

THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA: CUTTACK

Advertisement No. 02/2024

Date:14/05/2024

RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF ASSISTANT SECTION OFFICER

Online applications are invited from the eligible candidates from **10.00 A.M. of 20.05.2024 till 11.59 P.M. of 18.06.2024** for recruitment to 147 (One Hundred Forty Seven) posts of Assistant Section Officer (Group-'B') in the Court's Establishment in the scale of pay of Rs.35,400 – 1,12,400/- in Level 9 of the Pay Matrix under ORSP Rules, 2017 with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time.

The recruitment shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of "The High Court of Orissa (Appointment of Staff and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2019" as amended from time to time.

2. VACANCY POSITION:

The category wise vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below:

| Sl. No. | Category | Total (Women) | PwDs | Ex-Servicemen | Sportspersons |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | UR | 70 (W-23) | 06 | 04 | 01 |
| 2 | SEBC | 05 (W-02) | | | |
| 3 | ST | 57 (W-19) | | | |
| 4 | SC | 15 (W-05) | | | |
| Total | | 147 (W-49) | | | |

N.B.:- The backlog vacancies in respect of 8 PwDs and 6 Ex-Servicemen shall be considered while filling up of the present vacancies.

Note:

- (a) In case the vacancies reserved for a particular category of women candidates remain unfilled due to non-availability of eligible/suitable women candidate(s) belonging to respective category, the unfilled vacancies shall be filled up by eligible/suitable male candidate(s) of the same category.

- (b) Exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe will not be considered.
- (c) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by the Court without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
- (d) Filling up of vacancies for candidates belonging to PwDs/ Ex-Servicemen/ Sportsperson shall be made in accordance with the provision made under relevant Acts, Rules, Orders or instructions issued in that behalf by the State Government from time to time.

3. AGE:

A candidate must be **above 21 (Twenty-One)** years of age and **below 32 (Thirty-Two)** years of age as on 14.05.2024, i.e. he/she must have been born on or before 13.05.2003 and on or after 15.05.1992.

Provided that, the upper age is relaxable by 5 years for candidates belonging to the categories of SC, ST, SEBC & Women and by 10 years for PwDs whose permanent disability is not less than 40% and not more than 50%. Persons with disabilities belonging to SC/ST/SEBC categories are eligible to get cumulative age relaxation of 15 years i.e. 10 years under PwD category and 5 years under SC/ST/SEBC category.

Provided further that, Group-"C" and Group-"D" employees of the court if they are otherwise qualified to apply for the post shall be allowed maximum age relaxation of 5 (five) years.

Age relaxation for Ex-Servicemen candidates shall be made in accordance with the provision made under relevant Acts, Rules, Orders or instructions issued in that behalf by the State Government.

Provided that, a candidate who comes under more than one category, he/she will be eligible for only one age relaxation benefit, which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE THE AGE LIMIT PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED.

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will only be accepted.

4. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

A candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from a recognised University or such other qualification equivalent thereto. He/ she must have adequate knowledge in Computer Application.

5. EXAMINATION FEE:

A candidate is required to pay a non-refundable and non-adjustable fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only through online by using Debit Card/ Credit Card/UPI/ Net Banking system.

Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe and Persons with Disabilities are exempted from payment of examination fee.

6. SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION:

The Recruitment Examination for the post of Assistant Section Officer shall consist of Preliminary Examination/Test, Main Written Examination, Computer Application Test and Viva-Voce Test as detailed below.

(A) Preliminary Examination/Test - 150 marks (2 hours duration)

The Preliminary Examination/ Test shall carry 150 marks in accordance with the Graduation Course on the subjects of General English, General Knowledge, Logical Reasoning and Quantitative Aptitude. In the Preliminary Examination/Test there shall be 150 numbers of Objective Type of Questions with Multiple Choice Answers.

THERE SHALL BE NEGATIVE MARKING OF 0.5 (HALF) MARK FOR EACH WRONG ANSWER. Those candidates who secure not less than 33% of marks in case of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe category and 40% of marks in case of other categories in the Preliminary Examination/Test shall be called to appear in the Main Written Examination.

Provided that, the Court shall have the discretion to fix the cut-off mark, taking into consideration the number of vacancies to be filled up and the number of candidates who have qualified in the Preliminary Examination/Test.

(B) Main Written Examination: 300 marks (5 hour duration)

| SL. NO. | SUBJECT | MARKS | DURATION |
|----------------|--|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | English (Essay, Précis writing, Translation, Retranslation and Grammar) | 100 | 2 hours |
| 2. | Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, Mensuration, Statistics & Probability) | 100 | 2 hours |
| 3. | General Awareness & Test of Reasoning (Current Affairs, National & International Events, Major Financial/ Economic news, Budget & Five-year plans, Books & Authors, Awards & Honours, Abbreviations, Important Days, Who's Who, Sports, General Science, International & National Organization, History, Geography, Politics, Civics and Culture.) | 100 | 1 hour |

So far as Main Written Examination is concerned, English Paper shall be of qualifying in nature. If a candidate belonging to SC & ST category fails to secure at least 33% of marks and if a candidate belonging to rest of the categories fails to secure at least 45% of marks in English paper, his/her other papers i.e. Mathematics and General Awareness & Test of Reasoning shall not be evaluated and he/she shall be deemed to have been disqualified.

Provided that, the marks secured by a candidate in English Paper, as mentioned above, shall not be taken into account while drawing up of the Final Merit List.

The Court shall call the candidates for Computer Application Test, who have secured not less than 40% of marks in aggregate and a minimum of 30% of marks in case of S.C./S.T. category and not less than 45% of marks in aggregate and a minimum of 33% of marks in case of rest of the categories in each paper i.e. Mathematics and General Awareness & Test of Reasoning in the Main Written Examination.

(C) Computer Application Test: 100 Marks (1 hour duration)

The Computer Application Test is qualifying in nature and the qualifying mark is 50% of the total marks in the said paper. It shall consist of Theory & Skill Test, the details of which is given below:-

| Computer Application | MARKS | DURATION |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| (i) Theory | 50 | 30 minutes |
| (ii) Skill Test | 50 | 30 minutes |

[Computer Fundamentals, Windows (MS- Windows), MS Office (Word, Excel & Power Point), Linux Fundamental and Open Office Application, Usage of Internet Operation, Communication Technology, Networking Concepts (LAN, Ethernet, Broad Band, Wireless) and Digital Signature]

Those candidates who secure at least 50% marks of the Computer Application Test shall be called upon to appear in the Viva-Voce Test. Such mark obtained in Computer Application Test shall not be taken into account while drawing up of the Final Merit List.

(D) Viva-Voce Test: 40 Marks

The marks secured by the candidate(s) in the Viva-Voce Test shall be added to the marks obtained by him / her in the Main Written Examination so as to arrive at the total marks secured by him / her, and the names of the candidates shall be arranged in order of merit on the basis of such total marks.

Provided that, the names of the candidates shall not be included in the Merit List, unless such candidates secure a minimum of 40% of marks in the Viva-Voce Test.

If two or more candidates secure equal marks in aggregate, the order of merit shall be determined in accordance with the marks secured at the Main Written Examination, and if the marks secured in the Main Written Examination of the candidates concerned is also equal, then the order of merit shall be decided as to who is older in age, and the person older in age shall be placed above the other candidate.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid provisions, the Chief Justice, may reduce the qualifying marks at his / her discretion to meet the exigency of non-availability of sufficient number of candidates.

7. CENTRE OF EXAMINATION:

The Preliminary examination may be held in all the 30 Districts of the State. The Candidates are required to select 3 Districts of their choice in order of his/her preference at the time of filling up of the online application form. Every effort will be made to allot candidates to the District of their choice. The Court may, at its discretion, allot any other District to the candidates when circumstances so warrant. Examination Centre for subsequent stages of recruitment process will be intimated to Candidates in due course of time.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF CENTRE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

- (A) The candidate must be a citizen of India and he must –
- (i) Have the requisite qualification(s).
 - (ii) Be of good character.
 - (iii) Be of sound health and mind, good physique and free from any contagious or communicable disease and should not be with bodily infirmity of more than 50%.
 - (iv) Not have more than one spouse living, if married.
 - (v) Not have any past criminal antecedent and / or record.
 - (vi) Not have been convicted by any Criminal Court for offence involving moral turpitude.

- (vii) Not have been debarred by any Government, Court or Public Service Commission or any other Commission from appearing in any Recruitment Test.
- (B) A candidate who claims change in his/her name/ surname after having passed the High School Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, is required to furnish the copy of publication of the changed name in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Odisha Gazette in support of his/ her change of name/ surname. **Application having difference/ discrepancy with respect to name/ surname appearing in the certificates furnished by the candidate if not supported by the documents as required above shall be rejected.**
- (C) Government servants are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age-limit of the Advertisement. They must inform their respective Heads of Offices in writing regarding submission of their application for this recruitment and should obtain a "No Objection Certificate" from their controlling authority and upload the same with the online application. In case of non-availability of NOC at the time of submission of online application form the candidate shall upload an undertaking that he/she shall produce the NOC at the time of document verification prior to Viva-Voce Test.

9. CERTIFICATES/ DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED:

The candidates are required to upload the scanned copies of the following original documents:

- (i) HSC or equivalent certificate in support of proof of age.
- (ii) Certificate of Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University or such other qualification equivalent thereto.
- (iii) Certificate showing adequate knowledge in Computer Application.
- (iv) Certificate of good character from the Institution last attended or two certificates from two persons of repute (one of whom must be a Gazetted Officer).
- (v) Recent passport size photograph.

[The photograph must be clearly visible with proper orientation]

- (vi) Full signature of the candidate.
[The signature must be clearly visible with proper orientation and in white background]
- (vii) Aadhaar card.
- (viii) Certificate from the competent authority indicating the category of the caste or the tribe or the class of the applicant, in case he or she belongs to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or SEBC and claims reservation under such category.
- (ix) Discharge Certificate and Affidavit (in case of Ex-Servicemen).
- (x) Medical Certificate or Disability Certificate (in case of PwDs).
- (xi) Sports Certificate (in case of Sportsperson).
- (xii) No Objection Certificate in case of government servant [in case of non-availability of NOC submit an undertaking as mentioned under 8 (C)].
- (xiii) Group-“C” and Group-“D” employees of the High Court need to upload Service Certificate so as to avail age relaxation.
- (xiv) Copy of publication of the changed name/ surname in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Odisha Gazette in support of his/ her change/alteration/modification of name/ surname. (Wherever applicable)

The candidates are required to take a printout of the finally submitted online Application Form for future use.

EXPLANATION:-

- i. The SEBC Certificate which is **more than 3 (three) years old** by the closing date of submission of online application form is **liable for rejection**.
- ii. Women candidates belonging to S.C./ S.T./ S.E.B.C. categories are required to submit Caste Certificates by birth showing “Daughter of”. **Caste Certificate by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing “Wife of”) is not acceptable and is liable for rejection.**
- iii. OBC CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF SEBC CERTIFICATE.

- iv. The certificates of good character which is more than 3 (three) months old by closing date of submission of online application form is liable for rejection.
- v. Community (Caste Status) once mentioned by the candidates shall not be changed under any Circumstances.
- vi. Medical Certificate or Disability Certificate from the competent Medical Board or Authority indicating the nature of disability in case of PwDs (not less than 40% and not more than 50% disability) to claim reservation under such category.
- vii. Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served if the candidate claims reservation under Ex-Servicemen category. Such candidates must submit an Affidavit that he has not been appointed against any civil post after Military Service, wherever applicable.
- viii. Sportsperson candidates claiming reservation must submit Sports Certificate issued in their favour by Director of Sports and Youth Service Department, Government of Odisha.

10. MISCELLANEOUS:

- (a) Applicants must go through the details of this Advertisement and **"INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES"** available in the portal of the Court's website before filling up online application form.
- (b) The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.
- (c) Applications should be submitted through **ONLINE** mode only by logging into the website of High Court of Orissa i.e. **www.orissahighcourt.nic.in (Recruitment Corner ---> Examination Portal)**. Then Click on **"RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF ASSISTANT SECTION OFFICER, 2024"**.
- (d) Incomplete / Incorrect application(s) or forms submitted through modes other than the prescribed ONLINE format will not be entertained and will be summarily rejected without assigning any reason.

Admission to any stage of the Recruitment process will be provisional. If on verification at any stage of the Recruitment process, it is found that a

candidate does not fulfil the eligibility conditions then his/her candidature will be liable for rejection.

- (e) The facility of Scribe will not be entertained at any stage of Recruitment Process.
- (f) The candidates are required to produce self-attested copy of the Application form, self-attested copies of certificates uploaded during submission of the Online Application, along with their originals at the time of Viva-Voce Test. Candidates should keep at least 5 copies of passport size photographs which is uploaded on the online application form for future use.

If one candidate furnishes more than one application, only information/data of the latest application having higher Acknowledgement Number will be considered.

- (g) Notice regarding date and time of each stage of examination will be uploaded in the Website of the High Court of Orissa. No separate correspondence will be made on this score.
- (h) If a candidate fails to attend any stage of the examination and/or document verification, his/her candidature shall be rejected.
- (i) The candidates are advised to check the High Court of Orissa website regularly for latest updates. No Admission Letter for the recruitment test at any stage shall be sent by post. The candidates are therefore advised to visit the court's website www.orissahighcourt.nic.in regularly for updates regarding the date of examination, downloading of e-Admit Card etc.
- (j) No T.A. / D.A. will be paid for appearing in the Examination.
- (k) In case of any guidance/information on this advertisement & recruitment, candidates may contact over Telephone number 0671-2509788 and Mobile number 9437498780 on working day between 10.30 A.M. to 05.00 P.M.

11. PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT IN THE EXAMINATION:

An applicant, who is or has been declared guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated document(s) or documents specified in Clause-9 mentioned above, which has been tampered with or of making statements which are incorrect or false, or of suppressing material information or of using or

attempting support for his candidature, may in addition to the liability for criminal prosecution would also invite such other disciplinary action as deemed proper at the discretion of the Hon'ble Court.

Sd/- S. K. Dash Ray
REGISTRAR, EXAMINATION

Memo No. R.E-07 / Date: 14.05.2024

Copy forwarded to:

- 1) Notice Board of the Court.
- 2) Superintendent, Computer Section with a request to upload the above notice in the Court's Website.

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