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Amendments to Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Police Subordinate Services.

[G.O. Ms. No. 616, Home (Police IX), dated 5th December 2025,
கார்த்திகை 19, விசுவாவசு, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

No. SRO B-62/2025.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 8 and 10 of the Tamil Nadu District Police Act, 1859 (Central Act XXIV of 1859) and sections 9 and 11 of the Chennai City Police Act, 1888 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1888) read with the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Police Subordinate Service (Section 34 in volume III of the Tamil Nadu Service Manual).

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules, -

(1) in ANNEXURE-I, in the tabular column, under the heading class-I in column (1) against the entry “Category 8 Band Constables, Office of the Director General of Police, Chennai, and Bellow Boys” for the entries in column (4), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“In the Police Training Headquarters and the Police Training Schools, the Principal, and in the Districts, the District Superintendent of Police and in cities, the Deputy Commissioner of Police concerned.” ;

(2) in ANNEXURE-II, in the tabular column, under the heading class-I in column (1), for the entry “Category 8 Band Constables, Office of the Director General of Police, Chennai”, and the corresponding entries in columns (2) and (3) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:-

“Band Constables	Must have completed 18 years of age and must not have completed 24 years of age as on 1st July of the year of recruitment: Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, the upper age limit shall be 29 years as on 1st July of the year of recruitment: Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Ex-Servicemen and Ex-Para Military personnel, the upper age limit shall be 45 years and a period of three years must not have elapsed from the date of discharge: Provided also that in the case of destitute Widows of all communities, the upper age limit shall be 35 years: Provided also that in the case of candidates belonging to Backward class or Most Backward class or Denotified communities, the upper age limit shall be 26 years: Provided also that in the case of candidates belonging to transgender, the upper age limit shall be 29 years: Provided also that two years shall be added in the upper age limit in all the above said categories for the recruitments covered under the notifications issued for the period from 13.09.2021 to 12.09.2026 as per G.O.(Ms).No.91, Human Resources Management Department dated 13.09.2021.	1 (i) in respect of male candidates,- (a) the height shall not be less than 165 centimeters: Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiyar) Scheduled Tribe, the height shall not be less than 162 centimeters. (b) The chest measurement shall not be less than 81 centimeters on normal condition (on expiration) and shall not be less than 86 centimeters round the chest on full inspiration, with a minimum chest expansion of 5 centimeters. (c) The Ex-servicemen and Ex-Para Military personnel candidates shall be exempted from height and chest measurement standards. (ii) in respect of female candidates,- (a) the height shall not be less than 155 centimeters: Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, the height shall not be less than 152 centimeters. (b) There shall be no chest measurement for female candidates. (iii) In respect of trans gender candidates, (a) Every transgender candidate who applies as male candidate shall undergo Physical Measurement Test prescribed for the male candidates. (b) Every transgender candidate who applies as female candidate shall undergo Physical Measurement Test prescribed for the female candidates.
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		(vi) All the candidates shall appear for the Tamil Eligibility Test and Main Written Examination. From and out of the candidates qualified in the Main Written Examination, only five times of the number of notified vacancies in each of the categories shall be permitted for the next stage of selection, like Certificate Verification, Physical Measurement Test and Endurance Test which is mandatory for all candidates except those specifically exempted, based on the marks obtained in the Main Written Examination: Provided that Ex-Servicemen / Ex-Para Military personnel holding / held any rank in Military Music Band and having experience of not less than three years are exempted from main written examination but they have to take Tamil Eligibility Test and should secure minimum marks. 2. (i) Must have passed X Std / SSLC (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) and also be able to speak, read and write in Tamil. (ii) Every male candidate selected to the post shall undergo an Endurance Test, of running 1500 meters in 7 minutes or less. (iii) Every women candidate shall undergo an Endurance Test, of running 400 meters in 150 seconds, i.e. 2½ minutes. (iv) In respect of transgender candidates,- (a) Every transgender candidate who applies as male candidate shall undergo Endurance Test prescribed for the male candidates. (b) Every transgender candidate who applies as female candidate shall undergo Endurance Test prescribed for the female candidates. (v) Ex-Servicemen/ Serving persons of Armed Force who are due to retire within one year shall undergo an Endurance Test of running 1500 meters run in 8 minutes or less. (vi) From and out of the candidates qualified in the Certificate Verification, Physical Measurement Test and Endurance Test, only two times of the number of notified vacancies in each of the categories shall be permitted for the next stage of selection, (like practical test of Music Knowledge, Police Verification and Medical Examination which is mandatory for all candidates) based on the marks obtained in the Main Written Examination: 3. Music knowledge.- (i) Must have experience of not less than two years in playing a musical instrument used in the Police Band or must have the experience for two years in Brass or Pipe Band; and (ii) Must have knowledge to play music and to read the musical notes. 4. Ex-Servicemen and Ex-Para Military personnel holding/held any rank in Band and having a minimum experience of not less than three years in any Military Band and who secured not less than the minimum
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		marks in the Tamil Eligibility Test shall be eligible to be appointed to the extent necessary as determined by the Committee, after the test in music knowledge. 5. (i) The Committee Consisting of superior police officers and not less than three music experts shall be formed, to assess the music knowledge of the candidates, as and when required, by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board with the approval of the Director General of Police/Head of Police Force. ii) Music experts shall be as follows:- (a) Music Masters from Officers Training Academy; (b) Music Masters from any Armed Force Band School; (c) Retired Band Masters; (d) Retired Music Masters. 6. The scheme of selection, written test and the distribution of marks in the recruitment process shall be as specified below:-
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- (i) There shall be a written test consisting of General Knowledge and Music Knowledge.

Subject			Marks
1.	Tamil Eligibility Test		80
2.	Main Written Examination		
	i)	General Knowledge	50
	ii)	Music Knowledge	20
3.	Practical Test in Music		25
4.	Special Marks		05
Grand Total			100

(a) Out of 80 marks in Tamil Eligibility Test, a candidate should secure a minimum of 32 (40%) marks in the Tamil Eligibility Test. Those candidates who pass the Tamil Eligibility Test alone shall be considered for evaluation of Main written examination paper.

(b) Out of 70 marks in the Main Written Examination, a candidate should secure a minimum of 25 (35%) marks.

(c) Marks for Special qualification in music shall be added to the marks obtained in the Main Written Examination for declaration of results.

(ii) Practical test on music knowledge will be conducted as follows:-

(Expert committee will consist of Experts in string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments from central Armed Police force not below the rank of Inspectors and experts nominated from Tamil Nadu Dr.Jayalalitha Music and Fine Arts University)	S. No	Field	Below Average	Average One Star Standard (1 Star = 2 Marks)	Good Two Stars Standard (2 Stars = 3 Marks)	Outstanding Three Stars Standard (3 Stars = 5 Marks)
	<i>Rhythmic Accuracy</i>					
	i.	Rhythmic Accuracy	0 (zero) Mark	a. Not adhered throughout	a. Used mostly throughout the piece	a. Steady
		a. Rhythmic Pulse				
		b. Rhythms		b. In consistent	b. Mostly accurate	b. Played accurately
		c. Tempo		c. Not Consistent /Not correct	c. Slightly above or below the correct tempo	c. Correct for the piece being played.
	ii	Note Accuracy	0 (zero) Mark	Played somewhat accurately; fingerings are accurate but notes may sound in the wrong octave or partial; accidentals are observed only few times.	Notes are played accurately with few mistakes; few accidentals may be missed and then immediately corrected	Notes are played accurately - the correct pitches and the correct octaves; accidentals are properly observed.
	iii.	Tone Quality	0 (zero) Mark	Tone is inconsistent; instrument may need adjustments or repairs	Tone is developing into a warm quality; instrument may need slight adjustments	Tone is warm & refined; instruments (and reeds, if applicable) are in the best condition possible).
	iv.	Musicality	0 (zero) Mark	The articulation and dynamics are evident, but not consistent.	The articulation and dynamics are evident most times during the piece.	The piece is played with the correct articulation and dynamics according to the music as written.
	v.	Posture	0 (zero) Mark	Noticeably slouching in chair; instrument is sagging from optimal position; few attempts to tap foot.	Sitting with slightly slouched shoulders and back; instrument is close to optimal position; taps foot noisily to the steady beat.	Sitting with back straight and feet flat on the floor; instrument is in the proper upright position; taps toe to the steady beat.
	*The candidates have to score minimum 9 Marks in practical test to qualify for further selection process.					

(iii) The music skills will be tested in brass & wood wind instruments (Band Instruments) which are as follows:-

(1) Bb / Eb Bass (2) Bb Euphonium, (3) Bb Tenor Trumpet, (4) Bass Trumpet, (5) French Horn (F/Eb), (6) Eb Alto Saxophone, (7) Bb Tenor Saxophone, (8) Bassoon, (9) Marching Bass Drum, (10) Marching Tenor Snare Drum, (11) Cymbals, (12) Bb Clarinet, (13) Eb Clarinet, (14) Concert Flute, (15) Concert Piccolo, (16) Timpani, (17) Triangular Bell, (18) Oboe, (19) Bb Trumpet (20) Bb Cornet, (21) Bb Bugle, (22) Bagpipe.

Indian Musical Instruments :- Veena, Violin, Mridangam, Nadaswaram, Udukai, Villu and Kudam, Pambai, Urumi, Gada Singari, Tape, Nagara, Harmonium, Taval, Flute, Kanjira, Morsing.

(iv) Music knowledge topics for main written examination are as follows:- (20 marks)

(a) Basic of Music (Rhythm, Melody, Harmony, Timber, Dynamics)

(b) Music signs

(c) Notation (Music Notes)

(d) Tone

(e) Sound

(f) Concept of Music (Pitch, duration, dynamics, texture, tone colour) and other related topics.

(v) Allotment of special marks for special qualification in music are as follows:-

(a.) Allotment of special marks for the candidates who possess certificate in various grades issued from Trinity College of London

1st Grade	1 mark
2nd Grade	2 marks
3rd Grade	3 marks
4th Grade & above	5 marks

The special marks for different grades shall be added together subject to a maximum of 5 marks.

(or)

(b.) Allotment of special marks for the candidates who possess Degree / Diploma / Certificate awarded by the Government colleges affiliated to Dr.Jayalalitha Music Fine Arts University.

Certificate course (6 months)	1 mark
Certificate course (1 year)	2 marks
Diploma course (1 year)	2 marks
Diploma course (2 years)	3 marks
Bachelor Degree (2 years)	3 marks
Bachelor Degree (3 years) and above	5 marks

The special marks for different courses / Certificates / Diplomas shall be added together if they are in different musical instruments subject to a maximum of 5 marks.

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AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules, in rule 14,-

(1) in sub-rule (a), in the "TABLE",

(i) for the entry "Category 4, 5 and 6" in column (1), the entry "Category 4, 5 and 6 (other than Band Constable)" shall be substituted;

(ii) after the entry "Category 4, 5 and 6 (other than Band constable)" in column (1) as so substituted and the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:-

"Category 6 Band Constable	Must have completed 18 years of age and must not have completed 24 years of age as on 1st July of the year of recruitment: Provided that in the case of candidates belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, the upper age limit shall be 29 years as on 1st July of the year of recruitment: Provided further that in the case of candidates belonging to Ex-Servicemen and Ex-Para Military personnel, the upper age limit shall be 45 years and a period of three years must not have elapsed from the date of discharge: Provided also that in the case of destitute widows of all communities, the upper age limit shall be 35 years: Provided also that in the case of candidates belonging to Backward class or Most Backward class or Denotified Communities, the upper age limit shall be 26 years: Provided also that in the case of Candidates belonging to transgender, the upper age limit shall be 29 years: Provided also that two years shall be added in the upper age limit in all the abovesaid categories for the recruitments covered under the notifications issued for the period from 13.09.2021 to 12.09.2026 as per G.O.(Ms) No.91, Human Resources Management Department, dated 13.09.2021".
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(iii) against the entry "Category 2,4,5 & 6" in column (1), in the qualifications prescribed in column (2) thereof after the first proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided also that in the case of the candidates of Band Constables belonging to other than Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiyar) or Scheduled Tribe category, the height shall not be less than 165 centimeters and in respect of Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiyar) and Scheduled Tribe category, the height shall not be less than 162 centimeters";

(2) in sub-rule (f), in the TABLE,-

(i) under Category 6 in column (1), for the entry "constables", the following entry shall be substituted, namely:-

"(i) Constables (other than Band Constables)";

(ii) after the entry "(i) Constables (other than Band Constables)" in column (1) as so substituted and the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof, the following entries shall, respectively, be added, namely:-

“(ii) Band Constables	1 (i) in respect of male candidates,- (a) the height shall not be less than 165 centimeters: Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiyar) Scheduled Tribe, the height shall not be less than 162 centimeters. (b) The chest measurement shall not be less than 81 centimeters on normal condition (on expiration) and shall not be less than 86 centimeters round the chest on full inspiration, with a minimum chest expansion of 5 centimeters. (c) The Ex-servicemen and Ex-Para Military personnel candidates shall be exempted from height and chest measurement standards. (ii) in respect of female candidates,- (a) the height shall not be less than 155 centimeters: Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, the height shall not be less than 152 centimeters. (b) There shall be no chest measurement for female candidates. (iii) In respect of transgender candidates,- (a) Every transgender candidate who applies as male candidate shall undergo Physical Measurement Test prescribed for the male candidates. (b) Every transgender candidate who applies as female candidate shall undergo Physical Measurement Test prescribed for the female candidates. (vi) All the candidates shall appear for the Tamil Eligibility Test and Main Written Examination. From and out of the candidates qualified in the Main Written Examination, only five times of the number of notified vacancies in each of the categories shall be permitted for the next stage of selection, like Certificate Verification, Physical Measurement Test and Endurance Test which is mandatory for all candidates except those specifically exempted based on the marks obtained in the Main Written Examination: Provided that Ex-Servicemen / Ex-Para Military personnel holding / held any rank in Military Music Band and having experience of not less than three years are exempted from main written examination but they have to take Tamil Eligibility Test and should secure minimum marks. 2. (i) Must have passed X Std / SSLC (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) and also be able to speak, read and write in Tamil. (ii) Every male candidate selected to the post shall undergo an Endurance Test, of is running 1500 meters in 7 minutes or less. (iii) Every women candidate shall undergo an Endurance Test, of is running 400 meters in 150 seconds, i.e. 2½ minutes. (iv) In respect of transgender candidates,- (a) Every transgender candidate who applies as male candidate shall undergo Endurance Test prescribed for the male candidates. (b) Every transgender candidate who applies as female candidate shall undergo Endurance Test prescribed for the female candidates. (v) Ex-Servicemen/ Serving persons of Armed Force who are due to retire within one year shall undergo an Endurance Test that is running 1500 meters run in 8 minutes or less. (vi) From and out of the candidates qualified in the Certificate Verification, Physical Measurement Test and Endurance Test, only two times of the number notified vacancies in each of the categories shall be permitted for the next stage of selection, (like practical test of Music Knowledge, Police Verification and Medical Examination which is mandatory for all candidates) based on the marks obtained in the Main Written Examination:
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