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NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the constitution, the president hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to certain Group 'C' posts in the Department of Posts, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement**

- (1) These rules may be called the Department of Post(Postal Assistant in Circle and Regional Offices) Recruitment Rules, 1996.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. **Number, Classification and Scale of pay:** Number of the said posts, its classification and scale of pay attached thereto shall be specified in columns 2 to 4 of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3. **Method of recruitment, age limit, other qualifications etc:** Method of recruitment to the said post, age limit, qualification and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in columns 5 to 14 of the said Schedule.

4. **Disqualification: No person:**

- (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person having a spouse living .

or

- (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

Shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfy that such marriages is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage

and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from operation of this rule.

5. **Power to relax:** Where the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.
6. **Saving:** Nothing in these rules shall affect reservations relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Schedule Tribes and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued and the Government from time to time in this regard.
7. **Initial Constitution:** The holders of the posts of Lower Division Clerk and Upper Division Clerk who opt for the post of Postal Assistant would form Postal Assistant cadre and the regular service rendered by them in the respective grades would be counted for purposes.

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