by anyone causing or likely to cause breach of this constitutional duty in such manner or by such action as to violate or likely to violate the fair practices followed and ensured by the Commission will be sufficient cause for rendering such questionable means as ground for debarment and penal consequences as per law and rules as per decision of the Commission.
- 16.4. Any candidate found impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his / her candidature for selection or obtaining support of candidature by any means, such a candidate may in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable to be debarred permanently from any exam or selection held by the Service Commissions in the country.
- 16.5. **ELECTRONIC GADGETS BANNED:**
- (a) The use of any mobile (even in switched off mode), calculator or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc., or camera or blue tooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.
- (b) Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned items including mobile phones to the venue of the examination, as arrangement for safe – keeping cannot be assured.

PARA-17: COMMISSION'S DECISION TO BE FINAL:

The decision of the Commission in all aspects and all respects pertaining to the application and its acceptance or rejection as the case may be, conduct of examination and at all consequent stages culminating in the selection or otherwise of any candidate shall be final in all respects and binding on all concerned, under the powers vested with it under Article 315 and 320 of the Constitution of India. Commission also reserves its right to alter and modify the terms and conditions laid down in the notification for conducting the various stages up to selection, duly intimating details thereof to all concerned, as warranted by any unforeseen circumstances arising during the course of this process, or as deemed necessary by the Commission at any stage.

PLACE: VIJAYAWADA
Date:28/09/2021

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P.S.R.Anjaneyulu, I.P.S.,
Secretary.

ANNEXURE-I
NOTIFICATION NO. 12/2021
BREAKUP OF PROVISIONAL VACANCIES FOR THE POST OF HORTICULTURE OFFICERS IN A.P.
HORTICULTURE SERVICE

CATEGORY	ZONE-1				ZONE-2				ZONE-3				ZONE-4				TOTAL				GRAND TOTAL
	OPEN ZONE		LOCAL		OPEN ZONE		LOCAL		OPEN ZONE		LOCAL		OPEN ZONE		LOCAL		OPEN ZONE		LOCAL		
	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	
OC	-	01	02	-	01	01	01	01	02	01	02	-	01	-	01	01	04	03	06	02	15
BC-A	-	-	-	01	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	01	-	-	-	02	02	04
BC-B	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	01	01	-	-	-	01	-	01	01	03
BC-C	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	01
BC-D	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	01
BC-E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	01
SC	-	01	-	-	01	-	-	01	-	01	01	-	01	-	-	-	02	02	01	01	06
ST	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	01	01	-	01	-	01	-	02	01	04
VH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01
HH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	01	01
OH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EWS	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	02	-	02
TOTAL	-	02	02	01	03	02	05	03	02	02	04	03	04	-	04	02	09	06	15	09	39
	05				13				11				10				Grand Total = 39				

NOTE : O.C - Open Competition , SC - Scheduled Caste, ST - Scheduled Tribe, BC – Backward Classes; VH-Visually Handicapped, HH- Hearing Handicapped, OH-Orthopedically Handicapped, EWS- Economically Weaker Sections.

ANNEXURE – II**NOTIFICATION NO.12/2021****SCHEME AND SYLLABUS FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF HORTICULTURE OFFICER
IN A.P. HORTICULTURE SERVICE****GAZETTED SERVICES**
SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

1. As per G.O RT. No. 2494, G.A. (Ser.A) Department, Dated:28.11.2018.

(Degree standard)

WRITTEN EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE)				
1.	General English (50 marks) & General Telugu (50 marks) (to be Qualified in English & Telugu individually)	100 Marks (Qualifying Test)	100 Questions	100 Minutes
2.	Paper-1 General Studies & Mental Ability	150 Marks	150 Questions	150 Minutes
3.	Paper-2 Horticulture-I	150 Marks	150 Questions	150 Minutes
4.	Paper-3 Horticulture-II	150 Marks	150 Questions	150 Minutes
Total		450 Marks		

- N.B.:**
1. Computer Proficiency Test (Qualifying Test) for eligible candidates in the ratio of 1:2 with reference to total number of vacancies notified
 2. As per G.O.Ms. No.235 Finance (HR-1, Plg & Policy) Dept, Dt:06/12/2016, for each wrong answer will be penalized with 1/3rd of the marks prescribed for the question.
 3. The minimum qualifying Marks for selection is 40% for OCs; 35% for BCs and 30% for SCs & STs.

SYLLABUS**GENERAL ENGLISH AND TELUGU**
(SSC Standard)English

- a) Comprehension
- b) Usage and idiom
- c) Vocabulary and punctuation
- d) Logical re-arrangement of sentences

Telugu

- a) Synonyms & Vocabulary
- b) Grammar
- c) Telugu to English meanings
- d) English to Telugu meanings

PAPER-I GENERAL STUDIES AND MENTAL ABILITY

1. Events of national and international importance.
2. Current affairs- international, national and regional.
3. General Science and its applications to the day to day life Contemporary developments in Science & Technology and information Technology
4. Social- economic and political history of modern India with emphasis on Andhra Pradesh.
5. Indian polity and governance: constitutional issues, public policy, reforms and e-governance initiatives with specific reference to Andhra Pradesh.
6. Economic development in India since independence with emphasis on Andhra Pradesh.
7. Physical geography of Indian sub-continent and Andhra Pradesh.
8. Disaster management: vulnerability profile, prevention and mitigation strategies, Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in the assessment of Disaster.
9. Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection
10. Logical reasoning, analytical ability and data interpretation.

11. Data Analysis:

- a) Tabulation of data
- b) Visual representation of data
- c) Basic data analysis (Summary Statistics such as mean, median, mode, variance and coefficient of variation) and Interpretation

12. Bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and its Administrative, Economic, Social, Cultural, Political, and Legal implications/problems.

PAPER-II HORTICULTURE-I**1. FRUIT CROPS**

Area, production, importance, uses, origin, distribution, botany, classification of varieties, use of rootstocks, high density planting, climate, soils, planting methods, training and pruning, nutrition, bahar treatment, irrigation scheduling, intercrops, weed control, problems in orchard management, flowering, fruit set, seedlessness irregular bearing, problems in fruit set, harvesting indices, harvesting, preharvest treatments, use of growth regulators, yield, grading, packing for internal and export markets, ripening methods and storage in respect of mango, banana, citrus, grape, pineapple, guava, papaya and sapota. Physiological disorders in fruit crops.

2. VEGETABLE CROPS

Importance of vegetables in human diet and national economy. Detailed study regarding origin and distribution, area and production, importance, nutritive value, botany, varieties, soil and climatic requirements, seed treatment, seed sowing/nursery raising, transplanting, nutrition, irrigation, intercultural operations, physiological disorders, harvest indices, harvesting, post harvest handling, curing, storage and usage of plant growth regulators in vegetable crops like tomato, brinjal, chillies, sweet pepper, potato, okra, cucurbitaceous crops like cucumber, pumpkin, ridge gourd, snake gourd, bitter melon, bottle gourd, melons like water melon and muskmelon, leguminous vegetables like cluster bean, French bean, dolichos bean, pea and broad bean, cole crops like cabbage, cauliflower and knolkhol, root crops like radish, carrot, beetroot and turnip, bulb crops like onion and garlic, tuber crops like sweet potato, tapioca, amorphophallus, colacasia, dioscorea and yam, leafy vegetables like amaranthus, palak, Roselle, perennial vegetables like drumstick, coccinia and murraya.

3. COMMERCIAL FLORICULTURE, ORNAMENTAL GARDENING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Area, production, importance, uses, origin, distribution, classification of varieties, propagation, environmental factors affecting growth and flowering, soils, nutrition, irrigation, weeding, special techniques of production such as controlling growth and production of flowers, use of growth regulators, harvesting, postharvest handling, extension of shelf life of flowers of commercial flower crops such as rose, chrysanthemum, jasmine, carnations, gladiolus, anthurium, tuberose, china aster, marigold, crossandra and gerbera.

Need for bioaesthetic planning, places suitable for bioaesthetic planning-towns, cities, villages, schools, temples, road side, parks, ghats of rivers and canals, platforms, railway lines, public and private buildings, institutes and places of worship. Ornamental trees, shrubs climbers, cacti, succulents used in bioaesthetic or landscape gardening. Principles of garden designs, types of gardens-japanese, English and Moghul gardens. Various features of gardens such as paths, garden walls, fencing, steps, edges, hedges, arches, pergolas, shrubbery, topiary, rockery, flower beds, lawns, fountains, statues, water garden, conservatory and glass or greenhouse. Indoor plants, and their management.

Flower arrangement – principles, styles, containers and holding solutions.

Bonsai – culture and art of making.

4. MEDICINAL, AROMATIC, SPICES, CONDIMENT AND PLANTATION CROPS

Origin, importance, export potential, varieties, climate, soil requirements, propagation and planting and after care, mulching, irrigation, training, pruning, harvesting, yield and post harvest handling, curing and processing practices, storage methods, and distillation of essential oils of the following crops.

Medicinal Plants

Aloe, amla(aonla), stevia, ashwagandha, dioscorea, opium poppy, sarpagandha, steroids bearing *solanum*, *Phyllanthus amarus*, *chakramani*, *madhunasa*, *sweet flag*, *Catharanthus*, *roseus*, *isabgol*, *fox glove*, *belladonna*, *senna*, *tinospora*, *annatto*, *coleus*,

safed musli and asparagus.

Aromatic Crops

Citronella, lemon grass, palmarosa, vetiver, geranium, davana, mints, lavender and vanilla.

Spices and condiments

Turmeric, ginger, coriander, fenugreek, cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, clove, nutmeg and cumin.

Plantation Crops

Coconut, cashewnut, oil palm, betelvine, coffee, tea, cacao, arecanut and rubber.

5. DRYLAND HORTICULTURE AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Dryland horticulture farming, introduction, definition, dry climate and their classifications with reference to India in general and Andhra Pradesh in particular. Importance of horticultural crops in dryland, yield potential of agriculture and horticultural crops in drylands. Fruits and vegetables crops suitable for dryland farming. Adaptive features of dryland fruit crops for drought and salinity.

Watershed management, objectives, approaches, steps in watershed development planning, land use capability, classification, soil and rain water conservation, water harvesting measures in watershed area. Problems and prospects under water shed. Alternate water use system.

Cultural practices like planting, training, pruning, nutrition and water management and harvesting of important dry land fruits viz., ber, pomegranate, custard apple, phalsa, fig, aonla, jamun and tamarind.

6. Post Harvest Management of Horticultural Crops

Importance of post harvest technology in Horticultural crops. Maturity indices, harvesting, handling, grading of fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, plantation crops, medicinal and aromatic plants. Pre-harvest factors affecting quality, factors responsible for deterioration of horticultural produce, physiological and biochemical changes, hardening and delaying ripening process. Post harvest treatments of horticultural crops. Quality parameters and specifications. Structure of fruits, vegetables and cut flowers related to physiological changes after harvest. Methods of storage for local market and export, packaging methods and types of packages, recent advances in packaging. Types of containers and cushioning materials, vacuum packaging, cold storage, poly shrink packaging, grape guard packing treatments. Modes of transport.

7. PRESERVATION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Importance and scope of fruit and vegetable preservation in India. Principles of preservation by heat, low temperature, chemicals and various methods of preservation Selection of site for processing, processing unit layout and precautions for hygienic conditions of the unit. Preservation of fruits and vegetables through canning, bottling, freezing, dehydration, drying, sugar, chemicals, salts, vinegar, ultraviolet and ionizing radiations.

Micro-organisms associated with spoilage of fruit and vegetable products. Spoilage of canned products-hydrogen swell, flipper, dent, leaker etc., Biochemical changes associated with spoilage of fruit and vegetable products. Preservatives and colours permitted and prohibited in India.

8. FARM POWER AND MACHINERY;

Farm power in A.P and India – Sources, I.C engines, classification, Tractors – Types and uses, selection of tractor and cost of tractor power. Electric motors – types,

Tillage implements – primary secondary tillage drawn implements. Seed cum fertilizer drills, planters. Grafting and pruning tools and equipment. Implements, tools and equipment for intercultural operations. Plants protection equipment – harvesting equipment – soil conservation equipment.

Different kinds of equipments used in processing. Preparation of jams, jellies, marmalades, candies, crystallized and glazed fruits, preserves, chutneys, pickles, ketchup, sauce, puree, syrups, juices, squashes and cordials.

Government policy on import and export of processed fruits, food laws. Quality control of processed products.

9. GREENHOUSE MANAGEMENT OF HORTICULTURAL CROPS

Importance, uses, scope and production of horticultural crops in greenhouse. Status and development of greenhouse production of horticultural crops in the world and India. Development, constraints, research needs and future of protected culture of horticultural crops in India and A.P. Points to be considered before establishing a greenhouse. Types of greenhouses, classification of greenhouses based on the shapes, material used, utility and cladding material used. Size and arrangement of greenhouses and characteristics of various greenhouse cladding materials, greenhouse benches etc.,

Management of light, temperature (greenhouse heating and cooling), CO₂ and relative humidity inside the greenhouse.

Various types of growing media used and their suitability for different horticultural crops. Preparation of growing media and its pasteurization. Management of nutrients through fertigation.

Detailed production technology in respect of tomato, cucumber, rose, carnation, gerbera, chrysanthemum and anthurium under greenhouse/polyhouse.

PAPER-III HORTICULTURE-II

1. FUNDAMENTALS OF HORTICULTURE :

Definition, importance of horticulture in terms of economy, production, and employment generation. Nutritional value of horticultural crops. Divisions of horticulture and their importance. Horticultural stations in Andhra Pradesh. Horticultural zones of India and Andhra Pradesh.

Temperature, light, humidity, rainfall and soil requirements for horticultural crops. Selection of site for establishing an orchard, orchard plan, systems of planting and establishment of an orchard. Importance, scope and practicing of organic farming in horticultural crop production. Soil and climate for horticultural crops. Vegetable gardens – nutrition and kitchen gardens and other types of gardens.

Nutrition of horticultural crops – assessment of nutritional requirements based on soil, tissue analysis, and field experiments. Identification of deficiency symptoms of various nutrients and methods of nutrient application. Assessment of irrigation requirements for different horticultural crops and different methods of irrigation. Pruning and training, their objectives and methods. Pollination and fruit set, problems and requirements, flower and fruit drop, stages, causes and remedial measures. Fruit thinning, objectives, advantages and disadvantages. Unfruitfulness, reasons and remedial measures. Use of growth regulators in horticulture. Cropping systems, intercropping, multi-tier cropping, mulching, bearing habits, factors influencing the fruitfulness and unfruitfulness. Rejuvenation of old orchards, top working, frame working.

2. PLANT PROPAGATION AND NURSERY MANAGEMENT :

Introduction, principles and classification of plant propagation methods. Selection of site for commercial nursery. Ecological and economic factors. Plant propagation structures, containers and media.

Sexual propagation and its importance. Seed dormancy, Seed germination, process of seed germination. Factors affecting seed germination and pre-germination treatments and viability tests.

Asexual (vegetative) propagation and its importance. Various methods of Asexual (vegetative) propagation like cuttage, layerage, budding, grafting and factors responsible for their success. Different types among cuttage, layerage, budding, grafting methods followed in propagation of different horticultural crops. Role of root stocks, selection and maintenance of mother trees (scion bank), scion – stock relationships, bud wood certification, propagation through specialized structures. Nursery registration act.

Importance of micro propagation of plants. Types of aseptic cultures. Types of media, preparation of media and inoculation of explants, establishment, sub culture and rooting of explants.

3. PLANT PHYSIOLOGY :

Physiological changes during seed development, germination and seed dormancy. Seed viability and seed vigour. Photosynthesis – importance, factors affecting photosynthesis. Light

and dark reactions – C3, C4 and CAM pathways. Significance and differences. Photo-respiration and its significance. Respiration and its significance.

Nomenclature and classification of plant growth substances. History, occurrence, distribution, mode of action, movement, mechanism and function of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ethylene, inhibitors, retardants, phenolic substances and morphactins.

Role of plant growth regulators in plant propagation, seed and bud dormancy, juvenility, maturity and senescence, flowering, pollination, fruitset including parthenocarpy, fruit growth, fruit drop and fruit ripening (climacteric and non-climacteric) and fruit colour development, tuber and bulb formation and sex expression and extension of shelf life in fruits, vegetables and flowers.

4. ENTOMOLOGY :

Commonly occurring pests in horticultural crops – distribution, host range, nature of damage, symptoms and control measures. Life cycle of insect pests, nematodes etc., Integrated pest management.

5. PATHOLOGY :

Commonly occurring diseases in horticultural crops – host range, etiology, symptoms and control measures. Life cycle of bacteria, fungal parasites, viruses etc., Integrated disease management.

6. SOIL SCIENCE:

Soil texture – classes. Soil structure – classification. Soil PH, importance of soil PH on nutrient availability. Soil organic matter – sources, humus formation, C:N ratio and its importance.

Soil fertility and productivity. Essential and beneficial elements, criteria of essentiality. Primary secondary, micronutrients and their functions, deficiency symptoms, occurrence in horticultural crops, corrective measures. Factors affecting their availability.

Classification of manures and fertilizers and their differences. Commercial fertilizers, simple, compound and complex fertilizers, fertilizers mixtures. Biofertilizers. Integrated nutrient management for horticultural crops. Fertilizer control order.

7. INTRODUCTORY AGROFORESTRY :

Agro forestry-introduction, status of Indian forests, role in Indian Farming Systems. Definition-Branches of Forestry. Principles and practices, classification of Agro forestry systems-inter cropping-Home garden-Types of coconut based cropping system-planning for Agro forestry-constraints, diagnosis and design methodology, selection of tree species for agro forestry. Agro forestry projects-national, overseas, MPTs – their management practices economics of cultivation – Sisso, Acacia catechu, A.nilotica (Babul),Bez(Z. mauritiana). Grewia, Subabul, Tamarind, Eucalyptus, Teak, Casuarina, Red sander, Neem, Soapnut, Aonla, Morus, Bamboo, bio diesel trees-Jatropha, Pongamia, Simarouba. Distinction between agro forestry and social forestry-objectives, scope of social forestry. Hortipastoral system – pastures suitable under dry land condition.

8. EXTENSION EDUCATION:

Formal and informal education. Teaching – learning process, principles of learning. Commutation – components. Classification of Audio – visual aids.

Transfer of technology programmers – KVK, TAR - IVLP, ATIC, NHM, APMIP, DWCRA, ANTWA, DAATC. Extension reforms – ATMA, SREP, PRA, different tools of PRA.

9. ORGANIC FARMING IN HORTICULTURAL CROPS :

Introduction, concept, relevance in present context, Organic production requirements, Biological intensive nutrient management-Organic manures, vermicomposting, green manuring, compost pits, recycling of organic residues, bio-fertilizers, soil improvement and amendments: Integrated diseases and pest management use of biocontrol agents, biopesticides, pheromones, trap crops bird perches, weed management. Quality considerations, certification, labelling and accreditation processors, marketing, exports. International and National Policies in promotion of Organic farming.

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION (PRACTICAL TYPE)

TEST	Duration (Minutes)	Maximum Marks	Minimum qualifying marks		
			SC/ST/PH	B.C's	O.C's
Proficiency in Office Automation with usage of Computers and Associated Software	30	50	15	17.5	20

SYLLABUS

The test shall comprise the following four parts:

Name of the part	Name of the Question to be answered	Marks
Part A	Example: Typing a letter/passage/paragraph (about 100-150 words) in MS-Word	15
Part B	Example: Preparation of a Table/Graph in MS-Excel	10
Part C	Example: Preparation of Power Point Presentations/Slides (Two) on MS-Power Point.	10
Part D	Example: Creation and manipulation of data bases.	10
Part E	Example: Displaying the content of E-mail (Inbox).	05
Total		50

Note: The candidates shall be given the text / matter in the Question Paper and they must type / reproduce it in the Answer Sheet. The formatting of the text should also be of the same type as given in the Question Paper.

NAME	CONTENTS OF PART-A	MARKS
WORD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create and save a document using MS WORD <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deletion of Character, Word, line and block of text b. Undo and redo process c. Moving, Copying and renaming 2. Format the Text document <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Character formatting b. Paragraph formatting c. Page formatting 3. Spell check the document <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finding and Replacing of text b. Bookmarks and Searching for a Bookmarks c. Checking Spelling and Grammar automatically d. Checking Spelling and Grammar using Dictionary 4. Print the document <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Print Preview b. Print Dialog box 5. Mail Merge in Ms-word <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create main document and data file for mail merging b. Merging the files c. From letters using mail merging d. Mailing labels using mail merging 6. Table creation in Ms-word <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create a table in the document b. Add row, column to a table c. Changing column width and row height. d. Merge, split cells of table. e. Use formulae in tables. f. sorting data in a table. g. formatting a table. 7. Ability to type on Qwerty key board of Computer at a speed of at least equivalent to 30 Words per 1 minute (Lower type writing 	15

	test).	
NAME	CONTENTS OF PART-B	MARKS
EXCEL	<p>Create and save a new work book in Excel Entering Data into Worksheet Editing data of Worksheet Formatting the text in the cells Formatting the numbers in the cells. Formatting cells. Copying format of cell along with data format. Changing the height and width of cells. Freezing Titles, splitting screen Enter formulae for calculation in the cells. Copying the formula over a range of cells. Inserting built-in functions in to the cells. Create graphs for the data using Chart Wizard. Format graphs in Excel. Printing of worksheet.</p>	10
NAME	CONTENTS OF PART-C	MARKS
POWER POINT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create and save a new presentation using MS Power Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • layout of opening screen in Power Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the tool bars in MS Power Point 2. Choose Auto Layout for a new slide. 3. Insert text and pictures into a blank slide. 4. Insert new slides into the presentation. 5. Apply slide transition effects. 6. Slide show. 7. Set animation to text and pictures in a slide 8. Set the sounds, order and timing for animation. 	10
NAME	CONTENTS OF PART-D	MARKS
ACCESS	Creation and manipulation of data bases	10
NAME	CONTENTS OF PART-E	MARKS
INTERNET	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Browse the Net using Browser software (Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome etc.,). 2. Search the Web using Search Engines. 3. Create an E-mail account. 4. Send and receive E-mail. 5. E-commerce transactions. 6. Web content uploading. 7. Ability to operate Mac OS / pages / key note / Numbers. 	05
GRAND TOTAL		50

Annexure-III

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

A. INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- A.1. The applicants are required to go through the user guide and satisfy themselves as to their eligibility for this recruitment carefully before applying and enter the particulars completely online.
- A.2. Applicant must compulsorily fill-up all relevant columns of application and submit application through website only. The particulars made available in the website will be processed through computer and the eligibility decided in terms of notification and confirmed accordingly.
- A.3. The applications received online in the prescribed proforma available in the website and within the time shall only be considered and the Commission will not be held responsible for any kind of delay/discrepancy on part of the candidate.
- A.4. Applicants must compulsorily upload his/her own scanned photo and signature through .jpg format.
- A.5. The applicants should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered, fabricated or suppress any material information while making an application through website.
- A.6. Important:-Hand written/typed/Photostat copies/printed application form will not be entertained.
- A.7. The applicant shall produce all the essential certificates issued by the competent authority, for verification by the commission, as and when called for. If candidates fail to produce the same, his/her candidature shall be rejected / disqualified without any further correspondence.
- A.8. The following certificate formats are available on the Commission's Website (<https://psc.ap.gov.in>) for reference.
 - A.8.1. Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate
 - A.8.2. Declaration by the Un-Employed
 - A.8.3. School Study Certificate
 - A.8.4. Certificate of Residence
 - A.8.5. Medical Certificate for the Blind
 - A.8.6. Certificate of Hearing Disability and Hearing Assessment
 - A.8.7. Medical Certificate in respect of Orthopedically Handicapped Candidates
 - A.8.8. Creamy Layer Certificate
 - A.8.9. Local status certificate (if applicable)

B. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ON-LINE EXAMINATION FOR CANDIDATES:

- B.1. The candidates should take their seats at the prescribed time before the commencement of the examination. Biometric identification would be conducted before entry into examination hall. The entry time would be mentioned in the hall ticket. Late entry after the given entry time would not be allowed. Candidates should not leave the examination hall till the expiry of fulltime. Loaning and interchanging of articles among the candidates is not permitted in the examination hall. Electronic devices including cell phones and pagers are not allowed in the examination hall.
- B.2. The starting time of each examination paper and the entry time would be mentioned in the hall ticket
- B.3. Candidates will not be permitted to leave the examination hall till the expiry of full time. If any candidate leaves the examination hall in the middle, he would be disqualified. If there is any problem with computer system, the candidates have to wait without talking to others till the system is restored. In case of any violation, the candidate will be disqualified.
- B.4. The examination link with the login screen will already be available on your system.

Please inform the invigilator if this is not the case.

- B.5. 10 minutes prior to the exam, you'll be prompted to login. Please type the Login ID (Roll No) and the Password (Password for Candidate will be given on exam day) to proceed further.
- B.6. Invigilator will announce the password 15 minutes before commencement of the Examination.
- B.7. Copying or noting down questions and/or options is not allowed. Severe action will be taken if any candidate is found noting down the questions and/or options.
- B.8. After logging in, your screen will display:
 - *Profile Information - Check the details & click on "I Confirm" or "I Deny".
 - *Detailed exam instructions - Please read and understand thoroughly.
 - *Please click on the "I am ready to Begin" button, after reading the instructions.
- B.9. You have to use the mouse to answer the multiple choice type questions with FOUR alternative answers.
- B.10. To answer any numerical answer type question, you need to use the virtual numeric key pad and the mouse.
- B.11. On the online exam question screen, the timer will display the balance time remaining for the completion of exam.
- B.12. The question numbers are color coordinated and of different shapes based on the process of recording your response: White (Square) - For un-attempted questions. Red (Inverted Pentagon) - For unanswered questions. Green (Pentagon) - For attempted questions. Violet (Circle) - Question marked by candidate for review, to be answered later. Violet (Circle with a Tick mark) - Question answered and marked by candidate for review.
- B.13. After answering a question, click the SAVE & NEXT button to save your response and move onto the next question.
- B.14. Click on Mark for Review & NEXT to mark your question for review, and then go to the next question.
- B.15. To clear any answer chosen for a particular question, please click on the CLEAR RESPONSE button.
- B.16. A summary of each section, (i.e. questions answered, not answered, marked for review) is available for each section. You have to place the cursor over the section name for this summary.
- B.17. In case you wish to view a larger font size, please inform the Invigilator. On the Invigilator's confirmation, click on the font size you wish to select. The font size will be visible on the top.
- B.18. You may view INSTRUCTIONS at any point of time during exam, by clicking on the INSTRUCTIONS button on your screen.
- B.19. The SUBMIT button will be activated after 150 Minutes. Please keep checking the timer on your screen.
- B.20. In case of automatic or manual log out, all your attempted responses will be saved. Also, the exam will start from the time where it had stopped.
- B.21. You will be provided a blank sheet for rough work. Do write your Login ID and Password on it. Please ensure that you return it to the invigilator at the end of the exam after tearing only the password from it.
- B.22. Please don't touch the key board as your exam ID will get locked. If your ID gets locked, please inform a nearby invigilator who will help in unlocking your ID and then you can continue with the exam.
- B.23. Please inform the invigilator in case of any technical issues.
- B.24. Please do not talk to or disturb other candidates.
- B.25. In case you are carrying articles other than the admit card, photo identity proof and pen, please leave them outside the exam room.
- B.26. You cannot leave exam room before submitting the paper. Please inform the invigilator if you want to use the wash room.

C. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- C.1. If the candidate notices any discrepancy printed on the Hall ticket, as to community, date of birth etc., he/she may immediately bring it to the notice of Commission's

officials/Chief Superintendent in the examination centre and necessary corrections can be made in the Nominal Roll, in the Examination Hall against his/her Hall Ticket Number for being verified by the Commission's Office.

- C.2. The candidate should satisfy the Invigilator of his/her identity with reference to the signature and photographs available on the Nominal Rolls and Hall Ticket.
- C.3. The candidates should take their seats at the given time before the commencement of the examination and are not to be allowed after the scheduled time. The time of Examination and entry time would be mentioned in the hall ticket. Late entry after the given entry time would not be allowed. Candidates should not leave the examination hall till the expiry of fulltime.
- C.4. The candidates must note that his/her admission to the examination is strictly provisional. The mere fact that an Admission to the examination does not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission or that the entries made by the candidate in his/her application have been accepted by the Commission as true and correct. The candidates have to be found suitable after verification of original certificates; and other eligibility criteria. The Applicants have to upload his/her scanned recent colour passport photo and signature to the Application Form. Failure to produce the same photograph, if required, at the time of interview/ verification, may lead to disqualification. Hence the candidates are advised not to change their appearance till the recruitment process is complete.
- C.5. The candidates are not allowed to bring any Electronic devices such as mobile / cell phones, programmable calculators, tablets, iPad, Bluetooth, pagers, watches or any other computing devices to examination Hall. Loaning and interchanging of articles among the candidates is not permitted in the examination hall and any form of malpractice will not be permitted in the exam hall.
- C.6. The candidates are expected to behave in orderly and disciplined manner while writing the examination. Their candidature will be rejected in case of impersonation/ disorder/ rowdy behaviour during Examination and necessary F.I.R. for this incident will be lodged with concerned Police Station. The Chief Superintendent of the centre is authorized to take spot decision in this matter.
- C.7. Candidates trying to use unfair means shall be disqualified from the selection. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from the candidates.
- C.8. The Penal Provisions of Act 25/97 published in the A.P. Gazette No. 35, Part-IV.B Extraordinary dated: 21/08/1997 shall be invoked if malpractice and unfair means are noticed at any stage of the Examination. Action will be taken to penalize as per G.O.Ms.No.385, G.A. (Ser. A) Dept., Dt.18/10/2016.
- C.9. (a) Wherever the candidates are totally blind, they will be provided a scribe to write the examination and 20 minutes extra time is permitted to them per hour. Eligible candidates are also allowed to bring their own scribe after due intimation to the Commission after duly providing the full identification details of the scribe like name, address and appropriate proof of identification.
 - (b) The applicants shall upload the certificate relating to percentage of disability for considering the appointment of scribe in the examination.
 - (c) An extra time of 20 minutes per hour is also permitted for the candidates with locomotor disability and CEREBRAL PALSY where dominant (writing) extremity is affected for the extent slowing the performance of function (Minimum of 40% impairment). No scribe is allowed to such candidates.
 - (d) The candidate as well as the scribe will have to give a suitable undertaking conforming to the rules applicable
- C.10. In case the Hall-Ticket is without photo or too small, he/she should affix a passport size photo on Hall-ticket and appear by duly getting attested by Gazetted Officer. He/she shall handover similar photo for each paper to Chief Superintendent for affixing the same on the Nominal Rolls.
- C.11. The candidate will not be admitted to the examination Hall without procedural formalities.
- C.12. The candidate admission to the Examination is provisional, subject to the eligibility, confirmation/satisfaction of conditions laid down in this notification.
- C.13. The candidates should put his/ her signature and get the signature of the invigilator at the appropriate places in the Nominal Roll or OMR Answer Sheet.
- C.14. Instructions to be followed scrupulously in the Examination Hall.

ANNEXURE-IV
LIST OF SCHEDULED CASTES
(Definition 28 of General Rule -
2) SCHEDULE - I

(Substituted with effect from 27-07-1977 through G.O.Ms.No. 838, G.A.(Services-D) Department, dated 15/12/1977)

- 1 Adi Andhra
- 2 Adi Dravida
- 3 Anamuk
- 4 Aray Mala
- 5 Arundhatiya
- 6 Arwa Mala
- 7 Bariki
- 8 Bavuri
- 9 Beda Jangam, Budga Jangam (In Districts of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Mahaboobnagar, Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda)*
- 10 Bindla
- 11 Byagara, Byagari*
- 12 Chachati
- 13 Chalavadi
- 14 Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas*
- 15 Chambhar
- 16 Chandala
- 17 Dakkal, Dokkalwar
- 18 Dandasi
- 19 Dhor
- 20 Dom, Dombara, Paidi, Pano
- 21 Ellamalwar, Yellammalawandlu
- 22 Ghasi, Haddi, Relli, Chachandi
- 23 Godagali, Godagula (in the Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram & Vishakapatnam) *
- 24 Godari
- 25 Gosangi
- 26 Holey a
- 27 Holey a Dasari
- 28 Jaggali
- 29 Jambuwulu
- 30 Kolupulvandlu, Pambada, Pambanda, Pambala *
- 31 Madasi Kuruva, Madari Kuruva
- 32 Madiga
- 33 Madiga Dasu, Mashteen
- 34 Mahar
- 35 Mala, Mala Ayawaru *
- 36 Mala Dasari
- 37 Mala Dasu
- 38 Mala Hannai
- 39 Mala Jangam
- 40 Mala Masti
- 41 Mala Sale, Netkani
- 42 Mala Sanyasi
- 43 Mang
- 44 Mang Garodi
- 45 Manne
- 46 Mashti
- 47 Matangi
- 48 Mahter
- 49 Mitha Ayyalvar

- 50 Mundala
- 51 Paky, Moti, Thoti
- 52 (Omitted)*
- 53 Pamidi
- 54 Panchama, Pariah
- 55 Relli
- 56 Samagara
- 57 Samban
- 58 Sapru
- 59 Sindhollu, Chindollu
- 60 Yatala (Srikakulam Dist. Only) Memo No. 8183/CV-1/2006-10 SW (CV-I) Dept., Dt. 31/03/2008
- 61 Valluvan * (Chittoor and Nellore Dist. Only) Memo No. 8183/CV-1/2006-10 SW (CV-I) Dept., Dt. 31/03/2008

* As for the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) orders (Second Amendment) Act 2002, Act No. 61 of 2002

LIST OF SCHEDULED TRIBES

1. Andh, Sadhu Andh *
2. Bagata
3. Bhil
4. Chanchu (Chenchwar omitted) *
5. Gadabas, Boda Gadaba, Gutob Gadaba, Kallayi Gadaba, Parangi Gadaba, Kathera Gadaba, Kapu Gadaba *
6. Gond, Naikpod, Rajgond, Koitur *
7. Goudu (in the Agency tracts)
8. Hill Reddis
9. Jatapus
10. Kammara
11. Kattunayakan
12. Kolam, Kolawar *
13. Konda Dhoras, Kubi *
14. Konda Kapus
15. Konda Reddis
16. Kondhs, Kodi, Kodhu, Desaya Kondhs, Dongria Kondhs, Kuttiya Konds, Tikiria Khondhs, Yenity Khondhs, Kuvinga *
17. Kotia, Benthoriya, Bartika, Dulia, Holva, Sanrona, Sidhopaiko (Dhulia, Paiko, Putiya- omitted *)
18. Koya, Doli Koya, Gutta Koya, Kammara Koya, Musara Koya, Oddi Koya, Pattidi Koya, Rajah, Rasha Koya, Lingadhari Koya (Ordinary), Kottu Koya, Bhine Koya, Raj Koya (Goud-omitted *)
19. Kulia
20. Malis (excluding Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Warangal District)
21. Manna Dhora
22. Nayaks (in the Agency tracts)
23. Mukha Dhora, Nooka Dhora
24. Pardhan
25. Porja, Parangi Perja
26. Reddi Dhoras
27. Rona, Rena
28. Savaras, Kapu Savaras, Maliya Savaras, Khutto Savaras
29. Sugalis, Lambadis, Banjara *
30. Thoti (in Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Warangal Districts)
31. Valmiki (in the Scheduled Areas of Vishakapatnam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts *)
32. Yenadis, Chella Yenadi, Kappala Yenadi, Manchi Yenadi, Reddi Yenadi *
33. Yerukulas, Koracha, Dabba Yerukula, Kunchapuri Yerukula, Uppu Yerukula *
34. Nakkala Kurivikaran (Nakkala – A.P. Gazette, Part – III (B) Central Acts ordinance and Regulations Issue No. 05 Dt. 02/10/2003)
35. Dhulia, Paiko, Putiya (in the districts of Vishakapatnam, Vizianagaram *)

* As for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act 2002, Act No. 10 of 2003

LIST OF SOCIALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD CLASSES

(Amended from time to time as on 31/08/2007)

GROUP- A

Aboriginal Tribes, Vimuktha Jathis, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes etc.,

1. Agnikulakshatriya, Palli, Vadabaliya, Besta, jalari, Gangavar, Gangaputra, Goondla, Vanyakulakshatriya (Vannekapu, Vannereddi, Pallikapu, Pallireddy Neyyala and Pattapu) *Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu, The G.O. Ms.No. 15 BCW(C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009 is suspended. Hence the inclusion of Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu is suspended) vide Hon^{ble} A.P. High Court orders in WP No. 2122/2009 dated: 29-04- 2009.
2. Balasanthu, Bahurupi
3. Bandara
4. Budabukkala
5. Rajaka (Chakali Vannar)
6. Dasari (formerly engaged in bikshatana)
(amended vide G.O.Rt.No. 32, BCW(M1) Department, dated 23/02/1995)
7. Dommara
8. Gangiredlavaru
9. Jangam (whose traditional occupation is begging)
10. Jogi
11. Katipapala
12. Korcha
13. Lambada or Banjara in Telangana Area
(deleted and included in S.T. list vide G.O.Ms.No. 149, SW, dated 3/5/1978)
14. Medari or Mahendra
15. Mondivaru, Mondibanda, Banda
16. Nayee Brahmin (Mangali), Mangala and Bajantri
(amended vide G.O.Ms.No. 1, BCW(M1) Department, dated 6/1/1996)
17. Nakkala (Deleted vide G.O. Ms. No. 21, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 20/06/2011)
18. Vamsha Raj (amended vide G.O.Ms.No. 27, BCW(M1) Department, dated 23/06/1995 deleting the Original name Pitchiguntla)
19. Pamula
20. Pardhi (Mirshikari)
21. Pambala
22. Peddammavandlu, Devaravandlu, Yellammavandlu, Mutyalammavandlu (Dammali, Dammala, Dammula, Damala Castes confined to Srikakulam dist. Vide G.O.Ms. No.: 9 BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 9/04/2008)
23. Veeramushti (Nettikotala), Veera bhadreeya (Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 62, BCW (M1) Dept., Dt. 10/12/1996)
24. Valmiki boya (Boya, Bedar, Kirataka, Nishadi, Yellapi, Pedda Boya) Talayari and Chunduvallu
(G.O.Ms. No. 124, SW, Dt. 24.06.85) Yellapi and Yellapu are one and the same amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 61, BCW(M1) Dept., Dt. 05.12.1996)
25. Yerukalas in Telangana area (deleted and included in the list of S.Ts)
26. Gudala
27. Kanjara - Bhatta
28. Kalinga (Kinthala deleted vide G.O.Ms. No. 53, SW, Dt. 07.03.1980)
29. Kepmare or Reddika
30. Mondipatta
31. Nokkar
32. Pariki Muggula
33. Yata
34. Chopemari
35. Kaikadi
36. Joshinandiwalas
37. Odde (Oddilu, Vaddi, Vaddelu)
38. Mandula (Govt. Memo No. 40-VI/70-1, Edn., Dt. 10.02.1972)
39. Mehator (Muslim) (Govt. Memo No. 234-VI/72-2, Edn., Dt. 05.07.1972).
40. Kunapuli (Govt. Memo No. 1279/P1/74-10, E&SW, Dt. 03.08.1975)
41. Patra (included in G.O. Ms. No. 8, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 28.08.2006)
42. kurakula of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam Districts only. Included vide in G.O.MS.No. 26 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
43. Pondara of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam Districts only. Included vide

- G.O.MS.No. 28 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
44. Samanthula, Samantha, sountia, Sauntia of Srikakulam District only. Included vide G.O.MS.No. 29 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
45. pala-Ekari, Ekila, Vyakula, Ekiri, Nayanivaru, Palegaru, Tolagari, Kavali of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Nellore, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included Vide G.O. MS. No. 23 B.C. W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
46. Rajannala, Rajannalu of Karimnagar, Warangal, Nizamabad and Adilabad Districts only. (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 44 B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008).
47. Bukka Ayyavars, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 6 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
48. Gotrala, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 7 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region only.
49. Kasikapadi / Kasikapudi, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 8 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Nizamabad, Mahaboobnagar and Adilabad Districts of Telangana Region only.
50. Siddula, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 9 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region only.
51. Sikligar / Saikalgar, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 10 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
52. Poosala included vide G.O. Ms.No. 16 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
53. Aasadula / Asadula, included vide G.O. Ms. No. 13, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to East Godavari and West Godavari Districts only.
54. Keuta/Kevuto/Keviti, included vide G.O. Ms. No. 15, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam District only.

GROUP – B (Vocational)

1. Achukatlavandlu in the Districts of Visakhapatnam and Guntur confined to Hindus only as amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 8, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 29.03.2000
2. Aryakshatriya, Chittari , Giniyar, Chitrakara, Nakshas (Muchi Telugu Speaking deleted vide G.O. Ms. No. 31, BCW (M1) Dept., 11.06.1996)
3. Devanga
4. Goud (Ediga) Gouda (Gamella) Kalalee, Goundla, Settibalija of Vishaphapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna Districts and Srisayana (Segidi) – (amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 16, BCW (A1) Dept., dt. 19.06.1997
5. Dudekula, Laddaf, Pinjari or Noorbash
6. Gandla, Telikula, Devatilakula (Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 13, BCW(A1) Dept., dt. 20.05.1997)
7. Jandra
8. Kummara or Kulala, Salivahana (Salivahana added vide G.O. Ms. No. 28, BCW(M1) Dept., 24.06.1995)
9. Karikalabhakthulu, Kaikolan or Kaikala (Sengundam or Sengunther)
10. Karnabhakthulu
11. Kuruba or Kuruma
12. Nagavaddilu
13. Neelakanthi
14. Patkar (Khatri)
15. Perika (Perikabaliya, Puragirikshatriya)
16. Nessi or Kurni
17. Padmasali (Sali, Salivan, Pattusali, Senapathulu, Thogata Sali)
18. Srisayana ((**sagidi**)- deleted and added to Sl.No. 4 of Group-B)
19. Swakulasali
20. Thogata, Thogati or Thogataveerakshtriya
21. Viswabrahmin, Viswakarma (Ausula or Kamsali, Kammari, Kanchari Vadla or Vadra or Vadrangi and Silpis)
(Viswakarma added vide G.O. Ms. No. 59 BCW(M1) Dept., Dt. 06.12.1995)
22. Kunchiti, Vakkaliga, Vakkaligara, Kunchitiga of Anantapur Dist. Only vide G.O. Ms.No. 10 BCW(C-2) Dept., Dt. 9-04-2008
23. Lodh, Lodhi, Lodha of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Khammam and Adilabad Districts only. Included in Vide G.O.MS.No. 22 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
24. Bondili (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 42, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
25. Are Marathi, Maratha(Non-Brahmins), Arakalies and Surabhi Natakavallu. (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 40, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
26. Neeli (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 43, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008).

27. Budubunjala/Bhunjwa/Bhadbhunja, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 11, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy District only.
28. Gudia/Gudiya, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 14, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam, district only.

GROUP – C

Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and their progeny
(Substituted in G.O.Ms.No.159, G.A.(Ser.D) Dept., dt. 02/04/1981)

GROUP – D (Other Classes)

1. Agaru
2. Are-Katika, Katika, Are-Suryavamsi(Are-Suryavamsi added vide G.O. Ms. No. 39, B.C. W(C2) Dept., Dt. 7/08/08)
3. Atagara
4. Bhatraju
5. Chippolu (Mera)
6. Gavara
7. Godaba
8. Hatkar
9. Jakkala
10. Jingar
11. Kandra
12. Kosthi
13. Kachi
14. Surya Balija, (Kalavanthulu) Ganika (amended vide G.O.Ms. No. 20, BCW(P2) Dept., Dt. 19.07.1994)
15. Krishanabalija (Dasari, Bukka)
16. Koppulavelama
17. Mathura
18. Mali (Bare, Barai, Marar and Tamboli of all Districts of Telangana Region added as synonyms vide G.O. Ms. No. 3, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 09.01.2004 and G.O. Ms. No. 45, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
19. Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu.
20. Munnurukapu (Telangana)
21. Nagavamsam (Nagavamsa) vide G.O.Ms.No. 53, BC Welfare Dept., dated:19/09/1996
22. Nelli(deleted vide G.O.Ms. No. 43, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
23. Polinativemas of Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts
24. deleted vide G.O. Ms.No. 16 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009
25. Passi
26. Rangrez or Bhavasarakshtriya
27. Sadhuchetty
28. Satani (Chattadasrivaishnava)
29. Tammali (Non-Brahmins) (Shudra Caste) whose traditional occupation is playing musical instruments, vending of flowers and giving assistance in temple service but not Shivarchakars. Included vide G.O. Ms. No. 7, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 19/02/2011).
30. Turupukapus or Gajula kapus {... the words "of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam Districts" were deleted vide G.O.Ms.No. 62, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 20/12/2008 and G.O. Ms.No. 19 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009} who are subject to Social customs or divorce and remarriage among their women (G.O. Ms. No. 65, E&SW, dt. 18.02.1994)
31. Uppara or Sagara
32. Vanjara (Vanjari)
33. Yadava (Golla)
34. Are, Arevalla and Arollu of Telangana District (Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 11, Backward Classes Welfare (C-2) Department, dt. 13/5/2003 and G.O.Ms. No. 41, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
35. Sadara, Sadaru of Anantapur Dist. Only vide G.O.Ms.No. 11 BCW (C-2) Dept., Dt. 9-04-2008
36. Arava of Srikakulam District only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 24 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
37. Ayyaraka, of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari,

- Krishna, Guntur, Khammam and Warangal Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 25 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
38. Nagaralu of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 27 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
 39. Aghamudian, Aghamudiar, Agamudivellalar and Agamudimudaliar including Thuluva Vellalas of Chittoor, Nellore, Kurnool, Anantapur, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 20 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
 40. Beri Vysya, Beri Chetty of Chittoor, Nellore and Krishna Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 21 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
 41. Atirasa included vide G.O. Ms.No. 5 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to East Godavari and West Godavari Districts only.
 42. Sondi / Sundi included vide G.O. Ms.No. 11 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
 43. Varala included vide G.O. Ms.No. 12 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana region only.
 44. Sistakaranam included vide G.O. Ms.No. 13 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
 45. Lakkamari Kapu included vide G.O. Ms.No. 14 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana region only.
 46. Veerashaiva Lingayat/Lingabaliya, included vide G.O. Ms.No. 22 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 28/02/2009.
 47. Kurmi, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 12, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region and also Krishna District only.
 48. Kalinga Komati / Kalinga Vysya vide G.O. Ms. No.10 Backward classes Welfare(c) Department Dated.24.9.2014. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts only.

GROUP – E

(Socially and Educationally Backward Classes of Muslims)

1. Achchukattalavandlu, Singali, Singamvallu, Achchupanivallu, Achchukattuvaru, Achukatlavandlu.
2. Attar Saibuli, Attarollu
3. Dhobi Muslim/ Muslim Dhobi/ Dhobi Musalman, Turka Chakla or Turka Sakala, Turaka Chakali, Tulukka Vannan, Tskalas or Chakalas, Muslim Rajakas.
4. Faqir, Fhakhir Budbudki, Ghanti, Fhakhir, Ghanta Fhakhiru, Turaka Budbudki, Derves, Fakeer
5. Garadi Muslim, Garadi Saibulu, Pamulavallu, Kani-Kattuvallu, Garadollu, Garadiga.
6. Gosangi Muslim, Phakeer Sayebulu
7. Guddi Eluguvallu, Elugu Bantuvallu, Musalman Keelu Gurravallu
8. Hajam, Nai, Nai Muslim, Navid
9. Labbi, Labbai, Labbon, Labba
10. Pakeerla, Borewale, Deraphakirlu, Bonthala
11. Kureshi/ Khureshi, Khasab, Marati Khasab, Muslim Katika, Khatik Muslim
12. Shaik/ Sheikh
13. Siddi, Yaba, Habshi, Jasi
14. Turaka Kasha, Kakkukotte Zinka Saibulu, chakkitakanevale, Terugadu Gontalavaru, Thirugatiganta, Rollaku Kakku Kottevaru, Pattar Phodulu, Chakketakare, Thuraka Kasha
15. Other Muslim groups excluding Syed, Saiyed, Sayyad, Mushaik; Mughal, Moghal; Pathans; Irani; Arab; Bohara, Bohra; Shia Imami Ismaili, Khoja; Cutchi-Memon; Jamayat: Navayat; and all the synonyms and sub-groups of the excluded groups; and except those who have been already included in the State List of Backward Classes.

N.B.:1. The above list is for information and subject to confirmation with reference to G.O. Ms.No. 58, SW (J) Department, dated 12/05/1997 and time to time orders.

2. On account of any reason whatsoever in case of any doubt/ dispute arising in the matter of community status (SC/ST/BC/OC) of any candidate, subject to satisfaction with regard to relevant rules and regulations in force the decision of the Commission shall be final in all such cases.
