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**Circular**

**Subject:- Amendment in the Recruitment Rules of Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS)- regarding.**

In accordance with the instructions contained in Department of Personnel & Training's OM No. AB/14017/61/2008-Estt(RR) dated 13.10.2015, inputs/suggestions/comments are, hereby, invited on the draft amendments in the Recruitment Rules of Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS), placed on the website of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation ([www.mospi.gov.in](http://www.mospi.gov.in)).

2. The participating Ministries/Departments/Organizations, different Divisions of MoSPI and the India Statistical Officers Association(ISOA), interested in furnishing their inputs/comments, may do so in writing, within a period of 30 days from the date of issuance of this Circular, on ***mahalinga.93@gov.in***. In case, no inputs are received within the stipulated period, the proposed amendment(s) in the Recruitment Rules of Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS) will be treated as final and this Division will process the matter further accordingly.

*Encl: As above.*

**Signed by Mahalingaraya**  
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**(Mahalingaraya)**  
Deputy Director (SSS)

To

- i. All participating Ministries/Departments/Organizations/ different Divisions of MoSPI.
- ii. The India Statistical Officers Association(ISOA)

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**NOTIFICATION**

**New Delhi, dated ..... 2024**

**G.S.R.... (E)** – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of the Subordinate Statistical Service Rules, 2013, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules, namely: –

**1. Short title and commencement:-**

- (1) **These Rules may be called the Central Statistical Service Group ‘B’ Rules, 2024.**
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definitions:-**

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires –

- a. **“MACP”** means the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme for the Central Government Civilian Employees as may be amended from time to time;
- b. **“Commission”** means the Union Public Service Commission;
- c. **“Appointing Authority”** means Secretary (S&PI) for the members of the Central Statistical Service Group ‘B’;
- d. **“Cadre”** means the group of posts of the Central Statistical Service Group ‘B’ in any of the Ministries or Departments specified in Schedule V;
- e. **“Cadre Controlling Authority”** means the Cadre Controlling Authority referred to in Rule 5;
- f. **“Departmental Promotion Committee”** means a Committee specified in Schedule IV for considering the cases of promotion or confirmation in any grade of Group B post of the Service;
- g. **“Duty Post”** means any post, whether permanent or temporary, included in Schedule-I;
- h. **“Government”** means the Central Government;
- i. **“Grade”** means any of the Grades of the Service specified in Schedule I;
- j. **“Schedule”** means a schedule appended to these Rules;
- k. **“Scheduled Castes”** and **“Schedule Tribes”** shall have same meaning respectively assigned to them in clauses (24) and (25) of Article 366 of the Indian Constitution;
- l. **“Service”** means the Central Statistical Service Group ‘B’ constituted under Rule-4;
- m. **“Select List”** in relation to the Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) and Statistical Officer (SO) means the Select list prepared in accordance with the regulations made under Rule 7 of these Rules.

**3. Scope:** Number of posts that will be placed in different levels of Central Statistical Service Group 'B' as specified in Schedule I.

**4. Constitution of Central Statistical Service Group-B**

Central Statistical Service Group "B" means service consisting of Group "B" statistical function posts constituted vide G.S.R. 98(E) & 99(E), dated 12th February, 2002 consisting of persons appointed to the Service.

**5. Appointing & Cadre Controlling Authority**

The Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India shall be the Appointing and Cadre Controlling Authority.

**6. Future maintenance of Service**

(1) The vacancies in any of the levels mentioned to in Schedule-I and Schedule V shall be filled in the manner as provided in these Rules.

(2) The method of recruitment, the field of selection for promotion or absorption, including the minimum qualifying service required in the lower level or lower levels, as the case may be, for promotion or absorption to the posts in respective levels of the Service shall be as specified in Schedule-II appended to these Rules.

(3) The direct recruitment to the Service shall be made on the basis of Open Competitive Examination to be conducted by the Staff Selection Commission on the basis of educational and other qualifications and experience and age limit as specified in Schedule-III annexed to these Rules.

(4) The promotions to Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) and Statistical Officer (SO) of the Service shall be on the basis of the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee as specified in Schedule-IV annexed to these rules and consequent approval of the Cadre Controlling Authority specified in these rules.

**7. Filling of duty posts by Deputation (including short-term contract)**

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, where the Cadre Controlling Authority is of the opinion that considering the number of vacant posts, it is necessary or expedient to do so, it may for reasons to be recorded in writing and in consultation with the Commission, fill up vacant duty posts in any grade by deputation (including short-term contract) from amongst officers working in the Central Government or the State Governments or Union Territories, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) or recognized research institutions or universities, statutory or autonomous bodies or semi-government organisations

as per the deputation advertisement which will be issued with the approval of the Cadre Controlling Authority.

(2) The period of deputation shall be regulated as per the extant instructions of the DoP&T.

## **8. Seniority**

The seniority of the members recruited to the Service shall be determined in accordance with the general instructions issued in this regard by the Government of India from time to time.

## **9. Probation**

(1) Every candidate appointed to the post of Statistical Officer of the Service either by direct recruitment or by promotion shall be on probation for a period of two years;

Provided that the Cadre Controlling Authority may extend the period of probation in accordance with the instructions issued by the Government from time to time:

Provided further that any decision for extension of a probation period shall be taken ordinarily within eight weeks, after the expiry of initial period of probation and communicated in writing to the concerned candidate together with the reasons for doing so within the said period.

(2) During the period of probation, or any extension thereof, candidates may be required by the Government to undergo such courses of training and to pass such examinations or tests (including examination of Hindi Language) as the Government may deem fit, as a condition for satisfactory completion of the probation.

(3) On expiry of the period of probation or any extension thereof, the candidate shall, if considered fit for permanent appointment, be confirmed in their appointment.

(4) If, on expiration of the period of probation referred to in sub-rule (1) or any extension thereof, as the case may be, the Cadre Controlling Authority is of the opinion that a candidate is not fit for permanent appointment, or if any time during such period of probation or extension, it is satisfied that the candidate will not be fit for permanent appointment on the expiration of such period of probation or extension, it may discharge or revert the candidate to the substantive post or pass such other orders as it may deem fit.

(5) As regards other matters relating to probation, the members of the service will be governed by the instructions issued by the Government in this regard from time to time.

**10. Appointment to the Service**

All appointments to the Service shall be made by the Cadre Controlling Authority.

**11. Date of Appointment**

The date of appointment of a person to the Service or the post on a regular basis shall -

(a) in the case of a direct recruit to Statistical Officer (SO) or post be deemed to be the date of his actual joining the level or post, as the case may be; and

(b) in the case of officers promoted to Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) and Statistical Officer (SO) or the post, be the date on which the officer was included in the Select List for promotion to that Level or post as the case may be.

**12. Deputation:**

Any officer of the Service may be required by the Cadre Controlling Authority to serve in any post on deputation for a specified period as decided by it. Period of deputation shall be regulated as per the guidelines issued in this regard by the DoPT from time to time.

**13. Saving**

Nothing in these rules shall affect reservations, relaxation of age-limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PWBDs) and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Government from time to time in this regard.

**14. Other conditions of Service**

The conditions of service of the members of the service in respect of matters not expressly provided for in these rules, shall, mutatis mutandis and subject to any order issued by the Government in respect of the Service, be the same as those applicable to officers of the Central Civil Services in general.

**15. Disqualification**

No person, (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a 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 Service:

Provided that the Government may, if it is satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage/ there are other grounds for doing so, exempt any such person from the operation of this Rule.

**16. Liability for Service in any part of India**

Officers appointed to the Service shall be liable to serve anywhere in India.

**17. Power to relax**

Where the Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, and in consultation with the Commission, relax any of the provisions of these Rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

**18. Interpretation**

If any question as to the interpretation of these rules arises, the Cadre Controlling Authority shall decide the same.

**(T. Q. Mohammad)**  
**Joint Secretary**  
**Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation**

**Schedule I**  
**[See Rule 6 (1)]**

**Levels of Group “B” posts included in the Statistical Service Group ‘B’**

S. No.	Name of the post	Classification	Level (7th CPC)	Number of posts
1.	Senior Statistical Officer	Central Civil Service, Group B Gazetted, Non- Ministerial	7	1983
2.	Statistical Officer	Central Civil Service, Group B, Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	6	2402

Note:

(i) All the officers holding or promoted to the post of Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) under Subordinate Statistical Service (Group B – Gazetted) Rules, 2013 on regular basis in the pre-revised GP of Rs. 4600, [Rs.9300-34800 (PB-2)], the date from which the revised pay Matrix based on the 7th CPC recommendation has been extended and holding such posts on regular basis as on 1st January 2016 shall be deemed to have been placed in the revised Pay Matrix Level -7.

(ii) All the officers appointed under Subordinate Statistical Service (Group B) Rules, 2013 as Statistical Officer (SO) on regular basis in the pre-revised GP of Rs. 4200 and holding such posts on regular basis as on 1st January 2016, the date from which the revised pay structure based on the 7th CPC recommendation has been extended, shall be deemed to have been placed in the revised Pay Matrix Level -6.

(iii) All the officers, who were appointed / promoted to the post of SSO of SSS on regular basis in the pre-revised GP of Rs. 4600 after 1st January 2016, the date from which the revised pay structure based on the 7th CPC recommendation has been extended, under Subordinate Statistical Service (Group B) Rules, 2013 but were occupying the posts of JSO of SSS as on 01.01.2016 shall be appointed as SSO of Service in the revised Pay Level – 7, w.e.f. date of joining as SSO.

(iv) Those candidates who could not be absorbed in SSS in accordance with Subordinate Statistical Service (Group B & C) Rules 2002 and Subordinate Statistical Service (Group B) Rules, 2013 may be considered for absorption in the appropriate post, depending upon the availability of vacancies, in accordance with Rule 6.

**Schedule II**  
**[See Rule 6(2)]**

The method of recruitment, field of selection for promotion or absorption and the minimum qualifying service in the lower levels or levels for promotion or absorption to Group “B” duty posts of Central Statistical Service Group ‘B’, as Specified in Schedule I.

S . No.	Name of Post	Method of Recruitment	Field of Selection and minimum qualifying service for promotion
(01)	(02)	(03)	(04)
01	Senior Statistical Officer	100 % by Promotion.	Statistical Officers with five years of regular service in Level-6.
02	Statistical Officer	90% by Direct Recruitment.	The educational qualifications and age limit as specified in Schedule III annexed to these rules
		10% by promotion on Selection basis or by absorption failing which by direct recruitment.	(i) For promotion: Officials in Level -5 of the pay matrix with six years of regular service in the level or officials in Level -4 of the pay matrix with ten years of regular service in different Ministries/ Departments recognized by the Cadre Controlling Authority as feeder grade posts considering statistical functions, shall be eligible for promotion to Statistical officer.  (ii) For absorption:  Officials in Level-6 of the pay matrix with three years of regular service in the level in different Ministries/ Departments recognized by the Cadre Controlling Authority as feeder grade posts considering statistical functions, shall be eligible for absorption in the post of Statistical officer.
		Deputation	As provided under Rule 7 of this recruitment rules, number of posts approved by the cadre controlling authority be filled up by deputation (including short term contract

Note: For the purpose of computing minimum qualifying service for promotion, the service rendered on a regular basis by an officer prior to 1st January 2016, the date from which the revised pay structure based on the Seventh Central Pay Commission recommendations has been extended, shall be deemed to be the service rendered in the corresponding grade pay or pay scale extended based on the recommendations of the pay commission.



**Schedule III**  
**[See Rule 6(3)]**

Minimum educational and other qualifications and age limit for direct recruits to Statistical Officer duty posts in Central Statistical Service Group 'B'

Age Limit:

Not exceeding 30 years

Provided that the upper age limit may be relaxed in respect of such categories as may be notified by the Government from time to time to the extent and subject to the conditions notified in respect of each category.

(Relaxable for Government servants up to 5 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government in this regard from time to time)

Educational qualification:

A candidate for direct recruitment to the post of Statistical Officer of the Service must have obtained the following educational qualifications, namely: -

(a) Bachelor's Degree in any subject from a recognised University or Institute with at least 60% in Mathematics at 12th standard level;

OR

Bachelors Degree in any subject with Mathematics/Statistics as one of the subjects at degree level.

OR

Bachelors Degree in any subject with Statistics as one of the subjects at degree level.

(b) Having knowledge of working on computer.

(c) A paper/subject of a local language at matriculation level from a recognized board [as compulsory or elective subject]. The details of zone-wise local language prescribed by the Ministry is provided in the Annexure –I.

OR

The candidate appointed in Central Statistical Service Group 'B' on the basis of this CGLE, will have to learn the local language and qualify the paper in local language in the test to be conducted for the purpose, within two years of appointment in Central Statistical Service

Group 'B' failing which he/she will not be confirmed in the Service till he/she learns the local language and .qualifies the test.

*Note:*

*(1) Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) in the case of candidates otherwise well qualified.*

*(2) A candidate who has appeared or intends to appear at such qualifying examination, the passing of which would render him eligible to appear at the examination may apply for admission to the examination and such a candidate may be admitted to the examination, as otherwise eligible, but the admission would be deemed to be provisional and subject to cancellation if he does not produce the proof of having passed the examination as soon as possible and in any case not later than two months after the commencement of the examination.*

*(3) As provided under Rule 8 of this Recruitment Rules, the qualifications and age limit shall be prescribed in the deputation advertisement issued on the basis of the availability of the vacancies with the approval of the Cadre Controlling Authority.*

## **Schedule IV**

**[See Rules 2(f) and 6(4)]**

Departmental Promotion Committees for considering the cases of promotion and confirmation  
Committee for confirmation of service in Central Statistical Service Group 'B'

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**A. For considering promotion:-**

The Committee shall consist of:-

- 1) Additional Director General (to be nominated by Secretary) - Chairman
- 2) Joint Secretary/Deputy Director General (to be nominated by Secretary) - Member
- 3) Director/Deputy Secretary/ Joint Director, SSS Division, MoSPI - Member

**B. For considering confirmation of service of SSS officers:-**

The Committee shall consist of:-

- 1) Joint Secretary/Deputy Director General (to be nominated by Secretary) - Chairman
- 2) Director/Joint Director/Deputy Secretary (to be nominated by Secretary) - Member
3. Director/Joint Director/Deputy Secretary, SSS Division, MoSPI - Member

**Schedule V**

<b>Name of Ministry/Office/Department</b>	<b>Allocated post (SSO)</b>	<b>Allocated post (SO)</b>
Commission for Agriculture Costs & Prices, M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare	4	2
Deptt. of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare	7	4
M/o Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	3	4
Dte. of Marketing Inspection, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation, M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare	2	2
Dte. of Marketing Inspection, Deptt. Of Agriculture & Cooperation, M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare	2	3
Dte. Of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation, M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare	1	0
Dte. Of Economics & Statistics, Deptt. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer Welfare, M/o Agriculture and Farmer Welfare	12	26
Deptt. Of Chemical & Petrochemicals, M/o Chemical & Fertilizers	2	3
Dte. General of Civil Aviation, M/o Civil Aviation	2	2
Dte. General of Foreign Trade, Deptt. of Commerce, M/o Commerce & Industry	2	0
Dte. Of Sugar & Vegetable Oils, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution	0	2
Deptt. of Food & Public Distribution	2	1
BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	0	1
Central Research Institute, M/o Health & Family Welfare	0	2
National Centre for Disease Control, Dte. General of Health Services , M/o Health & Family Welfare	2	8
National Tuberculosis Institute, Directorate General of Health Services	0	5
Central Leprosy Teaching & Research Institute, Dte. General of Health Services,	0	2
All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	4	0
Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	0	18
Dte. General of Health Services, M/o Health & Family Welfare	5	18
Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare, M/o Health & Family Welfare	26	30

Bureau of Police Research & Development, Ministry of Home Affairs	2	0
Department of Higher Education, M/o Education	10	0
Deptt. of School Education & Literacy, M/o Education	0	5
Dept. of Industrial Policy and Promotion, M/o Commerce & Industry		2
O/o Economic Adviser, Deptt. Of Industrial Policy & Promotion, M/o Commerce & Industry	2	2
O/o Registrar of News Paper For India, M/o Information & Broadcasting	1	2
Dte. General, Factory Advice Service & Labour Institute	1	1
Dte. General of Employment, M/o Labour & Employment	12	18
Labour Bureau, M/o Labour & Employment	1	0
Labour Bureau, M/o Labour & Employment	4	0
Labour Bureau, M/o Labour & Employment	2	0
Labour Bureau, M/o Labour & Employment	1	0
M/o Labour & Employment	0	3
Dte. General of Mines & Safety, M/o Labour & Employment	6	9
Indian bureau of Mines, M/o Mines, Deptt. of Mines	15	32
M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas	1	1
Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Ayog	2	2
Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power	2	0
M/o Road Transport & Highways	1	1
M/o Rural Development	10	6
MSME-Development Institute, M/o Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	38	1
Survey Coordination Division (SCD), NSO, M/o Statistics & P.I.	3	3
Survey Coordination Division (SCD), NSO, M/o Statistics & P.I.	0	3
M/o Statistics & P.I. (Proper)	72	109
MPLADS DIVISION PI Wing MOSPI	2	6
National Statistical Systems Training Academy, M/o Statistics & P.I.	3	5
NSO (FOD)	<b>1566</b>	1963
Anthropological Survey of India, Deptt. Culture, M/o Culture	6	8
National Building Organisation, M/o Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	4	0
Department of Fertilisers, M/o Chemicals and Fertilizers	1	1
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, M/o Jal Shakti	0	1
Central Water Commission, M/o Jal Shakti	11	14
National Saving Institute, M/o Finance	0	1

Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution	4	6
Deptt. of Expenditure, M/o of Finance	5	1
Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	1	0
Department of Public Enterprises, M/o. of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises	3	0
M/o Development of North Eastern Region	2	3
Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs	0	1
Deptt. Telecommunication, M/o Communications & I.T	1	1
Deptt. of Ayush, M/o Health & Family Welfare	2	2
D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation, M/o Jal Shakti	1	5
National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs	0	1
M/o Shipping	2	2
DQAD (Hq.)	101	48
Office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Ministry of Cooperation	1	0
Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs	1	0
SDRD (Survey Design & Research Division)	4	0
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>2402</b>

<b>LIST OF LOCAL LANGUAGE UNDER SSS RECRUITMENT</b>			
<b>Zone</b>	<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT covered</b>	<b>Local Language as prescribed by MoSPI</b>
CZ	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Hindi
	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	Hindi
	Uttarakhand	Uttarkhand	Hindi
EZ	Bihar	Bihar	Hindi
	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	Hindi
	Odisha	Odisha	Odia
	West Bengal	West Bengal	Bengali
	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Hindi/English
	Sikkim	Sikkim	Nepali/English/Bhutia/Lepcha
	West Bengal	Darjeeling Division	Bengali and Nepali
NZ	Delhi	NCT of Delhi	Hindi
	Haryana	Haryana	Hindi
	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	Hindi
	Jammu and Kashmir	J &K	Urdu, Hindi
	Punjab	Punjab	Punjabi
	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Hindi/English
	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	Hindi
NEZ	Assam	Assam (excluding three districts of Barak Valley and Bodoland Territorial Council Areas)	Assamese
		Bodoland Territorial Council Areas)	Assamese
		Three District of Barak Valley	Bengali
		BodoLand Territorial Council Areas	Bodo
	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	Both Hindi/English & any of the 23 dialects notified as third language by the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh.
	Manipur	Manipur	Manipuri and English
	Manipur		Both Hindi/English and Garo (for East Garo Hills, North Garo Hills, South Garo, West Garo Hills And South Garo Hills) Or
	Meghalaya	Meghalaya	Both Hindi/English and Khasi

			(for offices under East Khasi Hills,
	Meghalaya	Meghalaya	West Jaintia Hills, East Jaintia Hills, South West Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, Eastern West Khasi Hills and Ri Bhoi) Or Hindi/English (for Rest of the areas)
	Mizoram	Mizoram	Mizo
	Nagaland	Nagaland	Hindi/English
	Tripura	Tripura	Bengali/Kak Barak
SZ	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh and Yanam	Telugu
	Karnataka	Karnataka	Kannada
	Kerala	Kerala, Lakshadweep & Mahe	Malayalam
	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	Tamil
	Puducherry	Puducherry (Excluding Mahe & Yanam)	Tamil
	Telangana	Telangana	Telugu
	Goa	Goa	Konkani & Marathi
WZ	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	Hindi
	Gujarat	Gujarat	Gujarati
	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	Marathi

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