PART III
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES

Notification

The 23rd December, 1987

No. G.S.R. 3/Const./Art. 309/88.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, the President of India is pleased to make the following rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed to the Food and Supplies (Class I) Service, namely :

1. Short title and application.—(1) These rules may be called the Punjab Food and Supplies (Class I) Service Rules, 1988.

(2) They shall apply to the posts specified in Appendix ‘A’ to these rules.

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

(a) ‘Government’ means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Food and Supplies ;

(b) ‘Service’ means the Punjab Food and Supplies (Class I) Service.

3. Number and Character of posts.—The service shall comprise the posts specified in Appendix ‘A’ to these rules:

Provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the inherent right of the Government to add or reduce the number of such posts or to create new posts with different designations and scales of pay, whether permanently or temporarily.

4. Disqualifications.—No person—

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living ; or

(b) who having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the Service :

Provided that the Government, may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt him from the operation of this rule.

5. Appointing Authority.—All appointments to the service shall be made by the Government.
6. Method of appointment.—(1) Appointments to the Service shall be made in the following manner, namely:—

(a) in the case of Additional Director,—

(i) by promotion of a Joint Director having an experience working as such for a minimum period of three years; or

(ii) by transfer of an Officer already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government and working on an identical or similar post if a suitable candidate is not available for appointment.

(b) In the case of Joint Director,—

(i) by promotion of a Deputy Director having an experience working as such for a minimum period of three years; or

(ii) by transfer of an Officer already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government and working on an identical or similar post if a suitable candidate is not available for appointment by promotion.

(c) In the case of Deputy Director,—

(i) by promotion from amongst Assistant Director, District Food and Supplies Controller and Additional District Food and Supplies Controllers working under the control of the Director, Food and Supplies, Punjab having an experience of working on any of these posts for a minimum period of three years; or

(ii) by transfer of an Officer already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government and working on an identical or similar post if a suitable candidate is not available for appointment by promotion.

(d) In the case of Deputy Controller, Food Accounts,—

(i) by promotion of an Accounts Officer working under the control of the Director, Food and Supplies, Punjab having an experience of working as such for a minimum period of three years; or

(ii) by transfer of an Officer already in the service of Government of India or of a State Government and working on an identical or similar post if a suitable candidate is not available for appointment by promotion.

(2) When any vacancy occurs or is about to occur in the service, the appointing authority shall determine the manner in which the vacancy is to be filled.

(3) All appointments by promotion shall be made by selection on merit and no person shall have any claim to any post in the service merely on the ground of seniority.

7. Probation of members of Service.—(1) Persons appointed to a post in the service shall remain on probation for a period of one year:
Provided that—

(a) any period, after appointment to the service spent on deputation on a corresponding or a higher post shall count towards the period of probation;

(b) in the case of an appointment by transfer, any period of work on an equivalent or higher post, prior to appointment to the service, may, at the discretion of the Government, be allowed to count towards the period of probation fixed under this rule;

(c) any period of officiating appointment in the Service be reckoned as a period spent on probation but no member who had so officiated shall, on the completion of the prescribed period of probation, be entitled to be confirmed, unless he is appointed against a permanent post; and

(d) any kind of leave not exceeding 6 months availed of by an employee during or at the end of the period of probation is countable towards the period of probation.

(2) If in the opinion of the appointing authority, the work and conduct of a person during the period of probation has not been satisfactory, it may—

(i) revert him to his former post;

(ii) deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment permit.

(3) On the completion of the period of probation of a person, the appointing authority may,—

(a) if his work or conduct has, in its opinion, been satisfactory,—

(i) confirm such person from the date of his appointment, if appointed against a permanent vacancy; or

(ii) confirm such person from the date from which a permanent vacancy exists if appointed against a temporary vacancy; or

(iii) declare that he has completed his probation satisfactorily, if there is no permanent vacancy;

(b) if his work or conduct has, in its opinion, not been satisfactory,—

(i) revert him to his former post or deal with him in such other manner as the terms and conditions of his previous appointment permit; or

(ii) extend his period of probation and thereafter pass such orders as it could have passed on the expiry of the period of probation specified in sub-rule (1):

Provided that the total period of probation, including extension, if any, shall not extend three years.
8. Examination in Punjabi Language.— Every member of the Service shall have to pass the examination in Punjabi language of Matriculation standard during the period of probation unless he has passed such examination of such standard earlier.

9. Seniority of Members of Service.—The seniority inter se of members of the Service in each cadre shall be determined by the length of continuous service on a post in that cadre of the Service.

Provided that in the case of two or more members appointed on the same date, seniority shall be determined as follows:

(a) a member recruited by promotion shall be senior to a member recruited by transfer;

(b) in the case of members recruited by promotion or transfer, seniority shall be determined according to the seniority of such members in the appointments from which they were promoted or transferred; and

(c) in the case of members recruited by transfer from different cadres, their seniority shall be determined according to pay, preference being given to a member who was drawing a higher rate of pay in his previous appointment, and if the rates of pay drawn are also the same, then by their length of service in these appointments and if the length of such service is the same, an older member shall be senior to a younger member.

Note.—Seniority of the members of Service appointed on purely provisional basis shall be determined as and when they are regularly appointed keeping in view the dates of such regular appointments.

10. Liability of members of Service to transfer.—A member of the Service may be transferred by the Government to any post whether included in any other Service or not, on the same terms and conditions as are specified in rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Service Rules, Volume 1, Part I.

11. Liability to serve.—A member of the Service shall be liable to serve at any place whether within or out of the State of Punjab, on being ordered so to do by the appointing authority.

12. Pay and other matters.—Members of the Service shall be entitled to such scales of pay as are specified by the Government from time to time. The scales of pay at present in force in respect of the members of Service are given in Appendix 'A' to these rules.

13. Leave, pension and other matters.—In respect of pay, leave, pension and other matters not expressly provided for in these rules, the members of the Service shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may have been or may thereafter be adopted or made by the competent authority.

14. Discipline, Punishment and Appeals.—(1) In matters relating to discipline, penalties and appeals, the members of the Service shall be governed by the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970 as amended from time to time.
(2) The authority empowered to impose penalties specified in rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, and the appellate authority thereunder in respect of the members of the Service shall be as specified in Appendix 'B' to these rules.

15. Liability for vaccination and re-vaccination.—Every member of the Service shall get himself vaccinated or re-vaccinated when the Government so directs by a general or special order.

16. Oath of allegiance.—Every member of the Service shall unless he has already done so, be required to take oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India, as by law established.

17. Interpretation.—If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the Government shall decide the same.

18. Power to relaxation.—Where the Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class of category of persons;

Provided that provisions relating to experience shall not be relaxed.

APPENDIX ‘A’
(See rule 1, 3 and 12)

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<td>(v) Reduction to a lower stage in the time scale of pay for a specified period, with further directions as to whether or not the Government employee will earn increments of pay during the period of such reduction and whether on the expiry of such period, the reduction will or will not have the effect of postponing the future increments of his pay</td>
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