

THE TAMIL NADU REVENUE SUBORDINATE SERVICE RULES

(SECTION 28)

1. CONSTITUTION:

The service shall consist of the following officers:

Category 1 ... Tahsildars

Category 2 ... Deputy Tahsildars

2. DEFINITIONS:

(a) "Tahsildars" shall mean and include Taluk Tahsildars, Huzur Sarishtadars, Tahsildars on Settlement duty on Settlement Training, Sarishtadars and final Settlement Enquiry Tahsildars in Settlement parties, Tahsildars on Special Duties, District Welfare Officers and Block Development Officers, Agricultural Income Tax Officers in the category of Tahsildars and Superintendents (Selection Grade) in the Office of the Commissioner of Agricultural Income - Tax.

(b) "Deputy Tahsildars" shall mean and includes Taluk Deputy Tahsildars, Assistant Tahsildars, Huzur Head Clerks, Special Deputy Tahsildars on Settlement Duty, Superintendents (Ordinary Grade) in the Office of the Commissioner of Agricultural Income-Tax, Assistant Agricultural Income-Tax Officers in the category of Deputy Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars on other Special Duties.

(G.O.Ms.No.4680, Revenue, dated 11.11.1960)

(c) "District List" shall mean the list of approved candidates from a Revenue District, prepared by the selecting authority, for appointment as Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars as the case may be:

Provided that in respect of Salem and Dharmapuri Districts "District List" shall mean the combined list of approved candidates for the said districts, prepared by the selecting authority, for appointment as Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars, as the case may be.

(d) "City List" shall mean the list of approved candidates from the Secretariat and Offices of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Board of Revenue (Food Production), Board of Revenue (Settlement of Estates), the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, the Director of Survey and Settlements, the Director of Harijan and Tribal Welfare, the Director of Backward Classes, the Director of Rehabilitation, the Commissioner of Agricultural Income-Tax cum Board of Revenue (Agricultural Income Tax) the Director of Urban Land Tax cum Board of Revenue (Urban Land Tax) and the Board of Revenue (Land Reforms), prepared by the selecting authority for appointment as Deputy Tahsildars"

(G.O.Ms.No.1035, Revenue, dated 29.4.1978)

(G.O.Ms.No.2051, Revenue, dated 31.7.1978)

(e) "Board of Revenue" shall mean the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

EXPLANATION: "Taluk Deputy Tahsildars" means a Deputy Tahsildar in charge of a Taluk or Sub-Taluk and "Taluk Tahsildars" a Tahsildar in charge of a Taluk.

AMENDMENT

In the said Special Rules, in rule 2 for classes (a) and (b) , the following clauses shall be substituted namely : -

- (a) " Tahsildars" shall mean and include Taluk Tahsildars, Huzur Sarishtadars, Tahsildars on Settlement duty or Settlement training, Sarishtadars and final Settlement Enquiry Tahsildars in Settlement Parties, Tahsildars on Special Duties, District Welfare Officers, Block Development Officers and Agricultural Income Tax Officers in the category of Tahsildars.
- (b) " Deputy Tahsildars " shall mean and include Taluk Deputy Tahsildars, Assistant Tahsildars Huzur Head Clerks, Special Deputy Tahsildars on Settlement Duty, Assistant Agricultural Income-Tax Officers in the category of Deputy Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars on other Special Duties.

(G.O. Ms. No.960 Revenue Dated.04.09.1992)

3. APPOINTMENTS :-

(a) Appointment to the categories in the service shall be made as follows: -

CATEGORY 1 - TAHSILDARS :-

Promotion from Deputy Tahsildars or by deputation from among Section Officers in the Secretariat and Superintendents in the Offices of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) Board of Revenue (Food Production), Board of Revenue(Settlement of Estates), the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, the Director of Survey and Settlements, the Director of Harijan and Tribal Welfare, the Director of Backward Classes, the Director of Rehabilitation, the

Commissioner of Agricultural Income Tax- cum Board of Revenue (Agricultural Income-Tax) , the Director of Urban Land Ceiling and Urban Land Tax) and the Board of Revenue (Land Reforms) , who had rendered satisfactory service as such for two years and who are otherwise qualified for appointment as Tahsildars to this service for a period of two years for the training in the districts. The maximum number of candidate to be deputed in any particular year shall not exceed ten.

(G.O. Ms.No.1298 , Revenue dated.23.06.1977)

(G.O. Ms. No.2051, Revenue dated.31.08.1978)

CATEGORY 2 - DEPUTY TAHSILDARS : -

Recruitment by transfer from the members of the Tamil Nadu Secretariat Service or from the members of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service employed in the Revenue Department - cum - Board of Revenue (Urban Land Tax) G.O. Ms.No.1035, Revenue dated.29.04.1978 including the Offices of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) , the Board of Revenue (Food Production) , Board of Revenue (Settlement of Estates), the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, the Director of Survey and Settlements, the Director of Harijan and Tribal Welfare, the Director of Backward Classes, the Director of Rehabilitation, the Commissioner of Agricultural Income-Tax - cum-Board of Revenue (Agricultural Income Tax) , the Director of Urban Land Ceiling and Urban Land Tax-Cum -Board of Revenue (Urban Land Ceiling and Urban Land Tax) , the Board of Revenue (Land Reforms) , and the Revenue Settlement Parties.

(G.O. Ms No.2051, Revenue, dated.31.08.1978) .

(b) The maximum number of appointments to be mad in any particular year by transfer from the member of the Tamil Nadu Secretariat Services / or / and the member of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service employed in the Offices of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) , Board of Revenue (Food Production) , Board of Revenue (Settlement of Estates) , the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, the Director of Survey and Settlements , the Director of Harijan and Tribal Welfare, the Director of Backward Classes, the Director of Rehabilitation, the Commissioner of Agricultural Income - Tax - cum - Board of Revenue (Agricultural Income-Tax) the Commissioner of Land Reforms and the Revenue Settlement Parties as Deputy Tahsildars, shall not exceed twelve " .

(G.O. Ms.No.1298, Revenue , dated.23.06.1977)

(G.O. Ms.No.1035, Revenue, dated.29.04.1978)

(G.O. Ms.No.2051, Revenue, dated.31.08.1978).

4. APPOINTING AUTHORITY : -

The appointing authority for the posts shall be the Collector of the District concerned. Appointment to the posts shall be made from the lists of approved candidates prepared by the selecting authority.

5. SELECTING AUTHORITY :-

(a) The District list of Tahsildars for each of the districts separately and the City lists for Deputy Tahsildars shall be prepared by the Board of Revenue, which shall be the selecting authority in respect of such lists. The District List of Deputy Tahsildars shall be prepared by the Collector of the District concerned, who shall be the selecting authority, in respect of such list.

Provided that the Board of Revenue shall be the selecting authority in respect of all matters relating to the lists of Deputy Tahsildars for the year 1965 and earlier, which were prepared by the Board of Revenue in accordance with the rules then in force.

Provided further that in respect of Salem and Dharmapuri Districts, the District list of Deputy Tahsildars shall be prepared by the Collectors of the said districts in consultation with each other at a joint sitting and where the Collectors are not able to agree on any particular candidate, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Revenue whose orders shall be final.

b) No additions, to or removals from any of the lists of approved candidates shall be made without the approval of the selecting authority concerned.

c) No transfers from any of the lists of approved candidates of a district to that of another shall be made without the approval of the Board of Revenue.

d) The Board of Revenue shall be competent to allot candidates from the City list of particular districts in the order specified in Rule 6 as if it applied to the State as a Unit.

e) Junior Assistants, and Assistants drafted from the mufasal and employed in the Office of the Board of Revenue(Land Revenue) or in the Office of the Board of Revenue (Food Production) or in the Office of the Board of Revenue (Settlement of Estates) or in the Office of the Board of Revenue (Land Reforms) or in the Offices of the Director of Survey and Settlement or in the Office of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies or in the Office of the Commissioner of Agricultural Income-Tax-cum-Board of Revenue(Agricultural

Income Tax) or in the Office of the Director of Urban Land Ceiling and Urban Land Tax-Cum-Board of Revenue(Urban Land Ceiling and Urban Land Tax) or in the Offices of the Director of Harijan and Tribal Welfare or in the Office of the Director of Backward Classes or in the Office of the Director of Rehabilitation or in the Secretariat, will be considered only for the list of Deputy Tahsildars of the respective districts from which they have been drafted, till they are confirmed in the respective City Office in which they are appointed " (**G.O.Ms.No.3523, Revenue dated.07.10.1974**) effect from 30.06.1974.

f) Proposals for inclusion of names in the list of approved candidates for appointment as Tahsildar shall reach the Board of Revenue from the Collectors and the City Offices concerned, not later than the dates specified in **Annexure-I**, The Board of Revenue shall prepare the lists not later than the dates specified in **Annexure -II** . The Board of Revenue and Collectors of the districts concerned shall prepare the lists of approved candidates for appointment as Deputy Tahsildars for City and Districts respectively, not later than 15th November of each year .

(G.O. Ms.No.98 , Revenue dated.18.01.1978)

Before preparing the lists of Tahsildars for any year, the Board of Revenue shall estimate the number of persons who are likely to be promoted to that category between the 1st July of that year and the 30th June of next year on the basis of the permanent posts, the number of temporary posts in existence, anticipated sanction of new posts , requirement of leave reserve, anticipated vacancies due to promotion, retirement and sanction of new posts.

" The Board of Revenue shall deduct from the estimated number of posts, the

number of persons who are acting in regular capacity and also the number of persons who have already acted in regular capacity and are on reversion for want of vacancy and thus arrive at the number of persons to be included in the list for the year.”

(G.O. Ms.No.;157, Revenue (G1) dated.25.01.1980)

(Order comes into force on the Twenty fifty January, 1980)

(B.P. Perm, 1364, dated.29.12.1976).

Before preparing the list of Deputy Tahsildars for any year, the Collector of the District concerned, shall estimate the number of persons who are likely to be appointed to that category between the 15th September of that year and the 14th September of next year in the manner aforesaid and get the approval of the Board of Revenue, which shall have the power to alter the number of vacancies estimated by the Collector concerned, and

(G.O. Ms.No.98, Revenue dated.18.01.1978)

When preparing a list, the selecting authority shall arrange the names of the persons selected by it for appointment as Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar, the case may be, in the order of the preference decided by it, which shall be based on merits, ability and seniority.

(G.O. Ms.No.2793 , Revenue dated.27.12.1977)

The inclusion or non-inclusion of an eligible candidate shall be communicated to the candidate concerned by the selecting authority and the list of selected candidates shall also be published in the District Gazette. Such list shall also be displayed on the Notice Board of the Collector's Office concerned and of the Office of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) , Madras, in the case of Tahsildars, The City list of Deputy Tahsildars and

Tahsildars shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the Board of Revenue(LR).

While making appointments from the lists of Deputy Tahsildars, a person included in the City list and allotted to the District by the Board of Revenue, shall in the order of preference decided by the Board, be appointed to the first vacancy that arises. Appointments of the candidates from the list shall be temporary till the list is finalised under sub Rule (h) , provided that the regularisation of services of persons included in the lists shall be done on the basis of the provisional lists drawn and published by the selecting authority subject to the orders of the appellate authority in appeal.

(G.O. Ms.No.2217, Revenue , dated.20.10.1975)

with effect from 9th April, 1950.

(G.O. Ms.No.2793, Revenue dated.27.12.1977).

(g) Appellate Authority , where the Collector of the District is the selecting authority, the appellate authority shall be the Board of Revenue and where the Board of Revenue is the Selecting authority, the appellate authority shall be the Government. Any person who is qualified for inclusion in the list of approved candidates and who is senior in the category from which selection has been made, to any person whose name has been included in the list of who is aggrieved by the rank assigned to him by the selecting authority, shall be entitled to an appeal to the authority prescribed in this sub-rule. The appeal shall lie within two months from the date of communication regarding inclusion or non inclusion under sub -rule (f).

(Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 133, Revenue dated.07.02.1995).

NOTE :-

In respect of Salem and Dharmapuri Districts where the case of any candidates is referred to the Board of Revenue under the second proviso to sub - rule (a) the appellate authority in respect of an appeal from that candidate shall be the Government.

(h) After all the appeals are disposed of, the appellate authority shall assign suitable ranks in the list prepared by the selecting authority to these persons whose names the appellate authority has ordered to be included in it. The selecting authority shall then finalise the list prepared by it. In finalising the District list of Deputy Tahsildar, the Collector shall include therein, such of the persons included in the list prepared by him under sub-rule (f) and arrange the names of all persons in the following orders : -

(G.O. Ms.No.2793 , Revenue dated.27.12.1977)

(1) Persons included in the City list and allotted to the District by the Board of Revenue in the order of preference decided by the Board, or by Government on appeal.

(2) The lists so finalised shall be published in the District Gazette. Such list shall also be displayed on the Notice Board of the Collector's office concerned, in the case of Deputy Tahsildars and on the Notice Board of the Collectors Office concerned and the Office of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) , Madras in the case of Tahsildars. The City list of Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue). A copy of the order of the appellate authority on the appeal shall also be communicated to the candidates concerned.

Regular appointments shall be made according to the rank fixed in the list finalised under this sub rule. " The list of approved candidates shall be valid for a period of one year and shall lapse at the end of that year. The period of one year shall be reckoned from the date of approval of the panel by the competent authority. The candidates whose names have been included in the list relating to the previous year but are not appointed shall be considered, if eligible, for inclusion in the list for the next year, along with their seniors if any , whose names have not been included in the list relating to the previous year because they are not found suitable or because they are not technically qualified at the time of drawal of the said list and who have subsequently become eligible. While preparing the lists, it shall be sufficient to consider the claims of all the candidates, senior to the junior most candidate proposed for inclusion in the list instead of considering the claims of all the technically qualified candidates in the feeder category"

(G.O. Ms.No.157, Revenue (G 1) dated.25.01.1980)

Order come into force on the Twenty fifty January , 1980.

(B.P. Perm. 1364, dated.29.12.1976).

(l) Any persons who has a right of appeal under sub-rule(g) and who is aggrieved by the orders of the appellate authority, shall also be entitled to prefer to the Government a revision petition where the appellate authority is the Board of Revenue within one month from the date of communication of the order of the appellate authority under sub rule (h).

Provided that in respect of lists prepared prior to 1974 such persons shall be entitled to prefer to the Government a revision petition within one

month from the date of publication of the list in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

(with effect from 02.12.1966 as per G.O.

Ms.No.3514, Revenue dated.04.10.1974) - (B.P.

Perm .971(D) Dated.13.08.1974).

(j) The Government shall assign suitable rank to the person whose name is ordered to be included in the list finalised by the selecting authority while disposing of the revision or review as the case may be.

6. RESERVATION OF APPOINTMENTS :-

Subject to the provisions of Rule 5(d) , the rule of reservation of appointments (General Rule 22) shall apply to the category of Deputy Tahsildars in each district at the time of Selection for inclusion in the list.

(G.O. Ms.No.1256, Revenue , Dated.20.06.1977)

(with effect from 20.06.1977)

Provided that this rule shall not apply to the appointment to the said category of Deputy Tahsildars if any person who was recruited to the Madras Ministerial Service as an Upper Division Clerk in the Revenue Department for Employment as Probationary Revenue Inspector.

7. QUALIFICATIONS :-

(a) No person shall be eligible to have his name included in the list of approved candidates for appointment as Deputy Tahsildar unless he possesses the qualifications specified in **Annexure - III**, on the 15th September of the year to which the list relates.

(G.O. Ms.No.3240, Revenue dated.22.12.1981)

" Provided that in the case of a Deputy Tahsildar whose name was included in the list but was not appointed before the drawal of the next list, shall be considered for inclusion in the list drawn on the next occasion, irrespective of his age "

(G.O. Ms. No.157, Revenue dated.25.01.1980)

(Order came into force on the Twenty Fifth January , 1980)

(B.P. Perm. 1364 , dated.29.12.1976)

(b) No Deputy Tahsildar shall be eligible to have his name included in the list of approved candidates for appointment as Tahsildars if he has not completed police training for six weeks and exercised the magisterial powers for a period of six months to the satisfaction of the District Magistrate concerned on the first day of July of the year to which the list relates.

(G.O. Ms.No.826, Revenue , dated.05.04.1975)

(B.P. Permt, 564 (D) Confidential dated.10.07.1975)

AMENDMENTS

In the said special Rules , in rule 7,

(1) in sub-rule (b) , for the expression " six weeks " and " six months " the expression " two months " and " four months " shall respectively be substituted:

(2) to sub -rule (b), the following proviso shall be added, namely : -

"Provided that the Deputy Tahsildars who are already undergoing training on the 18th day of June 2002 shall continue to undergo the Police training for six weeks and exercise magisterial powers for a period of six months".

(vide G.O.Ms.) No.238, Revenue (Ser. 3(1) Department,dated.18.06.2002)

8. PROBATION:

(a) Every person appointed as Deputy Tahsildar shall, from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation for a period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years (with effect from 15.7.1969)

(G.O.Ms.No.3209, Revenue dated 05.06.1973)

B.P.Permt. 835 (D) dated 30.5.1970

G.O.Ms.No.2928, Revenue dated 18.12.1978

Sub-Rules (b) and (c) shall be omitted

(G.O.Ms.No. 2144, Revenue dated 16.09.1978)

(d) If an officer whose probation as a Deputy Tahsildar has been terminated, is again appointed as a Deputy Tahsildar, the magisterial service rendered by him or the training in magisterial work undergone by him as the case may be, prior to the termination of his probation, shall count towards the magisterial work or magisterial training as the case may be, contemplated in Sub-Rule (b) of Rule 7, unless such termination of probation was due to unsatisfactory magisterial work (with effect from 01.01.1974)

(G.O.Ms.No. 2144, Revenue, dated 16.09.1978)

(G.O.Ms.No. 92, Revenue, dated 18.01.1982)

(e) An officer in the approved list of Deputy Tahsildars shall count his service as Deputy Tahsildar in a settlement party or in Urban Land Tax Department or as Superintendent in Urban Land Tax Department for probation in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildar in the regular line, provided that his immediate junior in the Revenue Department is already acting in a post, the service in which counts for purpose of probation as Deputy Tahsildars.

(G.O.Ms.No. 1439, Revenue, dated 15.07.1977)

(with effect from 06.10.1976)

(B.P.Permt. 1298 (D) dated 09.12.1976)

(G.O.Ms.No. 803, Revenue Dated 29.03.1978)

(f) Any officer who has discharged the duties of an Ordinary Grade Superintendent in the Office of the Commissioner of Agricultural Income Tax for any period during which he would have held the post of Deputy Tahsildar

but for his appointment as Ordinary Grade Superintendent shall count his service as Ordinary Grade Superintendent towards probation in the Category of Deputy Tahsildar for such period.

(G.O.Ms.No. 1939, Revenue dated 04.11.1967)

(g) Any officer who has discharged the duties of an Assistant Agricultural Income Tax Officer for any period during which he would have held the post of Deputy Tahsildar but for his appointment as Assistant Agricultural Income Tax Officer shall count his service as Assistant Agricultural Income Tax Officer towards probation in the category of Deputy Tahsildar for such periods.

(h) An officer in the approved list of Deputy Tahsildar shall count the service rendered by him in the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board as Superintendent or Deputy Tahsildar as the case may be towards probation in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildar to the extent to which he would have held the post of Deputy Tahsildar in regular line but for his deputation to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board.

**(Came in to effect with effect from 20.02.1978)
G.O.Ms.No. 1843, Revenue, dated 03.08.1978)**

9. Unit of appointment, discharge, re-appointment seniority, appointment of full members and promotions for purpose of appointment to the service, discharge for want of vacancy, re-appointment, seniority and appointment as full member and promotion, the Revenue District shall be the unit.

10. POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS:

Postings and transfers of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars from one district to another shall be made by the Board of Revenue.

“Provided that a member of the services transferred from one District to another district on his own request, shall forego all claims in the district from which he is transferred and shall take his rank last in the existing list of Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar, as the case may be in the district to which he is transferred on the basis of the date of joining and shall not be eligible for travelling allowance for his journey”.

**(G.O.Ms.No. 922, Revenue, dated 26.04.1977)
B.P.Rt.52559(D) dated 10.12.1976)**

10-A. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Government may at any time suo-moto or on representation from any aggrieved person for review of the Government order on the basis of the discovery of new points or for any other sufficient reason which offer the exercise of due diligence were not within his knowledge, when the Government made the order, review any order passed by them as pass such further orders as they may be deem fit and necessary in the circumstances of the case (with effect from 02.11.1966)

(G.O.Ms.No. 3376, Revenue dated 12.09.1974)

ANNEXURE –I

(Date on which the proposals are due in the Office of the Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration)

Name of the District	Date on which the proposals are due
Madras District, Triunelveli, South Arcot and North Arcot	15 th August
Thanjavur, Ramanathapuram, Madurai and Chengalpattu	15 th September
Coimbatore, The Nilgiris, Pudukkottai and Kanniyakumari	15 th October
Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Periyar and Dharmapuri	15 th November
Proposal in respect of Madras City Officers.	1 st April

(G.O.Ms.No. 2074, Revenue, dated 04.09.1980)

This order come into force on 17.09.1979)

ANNEXURE –II

(Date of by which the Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration should prepare the list)

Name of the District	Date on which the proposals are due
Madras District, Triunelveli, South Arcot and North Arcot	15 th September
Thanjavur, Ramanathapuram, Madurai and Chengalpattu	15 th October
Coimbatore, The Nilgiris, Pudukkottai and Kanniyakumari	15 th November
Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Periyar and Dharmapuri	15th December
Proposal in respect of Madras City Officers.	1st May

(G.O. Ms. No. 2569 , Revenue , dated.20.12.76)

(G.O. Ms. No. 2074 , Revenue , dated.04.09.80)

ANNEXURE – III

DEPUTY TAHSILDAR: (A) Before the inclusion of his name in the approved candidates, the candidates—

- (i) must have passed the following tests:-
- (1) The Revenue Tests, Parts I, II and III
 - (2) The Criminal Judicial Tests and
 - (3) The Account Test for Subordinate Officers
Part - I and II

Provided that out of the persons transferred from the former Travancore Cochine State those who have been actually acted as Deputy Tahsildars for a period of 3 years continuously prior to 01.11.1956 need not pass the Criminal Judicial Test and other including those who were promoted after 01.11.1956 must pass the examinations before 29.05.1960.

(ii) must have served either as Typist or as Steno-Typist or as Junior Assistant and above for a period of not less than eight years of which two years shall be on duty as an Assistant and another two years as Revenue Inspector as prescribed in Clause (iii) below.

(G.O.Ms.No. 6583, Revenue dated 30.10.1975)

(G.O.ms.No.252, Revenue dated 05.02.1977)

Provided that a Gramasevak, Grade-I , shall be allowed to count a period of not exceeding one year of his service towards the two years service in the post of an Upper Division Clerk referred to in this clause.

Provided that a candidate who has discharged the duties of an Upper Divisional Revenue Inspector, in the Agricultural Income Tax Department for any period shall be deemed to have discharged the duties of an Upper Division Clerk referred to in this clause for such period "

(G.O. Ms.No.;2420 , Revenue , dated.06.09.1983)

(B.P. Permt. 1481 (D) dated.28.12.1974)

Provided further that the services rendered as Assistant Grade Firka Revenue Inspector, Special Revenue Inspector and as Assistant Grade Revenue Inspector for Land Acquisition, for Agricultural Income Tax and for Land Ceiling shall be counted towards service as Assistant for the purpose of inclusion in the list of Deputy Tahsildar to the extent the candidate would have continued to act as Assistant in the regular line but for his appointment as Assistant Grade Firka Revenue Inspector, Special Revenue Inspector and Assistant Grade Revenue Inspector for Land Acquisition, for Agricultural Income Tax and for Land Ceiling , as the case may be.

Provided also with effect on and from the 25th day of May, 1978, service rendered as Assistant Grade Firka Revenue Inspector, Special Revenue Inspector, and as Assistant Grade Revenue Inspector for Land Acquisition, for Agricultural Income Tax and for Land Ceiling in excess of two years, shall count as service in the post of Assistant referred to in this clause, for a maximum period of one year on duty to the extent he would have acted as Assistant in the regular line but for his appointment as Assistant Grade Firka Revenue Inspector or as Special Revenue Inspector or as Assistant Grade Revenue Inspector for Land Acquisition for Agricultural Income-Tax and for Land Ceiling "

**(G. O. Ms.No. 1260 , Revenue , dated.25.03.1978)
(B.P. permt. 10 (D) dated.05.01.1973)**

Provided also that in the case of a candidate directly recruited to the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service as on Upper Division Clerk, the total service shall be not less than five years.

(G.O. Ms. No.680, Revenue, dated.10.03.1966)

Provided also that an Assistant appointed by direct recruitment in the Office of the Board of Revenue shall be eligible for inclusion of his name in the approved list of Deputy Tahsildars for Madras City, on competitive basis, after completion of a total service of five years, if he has passed all the prescribed tests and undergone training as Firka Revenue Inspector for two years successfully and is otherwise qualified).

(G.O. Ms.No.1588, Revenue , dated. 07.05.1966) .

(iii) (a) Must have rendered satisfactory service for a period of not less than two years on duty as Revenue Inspector in charge of a Firka and must have passed the examination in the maintenance of revenue records and registration.

Provided that a candidate who has with reference to the instructions contained in G.O. Ms.No.2206, Revenue dated.07.11.1944 rendered satisfactory service for not less than one year on duty as Revenue Inspector in charge of a Firka prior to 01.04.1948 need not serve as Revenue Inspector again to complete two years referred to in clause (iii) above.

Provided that a candidate who has, after undergoing Survey training discharging the duties of Firka Supply Officer or a Special Revenue Inspector or both shall be entitled to count his service in each post for a period of not exceeding six months, towards duty as Revenue Inspector in charge of a Firka.

Provided, further that a candidate who has after undergoing Survey Training discharged the duties of a Settlement Inspector doing Field Work (including classification of soil and irrigation sources, and miscellaneous

enquiries under the Madras Estates Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari Act 1948) of an Estate Revenue Inspector shall be entitled to count his service in such post towards duty as Revenue Inspector in charge of a Firka.

Provided further that a settlement Inspector employed on items of miscellaneous work like advance completion work, preliminary enquiries under section 11, 15 etc. of the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act 1948 and correlation of the old village land register etc., shall be entitled to count his service in such a post up to a maximum of one year towards duty as Revenue Inspector in charge of Firka.

Provided also that a Special Revenue Inspector in the Jenman Estate shall be entitled to count his service in such post towards duty as a Revenue Inspector in charge of a Firka.

(G.O. Ms. No.27, Revenue , dated.08.01.1980)

(b) If the candidate is a member of the Tamil Nadu Secretariat Service or a member of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service employed in the Offices referred to in sub-rule (d) of rule 2, as must, in addition to the qualification specified in item (a) above, have satisfactorily completed probation, if any in the post of Assistant".

(G.O. Ms. No.1035, Revenue , dated.29.04.1978)

(c) No member of the Madras Ministerial Service who does not possess the minimum general educational qualification prescribed or who is not deemed to possess such qualification with reference to Rule 12(a) of the General Rules, shall be eligible for appointment as a Deputy Tahsildar unless a specific order of exemption is passed in his case enabling him to hold the post of Deputy Tahsildar.

EXPLANATION (i) :-

**" A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the
Criminal Judicial Test, if he has obtained a degree in law "**

(G.O. Ms.No. 2862, Revenue, dated.27.12.1980)

EXPLANATION (ii) :-

A settlement Inspector who does purely office work is not entitled to count such service towards duty as a Revenue Inspector in charge of a Firka.