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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

## NOTIFICATION

The 19th February, 2026

**No.AGRI-13/40/2018/580.-** In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Assam Agricultural Service Rules, 1980, hereinafter referred to as the principal rules, in the manner hereinafter appearing, namely:

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| Short title and commencement | 1. | (1) These rules may be called the Assam Agricultural Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026.  |
|                              |    | (2) They shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.   |
| Amendment of first paragraph | 2. | In the principal Rules, in the first para, in the first line, for the words "Provision of Art." the words "proviso under Article" shall be substituted.                                  |
| Amendment of rule 2          | 3. | In the principal Rules, in rule 2, for clause (h), the following shall be substituted, namely: -<br>“(h) Select List means the list as referred to in rule 6(1)(d) and 13(8);”           |
| Amendment of rule 3          | 4. | In the principal Rules, for rule 3, the following shall be substituted, namely: -<br>“3. Class and Cadre<br>(1) The service shall consist of the following Classes and Cadres, namely: - |

Class-I (Senior Grade) – It shall include the cadres of –

- (i) Director;
  - (a) Director of Agriculture; and
  - (b) Director of Horticulture and Food Processing;
- (ii) Additional Director of Agriculture;
- (iii) Joint Director of Agriculture;
- (iv) Deputy Director;
  - (a) Deputy Director of Agriculture; and
  - (b) District Agricultural Officer;
- (v) Assistant Director of Agriculture.

Class-I (Junior Grade) – It shall include cadres of –

- (i) Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer;
- (ii) Senior Agricultural Development Officer; and
- (iii) Agricultural Development Officer.

- (2) The posts equivalent to the posts in the cadre of the service and included in the respective cadres as on the date of commencement of these rules are mentioned in **Schedule – I**.

Amendment of rule 5      5. In the principal Rules, for rule 5, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“5. Method of Recruitment

Recruitment to the service shall be made in the manner prescribed herein below: -

- (1) By Direct Recruitment
  - (i) the post of Director of Agriculture and Director of Horticulture and Food Processing;
  - (ii) 75% of the cadre of Agricultural Development Officer.
- (2) By Promotion
  - (i) 25% to the cadre of Agricultural Development Officer shall be filled up from the cadre of Agricultural Inspector of the Assam Subordinate

Agriculture Services having a minimum academic qualification of 4 (four) years in Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) and who has rendered a minimum period of 8(eight) years of continuous service on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of year of recruitment:

Provided that in absence of qualified candidate, such vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment in compliance to the provision of rule 5 of these rules.

- (ii) the post of Additional Director, Joint Director, Deputy Director/District Agricultural Officer, Assistant Director and Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer.

Amendment of 6. In the principal Rules, in rule 6,  
rule 6

- (i) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(1) Subject to sub-rule (1) of rule 5 direct recruitment to the cadres of Director and Agricultural Development Officer of the service shall be made by the Governor on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission in accordance with the procedures herein after provided: -”

- (a) Before the end of each year (i.e. in the month of December) the Appointing Authority shall make an assessment of the likely number of vacancies to be filled up by direct recruitment during the next year and shall intimate the same to the Commission together with the details about reservation for Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes or any other category as laid down by the Government and as provided under rule 17 and about carry forward of such reservation.
- (b) The Appointing Authority shall simultaneously request the Commission to recommend a list of candidates for direct recruitment in order of preference.
- (c) The Commission shall make the selection in accordance with the scheme of selection prescribed by the Government. The Commission may hold such test or interview or both and

undertake scrutiny of publication and documents as may be considered necessary and prepare a select list of candidates found suitable for recruitment in order of preference.

- (d) The Commission shall furnish to the Appointing Authority the select list. The number of candidates in such a list shall be equal to the number of vacancies notified.
- (e) The Commission shall simultaneously publish the select list in the Assam Gazette and at such other place the Commission may consider proper.
- (f) The select list shall remain valid for 12 (twelve) calendar months from the date of recommendation of the Commission.

(ii) sub-rule (3) shall be re-numbered as sub-rule (2).

Amendment of rule 7. 7. In the principal Rules, for rule 7, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“7. A candidate for direct recruitment to the cadre of Agricultural Development Officer (Junior Grade) shall not be less than 21 (twenty-one) years of age and not more than 38 (thirty-eight) years of age or as per the orders of the State Government issued from time to time as on the first January of the year in which the advertisement is published:

Provided that there shall be relaxation in case of candidates belonging to special categories like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and any other category as laid down by Government in accordance with the orders of the Government in force for time being.”

Amendment of rule 11. 8. In the principal Rules, rule 11, shall be omitted.

Amendment of rule 12. 9. In the principal Rules, for rule 12, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“12(1) Subject to suitability as may be decided by the Board and by the Appointing Authority as set forth in rule 13 and also subject to possessing qualifications and experience mentioned herein below, an officer shall be eligible for promotion from one cadre to another of the service in the manner hereinafter provided, namely: -

- (i) For promotion to the cadre of Additional Director of Agriculture, an officer must have served in the cadre of Joint Director of Agriculture or equivalent post for a minimum period of 2 (two) years or shall have rendered 25 (twenty-five) years of continuous service from the entry level cadre of Agriculture Development

Officer (ADO) to the cadre of Joint Director, whichever tenure is completed earlier on the last day of previous month of promotional meeting.

- (ii) For promotion to the cadre of Joint Director of Agriculture, an officer must have served in the cadre of Deputy Director of Agriculture or equivalent post for a minimum period of 2 (two) years or shall have rendered 25 (twenty-five) years of continuous service from the entry level cadre of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) to Deputy Director, whichever tenure is completed earlier on the last day of previous month of promotional meeting.
- (iii) For promotion to the cadre of Deputy Director of Agriculture or equivalent post, an officer must be at least Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or Master of Science in Agriculture and shall have rendered service for a minimum period of 2 (two) years in the rank of Assistant Director of Agriculture or 23 years of continuous service from entry level cadre of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) to Assistant Director of Agriculture, whichever tenure is completed earlier on the last day of previous month of promotional meeting
- (iv) For promotion to the cadre of Assistant Director of Agriculture, an officer must have Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or Master of Science in Agriculture and must have rendered service for a minimum period of 2 (two) years in the rank of Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer (SDAO) / equivalent post or 23 (twenty-three) years of continuous service from entry level cadre of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) to Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer (SDAO) whichever tenure is completed earlier on the last day of previous month of promotional meeting.
- (v) For promotion to the cadre of Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer, an officer must have at least a degree of 4 (four) years in Agricultural Science and must have rendered service for a minimum period of 5 (five) years in the corresponding lower cadre of the service on the last day of previous month of promotional meeting.

- (2) Vacancies in the cadres of Additional Director, Joint Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director and Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer to the extent as specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 5 shall be filled by promotion in the manner as specified in sub-rule (1) above:

Provided that the Governor may, for good and sufficient reasons, fill any of the posts in the service by inter-changing officers engaged in teaching or in research side of Agriculture University with members of the service.

- (3) In case of specialization a member of the service posted in connection with the specialized subject, shall be retained in the same specialized work, on his promotion in the normal course, by creating a higher post in the cadre to which he is so promoted keeping the lower post in abeyance, if the government considers that such officer cannot be withdrawn from the specialized work due to non-availability of any other officer of the lower cadre in the service to perform the specialized work.”

Amendment of  
rule 13

10. In the principal Rules, in rule 13,

- (i) in sub-rule (1), for the word “Government” the word “Appointing Authority” shall be substituted;
- (ii) for sub-rule (4), the following shall be substituted, namely: -
- “(4) The selection shall be made on the basis of seniority with due regard to merit in case of promotion stated hereinabove under sub-rule (1) of rule 12.”
- (iii) for sub-rule (8) and (9), the following shall be substituted, namely: -
- “(8) The promotions shall be in accordance with the select list as recommended by the Selection Board and approved by the Appointing Authority.
- (9) The select list approved by the Appointing Authority, shall be published in the Official Gazette by the Appointing Authority within 15 days from the date of final approval.”
- (iv) existing sub-rule (8) shall be re-numbered as sub-rule (10).

Omission of  
rule 14

11. In the principal Rules, rule 14 shall be omitted.

- Amendment of rule 15
12. In the principal Rules, for rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely: -
- “Selection Board
15. The Selection Board for considering promotion to the cadres of Additional Director, Joint Director, Deputy Director or District Agricultural Officer, Assistant Director and Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer as referred to in sub-rule (2) of rule 5 shall consist of the following members, namely: -
- |       |                                      |                  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| (i)   | Agricultural Production Commissioner | Chairperson      |
| (ii)  | Secretary, Agriculture Department    | Member-Secretary |
| (iii) | Secretary, Personnel Department      | Member           |
| (iv)  | Director of Agriculture              | Member”          |
- Amendment of rule 16
13. In the principal Rules, in rule 16, in sub-rule (1),
- (i) after clause (a), the following two new clauses shall be inserted, namely: -
- “(b) if he has more than two living children w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 and has violated the small family policy norms as per Government Notification No. ABP.69/2019/17, dated 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019;
- (c) if he has married in violation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (Act 6 of 2007).”
- (ii) existing clause (b) shall be re-numbered as clause (d).
- Amendment of rule 22
14. In the principal Rules, in rule 22,
- (i) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted,
- “(1) The seniority of a member in a cadre appointed by direct recruitment or by promotion shall be determined according to the order of preference in the respective list recommended by the Commission under clause (e) of sub-rule (1) of rule 6 and also in the respective list approved by the Appointing Authority under sub-rule (6) of rule 13, if he joins the appointment within 15 days from the receipt of the order or within the extended period as mentioned in rule 19.”

- (ii) in sub-rule (2), in the second line, for the figure “5” appearing in between the words “initial” and “days”, the figure “15” shall be substituted,

Amendment of the Schedules 15. In the principal Rules, for Schedule-I, Schedule-II and Schedule-III, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

**“SCHEDULE –I”**

**NAMES OF THE POSTS, STRENGTH OF THE SERVICE AND SCALE OF PAY**

(see rule 4 and 25)

Sl No.	Categories of posts		Scale of Pay		Number of posts	
			Pay Band	Grade Pay	Permanent	Total
<b>A. Class- I (Senior Grade): -</b>						
1.	Director					
	(i)	Director of Agriculture	PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	17,500	1	1
	(ii)	Director of Horticulture and Food Processing	PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	17,500	1	1
2.	Additional Director		PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	16,900	5	5
3.	Joint Director		PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	15,700	16	16
4.	Deputy Director					
	(i)	Deputy Director of Agriculture	PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	14,500	26	26
	(ii)	District Agricultural Officer	PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	14,500	26	26
5.	Assistant Director of Agriculture		PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	13900	103	103
<b>B. Class- I (Junior Grade): -</b>						
6.	Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer		PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	13,300	166	166
7.	Senior Agricultural Development Officer		PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	12,700	138	138
8.	Agricultural Development Officer		PB-4: Rs. 30,000-1,10,000	12,700	449	449

**SCHEDULE –II****ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT****(see rule 8)**

<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Cadre</b>	<b>Minimum Qualifications</b>	
1.	Director of Agriculture	(i)	First class Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) degree in Agriculture or Master of Science (M.Sc) degree in Agriculture from a recognized Agricultural University.
		(ii)	Experience in research extension work or teaching for 10 years.
		(iii)	Experience in administration of Agriculture in a Senior Grade class-I post at least for 8 years.
		(iv)	Desirable qualification:
		(a)	Post Graduate or Bachelor's Degree in any of the basic agricultural sciences like Agronomy, Agricultural Extension Education, Horticulture, Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology etc.
		(b)	Outstanding research training or extension as evidence by published paper.
		(c)	Experience in a top position in the field of Agricultural education or Agricultural extension.
		(d)	Intrinsic knowledge of problems of Indian Agriculture particularly with reference to any of the rice growing regions of India.
2.	Agricultural Development Officer	4 (four) years Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) Degree in Agriculture from a Government recognized Agricultural University.	

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