

No. 10719-Gen.  
GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
POLITICAL AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 31st August 1961

SUBJECT—Requirement of Domicile and Language Qualifications for entry into Government Service.

READ—Home Department Resolution No. 38-Ref., dated the 18th January 1949.

In Home Department Resolution No. 38-Reforms, dated the 18th January 1949, it has been laid down that in matters of public employment preference should be given to candidates who satisfy the criteria—

(1) that he should be a permanent resident of the province of Orissa (permanent resident has been defined as one who or one of whose parents has lived in the province of Orissa for a minimum period of twelve years) ; and

(2) (a) that he is able to speak Oriya ; and

(b) if he is a literate person—

(i) is able to read and write it ; and

(ii) has also passed a test in Oriya equivalent to the middle standard.

Consequent on the passing by Parliament of the Public Employment (Requirement as to Residence) Act, 1957, the requirement of residential qualification prescribed in Home Department resolution cited above in matters of appointment to the various posts and services under the State Government has become inoperative. Government, has, therefore, decided that the domicile qualification shall no longer be a stipulation for entry into public services in the State. Modification of the existing recruitment rules to bring them in conformity with section 2 of the aforesaid Act may be taken up by the Departments of Government.

2. The criteria of language qualification as contained in Home Department Resolution No. 38-Reforms, dated the 18th January 1949, will henceforward be regulated as follows —

(i) Generally, the language qualification as at present prescribed shall remain for employment in public services in the State. This should be so, particularly as regards permanent posts ;

(ii) for technical posts, whether permanent or temporary, recruitment may be made on the condition that within the prescribed probationary period the candidate selected should pass an examination in Oriya equivalent to the M. E. Standard :

Provided that the language qualification shall not be insisted upon if so desired by Government in specific cases.

(iii) In certain technical posts, which require special qualifications, Government may relax the condition of language qualification entirely. This will have particular reference to contract posts or temporary posts.

3. Language tests will be held by the Education Department to test candidates by the M. E. Standard in Oriya to enable them to qualify for employment in public service by means of competitive examinations, or otherwise. These will be conducted twice every year. Those who have passed Matriculation or an equivalent examination with Oriya as their second language may be exempted from passing the test.

4. The Departments of Government, and Heads of Departments etc., are requested to amend their recruitment rules accordingly so as to exclude the residential qualification.

ORDER—Ordered that this resolution should be published in the Orissa Gazette

Ordered also that copies of the resolution be forwarded to all Departments/all District Officers/all Heads of Departments/Superintendent, Orissa Government Press/Secretary to the Orissa Public Service Commission/Secretary to the Governor for information and communication to all appointing authorities under them.

By order of the Governor  
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Joint Secretary to Government