

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

No.6PSC/PS-3/2000-2001/Pt

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CLARIFICATION

Attention of the Commission is drawn to the letter published in the Assam Tribune on 12.3.2014 under the caption '*VETERINARY APPOINTMENTS AND APSC APATHY*'. The Commission clarifies its position for general information to all concerned that the Commission advertized for filling up 115 of VAS/EO (Vety) under AH&Vety Deptt. vide Advt.No.12/2012 in October, 2012. Altogether **579** applications were received and the Commission promptly scrutinized the applications as per the terms of the Advt. Among the applications 88 numbers of applicants were found to have exceeded the prescribed maximum age limit. However, the Commission may relax the age limit upto 45 years in terms of the OM Nos.ABP.513/79/9 dated 27.3.80 and No.ABP.73/89/17 Dated 4.1.92 issued by the Personnel (B) Deptt. The aforesaid OMs envisage relaxation of age on the recommendation of the appointing authority upto the age of 45 years in case of the candidates '**who are in the services of this State Government**'. The AH&Vety Deptt. forwarded 90 applications for relaxing age of candidates who have applied. But on scrutiny, the Commission found that only 6 applicants were found in the services of this State Govt. on contractual basis and the Commission accepted their candidatures. The remaining candidates were not in the services of the State Govt. for which the Commission could not accept their candidatures.

However, the Commission considers that the Veterinary Graduates have very bleak scope for absorption in the private sectors and so there is likelihood that some professional qualified persons would be deprived from employment in the sector of skill and expertise they have acquired if they are restrained from appearing interview. The Commission requested the Govt. vide letter No.25PSC/DR-50/1/2012-13 dated 14.6.2013 to amend the provisions suitably so that the route is opened for such over-aged persons as a special case. The matter is still on the anvil of the Govt.

In the meantime, some candidates moved the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court apprehending rejection of their applications by filing several writ petitions. Recently, in a few writ petitions, the Hon'ble High Court directed the Commission to allow such candidates to appear in the interview only albeit declaration of the results shall be on the out come of the writ petitions. The Commission has scheduled the date for holding viva-voce interview in the last part of April, 2014.

The Commission further likes to clarify that there is no system in the Commission for uploading interim status of applications. Moreover, since the matter was on the anvil of the Hon'ble High Court, the Commission was not in a position to divulge list of candidates whose applications have been accepted or otherwise. As and when interview dates are fixed, the list will be uploaded in the official website of the Commission as well as be notified through news papers.

The Commission takes the opportunity to reveal that it leaves no stone unturned to deliver the service at the quickest possible time. During the last C.C.(P) Examination held on 29.12.2013, the Commission processed more than 86000 applications and conducted the written test in 155 venues across the State in about 3 months time and also declared the result in 36 days time.


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