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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

MINUTE ON THE SRI LANKA AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

THE Minute on the Sri Lanka Agricultural Service published in the *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 1235/21 of 8th May 2002 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and amended by *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 1588/17 of 11th February 2009 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is hereby amended as follows:

(01) Sub-section (i) of the Section 05 is hereby repealed and the following new Sub-section 05(i) substituted therefor:-

"05(i). Two separate competitive Examinations will be held by the Commissioner General of Examinations for open and limited candidates for the purpose of filling vacancies in Class II Grade II of the Sri Lanka Agricultural Service as at a specific date to be decided. Both open and limited candidates should sit the First (General) Question Paper indicated in second schedule. As per the Syllabus given in Second Schedule, papers will be prepared separately for open and limited candidates and it will be compulsory for the candidates to sit one subject matter paper in relevance to the post applied for. Recruitment will be made by the Commission on the results of the said examination in terms of the provisions made under Section 06,07 and 08 below.

The word "General" in the words "General Competitive Examination" appearing in the Sub-section (ii) of the Sections 05 and Note - 01 is hereby repealed.

(02) Subsection (i) of the Section 06 is hereby amended, by the substitution for, the words "80% of the number of vacancies for the post of Agricultural Economist" appearing in the 2nd and 3rd rows of that Section, the words "60% of the number of vacancies for the post of Agricultural Economist".

(03) The percentage "50%" appearing in 4th row of Sub-section (iii) of the Section 06 is hereby amended, by the substitution of the percentage "40%" therefor.

(04) In addition to the qualifications indicated in 'a' to 'd' of Sub-section(vi) of the Section 06, "or four-year degree in science in Agricultural Technology Management" will be included as-

- iii of "a"
- iv of "b"
- iv of "c" and
- iv of "d"

(05) Sub- Sections 7(i) and 7(ii) are hereby amended as follows:-

(07) Limited Competitive Examination:

- I. 66 2/3% of the vacancies in the Post of Agricultural Officer, 40% of the vacancies in the Post of Research Officer and 40% vacancies in the Post of Agricultural Economist will be filled according to the percentages allocated for the posts held by the candidates at the time of sitting the examination, as indicated in the following table and in terms of provisions given in Sub - Para - III below. However, in instances where it is not possible to appoint a number equivalent to such percentages, the remaining vacancies will be filled from open recruitments.

<i>Scheduled Post</i>	<i>The post held at the time of sitting the Examination</i>		
	<i>Agricultural Instructor/ Garden Assistant/ Agricultural Monitoring Officer/ Programme Assistant (Agri)</i>	<i>Research Assistant/ Soil Surveyor/ Land Evaluation Officer/ Agricultural Monitoring officer/Programme Assist. (Agri)</i>	<i>Economist Assistant/ Agric. Monitoring Officer/ Programme Assistant (Agri)</i>
Agricultural Officer	66 2/3%		
Research Officer		40%	
Agricultural Economist			40%

II. Officers Eligible

The following officers who have completed a period of 05 years satisfactory service immediately preceding the closing date of applications are eligible to sit the Competitive Examination:-

- The Officers holding the Posts of Agricultural Instructor, Research Assistant, Soil Surveyor and Land Evaluation Officer in the Special Class of the Sri Lanka Technological Service.
- The Officers holding the Posts of Agricultural Instructor, Research Assistant, Soil Surveyor and Land Evaluation Officer, who have completed a minimum period of 04 years satisfactory active service in Class 1 of the Sri Lanka Technological Service.
- The Officers holding the Posts of Agricultural Monitoring Officer and Programme Assistant (Agriculture) who have completed a period of 05 years active service (An officer holding one of these posts and eligible for the examination can apply only one post out of the 03 scheduled posts given in the above table.)
- The Officers holding the Posts of Economist Assistant, who have completed a period of 05 years active service.
- The Officers holding the Posts of Garden Assistant, who have completed a period of 10 years active service; and
- The Officers holding the posts of Agricultural Instructor, Garden Assistant, Research Assistant, Soil Surveyor, and Land Evaluation Officer with Degree in Agriculture or Science, who have completed a period of 05 years active service.

(06) The percentage "50%" indicated in Subsection (iii)(B) is hereby repealed and the percentage "40%" substituted therefor.

(07) The Note 01 indicated in Sub-section (iii) of the Section 07 is hereby repealed and the following new Note 01 indicated in Sub-section(iii) of the Section 07 substituted therefor.

"07(iii) Note 1 -

The period of active service of an applicant with effect from the date of fulfilment of prescribed qualifications up to the closing date of applications will only be reckoned for the purpose of awarding marks for seniority. Marks will be awarded at the rate of 02 marks for each year of such active service and 01 mark for a period of service extending to 180 days or more subject to a maximum of 30 marks".

(08) In addition to the 06 subjects specified in Part (A) of "No. 1 Question Paper for the Post Research Officer" of the Second Schedule, the subjects indicated in No. 07 below are hereby added, thereof,

"07. Agricultural Chemistry:

Fundamentals of biochemistry and practical applications of biochemistry in agriculture,

Fundamentals of food chemistry and practical applications of food - chemistry in agriculture,

fundamentals of analytical chemistry and practical applications of analytical chemistry in agriculture".

(09) In addition to the 06 subjects specified in No. II Question Paper for Agricultural Officer and subject Matter Specialist of the Second Schedule the subjects are hereby added thereof, under No. 07 and 08 as below.

"07. Agricultural Extension and Training:

"Introduction of agricultural extension and objectives, agricultural development and extension, use and dissemination of new methods, communication, teaching methods of extension, extension approaches used in Sri Lanka, relation between research and extension, preparation of extension programs, review and evaluation of extension programs, institutions associated with agricultural extension in Sri Lanka. adult education, training procedure, various techniques used in identifying training requirements, arrangement of lessons, evaluation of training, use of audio-visual devices for training.

08. Seed Technology:

Seed physiology, structure, morphology, germination, vigour, seed testing viability, tests on viability and purity, stages of seed production, seed certification, seed storage.

(10) Section "(C) Ordinances relating to specific accounts dealt with in Kachcheries" specified under Paper I - Finances of the question papers in respect of the First Efficiency Bar given in Second Schedule is hereby repealed.

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