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To

The Principal Secretary to Govt.  
General Administration & Public Grievance Department,  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Relaxation of the provision relating to the eligibility criteria for promotion to the post of Section Officer in the Office of the RDC (ND), Sambalpur.**

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference on the subject cited above, I am to say that the total sanctioned post of Section Officers in this office is 13(thirteen). Out of the said sanctioned post, at present only 10 (ten) Section Officers are in position leaving three post of Section Officers vacant. Further, in the month of August, 2022 one existing Section Officer is also going to be retired from Govt. service on attaining the age of superannuation.

In this context, it is worthwhile to mention here that, as per Rule- 10 (1) of Odisha Heads of Department (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Junior Assistants, Assistant Section Officers and Section Officers in the offices of the Heads of Departments) Rules, 2019, no Assistant Section Officer shall be eligible for promotion to Section Officer, unless he has rendered a minimum of twelve years of continuous service including nine years of service as Senior Assistant as on 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the D.P.C meets. Now, in the feeder cadre of Assistant Section Officer, there are 8 employees working in this office, out of which noone have completed the required qualifying service of 12 years including nine years in the post of Assistant Section Officer as on 01.01.2022. As such, no Assistant Section Officer of this office is eligible for promotion to the post of Section Officer. Furthermore, it is also to intimate that, due to vacancies in the cadre of Section Officers, some Section Officers have been entrusted to managed the charge of more than one section for which the work is not being properly monitored. So, in view of the acute shortage of Section Officers and for the interest of public service, Govt. may like to relax any of the provisions of these rules as envisaged vide Rule-18 of the Odisha Heads of Department (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Junior Assistants, Assistant Section Officers and Section Officers in the offices of the Heads of Departments) Rules, 2019.

In view of the above, I would request you to kindly consider for relaxation of qualifying service of twelve years to nine years including five years in the post of Assistant Section Officer, for promotion of existing Assistant Section Officers to the post of Section Officer in this office for the reasons as outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

*Dalai*  
24/6/22

Revenue Divisional Commissioner,  
Northern Division, Sambalpur

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Copy submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Revenue & Disaster Management, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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