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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Home (C) Department .

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(Ms.) No.23 /2025/Home.
S. R. O. No. 115/2025

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 31st January, 2025.

18th Makaram, 1200.

11th Magha, 1946.

In exercise of the powers conferred by article 233 and the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Kerala, in consultation with the High Court of Kerala, hereby make the following rules further to amend the Special Rules in respect of the Kerala State Higher Judicial Service Rules issued under G.O.(P)No.373/1961/Home dated 11th July 1961 and published in



Part I of the Kerala Gazette No.29, dated 18th July 1961, namely:-

RULES

1. *Short title and commencement* .- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala State Higher Judicial Service (Amendment) Special Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules*.- In the Special Rules in respect of the Kerala State Higher Judicial Service, 1961,-

(1) in Rule 3(b),-

after the existing proviso, the following proviso, and Explanation shall be inserted, namely:-

Provided further that the persons with benchmark disabilities are granted five years of age relaxation over and above the existing age limit.

Explanation.- The term "person with bench mark disability" shall have the same meaning as defined in clause (r) of section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act 49 of 2016).

Provided also that sub rule (e) of rule 10 of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958 shall be applicable to such candidates.

Provided also that, in no case the maximum upper age limit shall exceed 50 years for direct recruitment to the post.

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA

Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per Sub-section (3) of section 34 of the Rights of persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act 49 of 2016) that the appropriate Government may, by notification, provide for such relaxation of upper age limit for employment of persons with benchmark disability, as it thinks fit. The High Court of Kerala have proposed to amend the Special Rules in respect of Kerala State Higher Judicial Service, 1961 to grant five year age relaxation for persons with benchmark disabilities. Hence, the Government have accepted the proposals of the High Court and decided to amend the said Rules.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

