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**The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Rules, 2023**

Notification No. 11/Lo. Se. Aa. -01-03/2020 (Part) ka.7119—In exercise of the power conferred by the proviso to the Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Jharkhand, hereby enacts the following rules:-

**The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Rules, 2023**

1 Short title, extent and commencement:-

- (a) These rules may be called the "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Rules, 2023"
- (b) These shall extend to the whole State of Jharkhand.
- (c) These rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the State official Gazette.

2 Rule -6 (i) of "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination Rules, 2021 (as amended vide the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)" is as follows:-

"A candidate should have completed a minimum age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 35 years on the following month from the date of publication of advertisement of the examination under these rules."

shall be substituted as below:-

"A candidate should have completed a minimum age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 35 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> day (First day) of the month of August in the year of the publication of advertisement of the examination under these rules."

3 Rule -17 of "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination Rules, 2021 (as amended vide the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)" is as follows:-

"17(i) Candidates who obtain minimum qualifying marks of 40% in aggregate shall only be considered by the Commission while preparing the selection list for Main Examination and for preparing the merit list for the purpose of Interview Test. However the minimum qualifying marks shall be relaxable as per following criteria:-

Sl. No	Category	Minimum Qualifying Marks
1	Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Females	32%
2	Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I)	34%
3	Backward Classes (Annexure-II)	36.5%
4	Primitive Tribal Group	30%
5	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	40%

Marks obtained in Main (Written) Examination Paper 'I' Language (General Hindi and General English) which is only qualifying in nature will not be added to the aggregate marks for calculation of percentage of marks, or for preparation of merit list for Interview Test or for preparation of final merit list.

(ii) The adequate number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be approximately 15 (fifteen) times the total number of advertised vacancies to be filled in the year of the various Services and

posts provided they are otherwise eligible but in the said range all those candidates irrespective of category who secure the same percentage of marks as may be fixed by the Commission for any lowest range will be admitted to the Main Examination.

Provided further that if adequate number of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I)/ Backward Classes (Annexure-II)/Economically Weaker Section are not available amongst the candidates to be declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination, the commission shall reduce the cut off marks for them till adequate number of candidates belonging to these categories are declared qualified for the Main Examination but the reduced cut off marks shall not be less than the minimum marks mentioned in sub-rule (i)"

***shall be substituted as below:-***

“17. General provisions related to Preliminary, Main Examination and preparation of final merit list:-

- (i) Candidates who obtain minimum qualifying marks of 40% in aggregate shall only be considered by the Commission while preparing the selection list for Main Examination and for preparing the merit list for the purpose of Interview Test. However the minimum qualifying marks shall be relaxable as per following criteria:-

Sl. No	Category	Minimum Qualifying Marks
1	Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Females	32%
2	Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I)	34%
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4	Primitive Tribal Group	30%
5	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	40%

- (ii) Marks obtained in Main (Written) Examination Paper ‘I’ Language (General Hindi and General English) which is only qualifying in nature will not be added to the aggregate marks for calculation of percentage of marks, or for preparation of merit list for Interview Test or for preparation of final merit list

- (iii) Such candidates belonging to any reserved category who avail the benefits of any relaxation/ reservation at any stage of the examination will be adjusted against the vacancies of their respective reserved category.”

4 Rule -18 of "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination Rules, 2021 (as amended vide 1<sup>st</sup>Amendment)" is as follows:-

- “(i) Candidates belonging to any of the reserved category and selected on the standards fixed for unreserved candidates shall not be adjusted against the reserved category vacancies.
- (ii) Whenever candidates belonging to reserved category avail the benefits of relaxation of age, minimum qualifying marks fixed for reserved candidates appearing in examination at any stage then such candidates would be adjusted against the vacancies of a reserved category.”

shall be substituted as below:-

## "18. Preliminary Examination:-

There shall be a selection list for admission to the Main Examination which shall be prepared in the following manner:

Candidates will be arranged by the Commission in order of merit. An initial selection list shall first be prepared which shall contain candidates equal to approximately 15 times, the total number of advertised vacancies. The marks obtained by the last candidate shall be considered as the UNR cutoff.

If the representation of any of the reserved categories (horizontal or vertical) is less than 15 times the advertised vacancies of that category, then the cut off for the same shall be reduced till adequate representation (15 times the advertised vacancies) is ensured.

All candidates getting marks equal to their respective category cut off shall be included in the selection list for admission to the main examination.

All candidates in the selection list have to meet the minimum qualifying standard as mentioned in sub-Rule 17(i)"

5 Rule -19 of "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination Rules, 2021 (as amended vide the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)" is as follows:-

"(i) After interview, the candidates will be arranged by the Commission in the order of merit as determined by the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate in the Main (Written) Examination and Interview test.

Thereafter, the Commission shall, for the purpose of recommending candidates against unreserved vacancies, fix a qualifying mark (hereinafter referred to as general qualifying standard) with reference to the number of unreserved vacancies to be filled up on the basis of the Main Examination.

For the purpose of recommending reserved category candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II), Economically Weaker Section and candidates belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disability against reserved vacancies, the Commission may relax the general qualifying standard with reference to number of reserved vacancies to be filled up in each of these categories on the basis of the Main Examination.

Provided that the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II) and Economically Weaker Section who have not availed themselves of any of the concessions or relaxations in the eligibility or the selection criteria, at any stage of the examination and who after taking into account the general qualifying standards are found fit for recommendation by the Commission shall not be recommended against the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II) and Economically Weaker Section.

(ii) Service allocation will be made by the Commission.

While making service allocation, the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II),

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Economically Weaker Section recommended against unreserved vacancies may be adjusted against reserved vacancies by the Commission, if by this process they get a service of higher choice in the order of their preference. The Commission may lower the general qualifying standard if vacancy arises under un-reserved category by following this rule.

- (iii) Commission shall allocate service to the candidates as per their choice and the merit list prepared under rule 19(i). Service and Category wise vacancies & a model merit list of 200 candidates are shown in Table-1 and Table-2 of the Appendix-II, respectively.

If a candidate belonging to a reserved category and selected under unreserved category without availing any relaxed standard is allocated service of her/his choice under the unreserved category then she/he shall be adjusted against vacancy of unreserved category. However, if a candidate belonging to reserved category and selected under unreserved category without availing any relaxed standard cannot be allocated service of her/his choice under unreserved category and she/he may be allocated service of her/his choice under her/his reserved category then she/he shall be allocated service of her/his choice under reserved category as per rule 19(ii). A model selection list against 50 vacancies of different services is enclosed as Table-3 of the Appendix-II."

**shall be substituted as below:-**

**"19 Main Examination:-**

- (i) The Main examination shall consist of the Main (written) examination and the Interview.
- (ii) There shall be a selection list for the Interview Test which shall be prepared in the following manner:

Candidates will be arranged by the Commission in order of merit. An initial selection list shall be first prepared which shall contain candidates equal to approx 2.5 times the total number of advertised UNR vacancies. The marks obtained by the last candidate shall be considered as the UNR cutoff.

Those candidates belonging to reserved categories in the initial selection list who have not taken any benefit/relaxation of being in a reserved category shall be considered as UNR candidates for the purpose of this selection list.

Reserved category candidates selected against reserved category seats have to be equal to approximately 2.5 times the number of advertised vacancies of the respective category. For this purpose, the cut off shall be further lowered for each reserved category to include more candidates in the selection list. This shall be in addition to the reserved category candidates selected as UNR candidates in the initial selection list.

All candidates have to meet the minimum qualifying standard as mentioned in sub-Rule 17(i).

- (iii) After interview, the candidates will be arranged by the Commission in the order of merit as determined by the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate in the Main (Written) Examination and Interview test.

Thereafter, the Commission shall, for the purpose of recommending candidates against unreserved vacancies, fix a qualifying marks (hereinafter referred to as general qualifying standard) with reference to the number of unreserved vacancies to be filled up on the basis of the Main Examination.

For the purpose of recommending reserved category candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II), Economically Weaker Section and candidates belonging to Persons with

Benchmark Disability against reserved vacancies, the Commission may relax the general qualifying standard with reference to number of reserved vacancies to be filled up in each of these categories on the basis of the Main Examination.

Provided that the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II) and Economically Weaker Section, who have not availed themselves of any of the concessions or relaxations in the eligibility or the selection criteria at any stage of the examination and who after taking into account the general qualifying standards are found fit for recommendation by the Commission, shall not be recommended against the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), Backward Classes (Annexure-II) and Economically Weaker Section.

(iv) **Service allocation will be made by the Commission.**

While making service allocation, the candidates belonging to any of the reserved categories recommended against unreserved vacancies may be adjusted against reserved vacancies by the Commission, if by this process they get a service of higher choice in the order of their preference. The Commission may lower the general qualifying standard if vacancy arises under un-reserved category by following this rule.

(v) **Commission shall allocate service to the candidates as per their choice and the merit list prepared under sub-Rule 19(iii). For example Service and Category wise vacancies & a model merit list of 200 candidates are shown in Table-1 and Table-2 of the Appendix-II, respectively.**

If a candidate belonging to a reserved category and selected under unreserved category, without availing any relaxed standard, is allocated service of her/his choice under the unreserved category, then she/he shall be adjusted against vacancy of unreserved category. However, if a candidate belonging to reserved category and selected under unreserved category without availing any relaxed standard cannot be allocated service of her/his choice under unreserved category and she/he may be allocated service of her/his choice under her/his reserved category, then she/he shall be allocated service of her/his choice under reserved category as per sub-Rule 19(iv). For example a model selection list against 50 vacancies of different Services is enclosed as Table-3 of the Appendix-II."

6 Sub- Rule (iv) under Rule 3- Main Examination of The Appendix I - Section I - Plan of Examination of "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination Rules, 2021 (as amended vide the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)" is hereby abolished.

7 Rest provisions of "The Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Examination Rules, 2021 (as amended vide the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)" shall remain unchanged.

8 Approval has been granted on the proposal through Departmental Memorandum Memo No. 11/Lo.Se.Aa-01-03/2020 (Part) 7006 ka. dated 15.12.2023 in the State Cabinet's Meeting dated 15.12.2023 vide item no.17. .

By the order of the Governor of Jharkhand,

**Prawin Kumar Toppo,**  
Secretary to the Government.

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