

Copy of letter No. 5641-IGSI-72/28717 Dated 29-9-72 from the Chief Secretary to Government Haryana to all heads of Department Commissioner Ambala Division all Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers in Haryana 2. The Registrar Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

**Subject** —Raising of upper age limit for recruitment to the Various Services under the Haryana Government

Sir,

I am direct to address you on the subject noted above and to say that for the purpose of making recruitment to various services under the State Government the general upper age limit prescribed at present under rule 3.6 of Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume I, part I, is 25 years. However, if in the relevant service rules, higher upper age limit is prescribed in some cases on special grounds, that limit prevails over the provision made in the Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume I, Part I.

2. The State Government have considered that the general upper age limit prescribed at present is not adequate and a large number of candidates become over-age before they can enter into Government Service. Many candidates particularly with the rural background, take longer time to attain the requisite graduate and post-graduate qualifications and they do not get sufficient time to compete for the various Government services thereafter. It has also been observed that Government of India have already enhanced the upper age limit for entry into services under them keeping all these factors in view, it has been decided that the existing general upper age limit for entry into service under the State Government shall, not with standing any provision to the contrary that may be contained in respective rules be raised to 27 years subject to the following conditions.

- (a) The relaxation of years in the upper age limit recruitment in respect Scheduled Castes/scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes will continue as heretofore. In other words, the candidates of these classes may be recruited upto the age of 32 years (27+5)
- (b) The relaxation in upper age limited recruitment in respect of Ex-serviceman as contained in Haryana Government circular letter No. 4710-5GS-70/18998, dated the 15th July, 1979, will continue as heretofore. In other words, the candidates of this category may be recruited upto the age of 27 years plus continuous military service added by 3 years.
- (c) If in certain service rules, upper age limit higher than 27 years is permissible on account of special grounds or in certain circumstances those provisions shall continue to remain in force.
- (d) If for recruitment to any service, a competitive examination is prescribed and for appearing in such examination, certain number of chances have been fixed, then those will continue to remain in force.
- (e) In the case of engineering graduates and diploma holders, 5 years relaxation in general upper age limit of 25 years for entry into Government service has already been granted vide State Government instruction No. 3481 IGSI-72/18002, dated the 15th June, 1972 and this relaxation was made applicable for period of 2 years Those instructions shall continue to apply in the case of engineering graduates and diploma holders until they remain applicable - (including their renewal, if any) and, whenever that special relaxation lapses, the general upper age limit in their cases shall also be 27 years.

3. It is requested that these instructions may be noted carefully for immediate compliance and amendment in the relevant service rules, where ever considered necessary, should also be made in accordance with the circumstances/conditions pertaining to each service under your control.

4. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.