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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

RULES - The Telangana State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules, 2023 -
Amendments - Notification - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (J&RA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.93

Dated:06.11.2025.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.36, General Administration (J&RA) Department, Dated. 10.06.2023.
2. G.O.Ms.No.03, General Administration (J&RA) Department, Dated.19.02.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.09, General Administration (J&RA) Department, Dated 12.03.2024.
4. G.O.Ms.No.26 General Administration (J&RA) Department Dated:28/03/2024.
5. Directions dated 07.11.2024 in Suo-Motu Writ (C).No.2/2024 in W.P.No.484/2024 and Judgment dated 20.05.2025 in I.A.No.93974 of 2019 with I.A.Nos.7290, 73015 and 40695 of 2021 with I.A.Nos.50269 and 201893 of 2022 of Writ Petition (C).No.1022 of 1989 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
6. From the Registrar General, Telangana High Court, Lr.No.1138/SO /2025, dated 23.07.2025 along with Annexure.

ORDER:

The Registrar General, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad in the letter sixth read above, has stated that the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana having considered the Judgment/ Directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the reference fifth read above and resolved to make certain amendments to the Telangana State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules, 2023 issued in the G.O. first read above and requested the Government to issue orders for necessary amendments to the said rules, since the notifications for Direct Recruitment to the posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) and District Judge (Entry Level) have to be issued as per the schedule prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 1867 of 2006, dated 04.01.2007 (Malik Mazhar Sultan & Anr. Vs. U.P. Public Service Commission & Ors).

2. Government, after careful consideration of the proposal of the High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad received vide letter sixth read above, approve the same and decided to issue the amendments to the Telangana State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules, 2023, issued in the G.O. first read above.

3. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in the next issue of the Telangana Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 223, 234, 235, 237 read with the proviso to Article 309 and proviso to clause (3) of Article 320 of the Constitution of India and all other powers hereunto enabling and in consultation with the High Court for the State of Telangana, the Governor of Telangana hereby makes the following amendments to the Telangana State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules, 2023 issued in G.O.Ms.No.36, General Administration (J&RA) Department, dated 10.06.2023:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

1. In Rule 2, the "clause (s)" shall be omitted.

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2. In Rule 4, in sub-rule (4.2),-

(A) for item II, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

- II) Recruitment by Transfer on the basis of merit through a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination: 25% of the cadre strength shall be filled up by Transfer through limited departmental competitive examination to be held for Civil Judge (Senior Division) who have put in not less than three years of qualifying service as Civil Judge Senior Division) and the total service required to be undertaken, including service rendered as a Civil Judge (Junior Division) & Civil Judge (Senior Division) be set at a minimum of seven years as on the date of issuance of notification.

Provided that, if the eligible Civil Judges (Senior Division) are not available to fill 25% of cadre strength, in a calendar year or are not qualified in the examination in a calendar year to all or any of the vacancies notified, the vacancies shall be filled through regular promotion on the basis of 'merit-cum-seniority' in that particular year.

Explanation: The filling up of the vacant posts in ratio considered for LDCE will have to be carried out from the simultaneous selection process carried out for regular promotions of the same year.

(B) for item (III) (excluding the proviso), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

- “(III) By Promotion from among the Civil Judge (Senior Division): 50% of the cadre strength shall be filled up by Promotion from among the category of Civil Judges (Senior Division) who have put in at least five (5) years of qualifying service as on the date of notification on the basis of seniority-cum-merit:”.

(C) In sub-rule (4.2) (B),-

(i) before the existing clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely,-

- “(a) Recruitment by Transfer on the basis of merit through a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination: 10% of the cadre strength shall be filled up by Transfer through limited departmental competitive examination held for Civil Judge (Junior Division) and the minimum qualifying service required for appearing in the LDCE shall be three years' as Civil Judge (Junior Division) as on the date of issuance of notification.

Provided that, if the eligible Civil Judges (Junior Division) are not available to fill 10% of cadre strength or are not qualified in the examination in a calendar year, the vacancies shall be filled through regular promotion on the basis of 'merit-cum-seniority' in that particular year.

Explanation: The filling up of the vacant posts in ratio considered for LDCE will have to be carried out from the simultaneous selection process carried out for regular promotions of the same year.”.

(ii) On insertion of new clause (a), the existing clause "(a)" shall be read as "clause (b)", and the same is substituted with the following:

"(b) 90% of cadre strength to the category of Civil Judge (Senior Division) shall be by promotion from the category of Civil Judges (Junior Division), who have put in not less than five years of qualifying service, on the basis of seniority-cum-merit:

Provided that a Civil Judge (Junior Division) who is facing disciplinary proceedings or Criminal proceedings or has undergone or is undergoing punishment for any misconduct in discharge of his/her duties is not eligible during the pendency of disciplinary proceedings / Criminal proceedings or during the currency of such punishment for appointment by Transfer through limited competitive examination or for Regular promotion to the post of Civil Judge (Senior Division).".

(iii) the existing clause "clause (b)" read as "clause (c)".

3. In Rule 5, in sub-rule (5.2) (A),-

(i) for item (I), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(I) Shall possess a Degree in Law of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission and enrolled in the Bar Council as an Advocate.

(and)

Must have been practicing as an Advocate or Pleader in the High Court or Courts working under the control of the High Court for a period of not less than 3 years as on the date of Notification for recruitment to the post. To fulfill the said requirement Candidate shall produce certificate to that effect duly certified either by the Principal Judicial Officer of that Court or by an advocate of that Court having a minimum standing of 10 years duly endorsed by the Principal Judicial Officer of such District or Principal Judicial Officer at such station. The candidates' who are practicing before the High Court, shall produce certificate, certified by an advocate who has a minimum standing of 10 years duly endorsed by an officer designated by the High Court.

Explanation-1: 3 years of actual practice means from the date of their provisional enrolment/registration with the State Bar Council.

Explanation-2: The experience of the candidates which they have gained while working as Law Clerks/Research Assistant (Law) with any of the Judges or Judicial Officers in the country shall be considered while calculating their total number of years of practice.

(and)

Must have attained the age of 23 years and must not have attained the age of 35 years in the case of open category and 40 years in the case of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes as on the date of Notification for recruitment to the post is made.”.

(ii) the item (II) shall be omitted.

(iii) the item (III) (a) shall be omitted.

(iv) on omission of items (II) and item (III) (a) of sub-rule (5.2) (A), the existing item “(III) (b)” in the sub-rule shall be renamed as “(5.2) (A) (II)”.

4. In Rule 6,-

(i) for clause (a), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(a) On the 15th Day of January every year the High Court shall publish the information in its official website the number of existing clear vacancies as well as future / anticipated vacancies likely to arise in the cadre of Civil Judge (Junior Division) that are likely to occur within one year by taking into consideration the vacancies which may arise due to promotions, retirements etc.”.

(ii) for clause (d), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(d) For the purpose of short listing the candidates, who will be applying for the post of District Judge (Entry level) by direct recruitment and Limited Competitive Examination by Transfer for the post of District Judge & Civil Judge (Senior Division) and for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division), the High Court may, if necessary hold a screening test comprising of multiple choice objective type questions, and call upon the candidates in the ratio of 1:10 of the available vacancies, who have secured 40% and above marks in the Screening Test for a written examination:

Provided that if there are more than one candidate who have secured identical marks in the screening test, all such candidates shall be called for the written examination.”.

(iii) in clause (e), for item (i) the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(i) The High Court shall hold written examinations consisting of three papers as indicated hereafter in Rule 7, for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division), Civil Judge (Senior Division) and for the post of District Judge.”.

(iv) in clause (e), for item (iii) the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(iii) The syllabus for the screening test and written examination for Civil Judge (Junior Division)/ Civil Judge (Senior Division)/ District Judge recruitment is as detailed in Schedules 'E' and 'F' respectively appended to the Rules.”.

(v) for clause (f), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(f). The same pattern of examination including the syllabus, which is fixed for direct recruitment of District Judges (Entry Level) shall be applicable for the promotion of Civil Judges (Senior Division) & District Judges under Limited Competitive Examination by Transfer.”.

(vi) for clause (j), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(j) Any Officer having found to be of doubtful integrity in any year, shall not be eligible to appear for the post of Civil Judge (Senior Division) & District Judge by promotion through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination.”.

(vii) for clause (k), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(k) Any candidate who remains absent for the viva voce either for the post of District Judge or Civil Judge (Senior Division) or Civil Judge (Junior Division), shall be deemed to have been disqualified for selection.”.

(viii) in clause (r), for item (i) the following shall be substituted, namely,-

(i) A candidate selected by direct recruitment / recruitment by transfer shall report before the Authority/ Academy as directed by the High Court on the date specified in the order of appointment.”.

5. In Rule 7,-

(i) for the existing rule 7 (i), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“7(i). The High Court shall conduct written examinations consisting of three papers i.e., (I) Civil Law (II) Criminal Law and (III) English, that includes Translation from English to Telugu language and Telugu to English language, Essay Writing, Grammar and Vocabulary carrying 100 marks each, having a duration as fixed by the High Court from time to time for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division), Civil Judge (Senior Division) and the post of District Judge. English paper is divided into two parts. Part-I carries 30 marks and Part-II carries 70 marks. In Part-I the candidate's ability to understand his / her proficiency in Telugu language will be assessed. Candidate is required to translate from English to Telugu and Telugu to English. In Part-II, candidate's ability in Essay writing, Grammar and vocabulary will be assessed. The Essay Writing test shall be on Legal subjects only. Candidate has to secure 50% marks in each part to qualify in the written examination:

Provided that the Paper-III shall be considered only as a qualifying examination and marks secured in the said Paper-III shall not be included in calculating the aggregate for short listing for viva voce test.”.

(ii) in sub-rule (7.1), after item (i), the following new item shall be inserted, namely,-

"ii) That the Backward Class including Economically Backward Class candidates who secure not less than 55% marks in Papers I and II each in the written examination shall be eligible for the viva voce carrying 30 marks."

(iii) on insertion of new item (ii), the existing item "(ii)" shall be renamed as "(iii)".

(iv) the existing item "(iii)" shall be renamed as item "(iv)".

(v) in sub-rule (7.1) for the first proviso, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"Provided that, the High Court shall call the candidates for viva voce for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division)/ Civil Judge (Senior Division) / District Judge in the ratio of 1:3 of the available vacancies to the successful candidates."

6. In Rule (9),-

(i) for sub-rule (9.1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(9.1) District Judges: Every person who is appointed by direct recruitment to the category of District Judges shall undergo training in the Judicial Academy for a period of six months."

(ii) for sub-rule (9.2), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"Every person who is appointed by direct recruitment/ recruitment by transfer to the category of Civil Judges (Junior Division) shall undergo training in the Judicial Academy for a period of one year, before presiding in a court:

Provided that the High Court, owing to any exigencies, may impart the training in spells instead of one year at a stretch."

(iii) for sub-rule (9.3), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"On appointment as Civil Judge (Junior Division) and District Judge (Entry Level), the candidate shall execute an agreement in the form specified in the Schedule-H binding himself and one surety, jointly and severally that in the event of his failure to comply with any of the provisions of these rules to the satisfaction of the Appointing Authority and quitting the post, to refund any money paid to him consequent on his selection as Civil Judge (Junior Division) and District Judge (Entry Level)."

(iv) sub-rule (9.4) shall be omitted.

(v) sub-rule (9.5) shall be omitted.

7. For Rule 10, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"10. Period of probation and Officiation:

- a) Every person who is appointed to the category of District Judge by direct recruitment shall be on probation for a period of two years in a continuous period of three years from the date on which he/she joins duty;
- b) Every person who is appointed to the category of Civil Judge (Senior Division)/District Judge otherwise than by direct recruitment shall be on officiation for a period of two years;
- c) Every person who is appointed to the category of Civil Judge (Junior Division) shall be on probation for a period of two years in a continuous period of three years from the date on which he/she joins duty;
- d) The period of probation or Officiation, may be extended by the High Court by such period not exceeding the period of probation or officiation, as the case may be, as specified in Clauses (a) to (c)."

8. In Rule 11,-

(i) for sub-rule (11.1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(11.1) The State Judicial Academy shall impart training to the District Judge and Civil Judge (Junior Division) on the lines of module as appended in Schedule - G or as determined by the High Court from time to time."

(ii) for sub-rule (11.2), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(11.2) A Civil Judge (Junior Division) on probation / District Judge (Entry Level) shall attend such lectures and undergo such examinations, tests and exercises as the Academy may prescribe from time to time in consultation with the High Court."

(iii) for sub-rule (11.3), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(11.3) The training for District Judges (Entry Level) shall be of two sessions /spells."

(iv) sub-rules (11.4), (11.5) (11.6), (11.7), (11.8) and (11.9) shall be omitted.

9. In Rule 12, for sub-rule (12.1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(12.1) While at the Academy, a probationer shall be under the disciplinary control of the Director and shall obey any such general and special orders as may be given by the Director from time to time."

10. For Rule 17, the following rule shall be substituted, namely,-

"17. Inherent Powers:- Nothing in these rules shall be construed as limiting the power of the Appointing Authority, on the recommendation of the High Court, for good and sufficient reasons, to dismiss or remove a probationer at any time."

11. In Rule 19,-

(i). for sub-rule (19.4), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(19.4)(i). A 40 (Forty) point roster is to be maintained for appointment / promotion to the post of District Judges in service as prescribed in Schedule - A. The posts at Serial Nos.3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39 and 40 will go to the promotes under 50% quota. The posts at Serial No.2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34 and 38 shall go to the promotes under the limited departmental Competitive Examination and the post at Serial No.1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33 and 37 shall be available to the direct recruits. This arrangement is among the officers recruited/ appointed in a calendar year.

(ii). A 100 (Hundred) point roster is to be maintained for promotion to the post of Civil Judges (Senior Division) in service as prescribed in Schedule - AA. The posts at Serial Nos.1 to 9, 11 to 19, 21 to 29, 31 to 39, 41 to 49, 51 to 59, 61 to 69, 71 to 79, 81 to 89, 91 to 99 will go to the promotes under 90% quota. The posts at Serial No.10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 and 100 shall go to the promotes under the limited departmental Competitive Examination. This arrangement is among the officers promoted in a calendar year."

12. For Schedule-A, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely,-

"SCHEDULE-A

[See Rule 19.4 (i)]

[40 Point Roster governing seniority of District Judges]

Sl.No.	Category of Post Reserved
(1)	(2)
1.	Direct Recruitment
2.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
3.	Regular Promotion
4.	Regular Promotion
5.	Direct Recruitment
6.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
7.	Regular Promotion
8.	Regular Promotion
9.	Direct Recruitment
10.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
11.	Regular Promotion
12.	Regular Promotion
13.	Direct Recruitment
14.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
15.	Regular Promotion

16.	Regular Promotion
17.	Direct Recruitment
18.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
19.	Regular Promotion
20.	Regular Promotion
21.	Direct Recruitment
22.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
23.	Regular Promotion
24.	Regular Promotion
25.	Direct Recruitment
26.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
27.	Regular Promotion
28.	Regular Promotion
29.	Direct Recruitment
30.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
31.	Regular Promotion
32.	Regular Promotion
33.	Direct Recruitment
34.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
35.	Regular Promotion
36.	Regular Promotion
37.	Direct Recruitment
38.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
39.	Regular Promotion
40.	Regular Promotion"

13. After Schedule-A, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely,-

"SCHEDULE-AA

[See Rule 19.4(ii)]

[100 Point Roster governing seniority of Civil Judges (Senior Division)]

Sl.No.	Category of Post Reserved
(1)	(2)
1.	Regular Promotion
2.	Regular Promotion
3.	Regular Promotion
4.	Regular Promotion
5.	Regular Promotion
6.	Regular Promotion
7.	Regular Promotion
8.	Regular Promotion
9.	Regular Promotion
10.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
11.	Regular Promotion
12.	Regular Promotion
13.	Regular Promotion
14.	Regular Promotion
15.	Regular Promotion
16.	Regular Promotion
17.	Regular Promotion
18.	Regular Promotion
19.	Regular Promotion
20.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
21.	Regular Promotion
22.	Regular Promotion
23.	Regular Promotion

24.	Regular Promotion
25.	Regular Promotion
26.	Regular Promotion
27.	Regular Promotion
28.	Regular Promotion
29.	Regular Promotion
30.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
31.	Regular Promotion
32.	Regular Promotion
33.	Regular Promotion
34.	Regular Promotion
35.	Regular Promotion
36.	Regular Promotion
37.	Regular Promotion
38.	Regular Promotion
39.	Regular Promotion
40.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
41.	Regular Promotion
42.	Regular Promotion
43.	Regular Promotion
44.	Regular Promotion
45.	Regular Promotion
46.	Regular Promotion
47.	Regular Promotion
48.	Regular Promotion
49.	Regular Promotion
50.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
51.	Regular Promotion
52.	Regular Promotion
53.	Regular Promotion
54.	Regular Promotion
55.	Regular Promotion
56.	Regular Promotion
57.	Regular Promotion
58.	Regular Promotion
59.	Regular Promotion
60.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
61.	Regular Promotion
62.	Regular Promotion
63.	Regular Promotion
64.	Regular Promotion
65.	Regular Promotion
66.	Regular Promotion
67.	Regular Promotion
68.	Regular Promotion
69.	Regular Promotion
70.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
71.	Regular Promotion
72.	Regular Promotion
73.	Regular Promotion
74.	Regular Promotion
75.	Regular Promotion
76.	Regular Promotion
77.	Regular Promotion
78.	Regular Promotion
79.	Regular Promotion
80.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
81.	Regular Promotion
82.	Regular Promotion

83.	Regular Promotion
84.	Regular Promotion
85.	Regular Promotion
86.	Regular Promotion
87.	Regular Promotion
88.	Regular Promotion
89.	Regular Promotion
90.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer
91.	Regular Promotion
92.	Regular Promotion
93.	Regular Promotion
94.	Regular Promotion
95.	Regular Promotion
96.	Regular Promotion
97.	Regular Promotion
98.	Regular Promotion
99.	Regular Promotion
100.	Accelerated recruitment by transfer

14. In the Schedule-E,-

- (i) under the heading of Schedule-E, for the words and expression "Syllabus for the screening test, if any, and written examination for the recruitment of the District Judges:", the following words and expression shall be substituted, namely,-

"Syllabus for the screening test, if any, and written examination for the recruitment of Civil Judge (Senior Division) and District Judges:".

- (ii) In the table thereunder, in the syllabus (Criminal Laws), after serial No.21, the following shall be added, namely,-

"22. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS),
23. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)
24. Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)".

15. In the Schedule -F, in the table thereunder, in the syllabus (Criminal Laws), after serial No.15, the following shall be added, namely,-

" 16. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS),
17. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)
18. Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)".

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**K. RAMAKRISHNA RAO
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**


To
The Registrar General, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary and Stores Purchase Department,
Chanchalguda, Hyderabad - (with a request to publish the notification
in the Telangana Gazette and supply 50 copies to the Government).

Copy to:

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The Accountant General, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Pay & Accounts Office, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Registrar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
The Secretary, Ministry of Personnel & Public Grievances and Pensions,
Government of India, New Delhi.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Governor, Rajbavan, Hyderabad.
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government (LA,LA&J), Law Department.
The Law (C) Department.
The Finance (HRM.VII) Department.
The Home (Courts) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA :: AT HYDERABAD

Endt.Roc.No.1138/SO/2025

Dated: 15.11.2025

"Communicated for information and necessary action."


15/11/25
REGISTRAR GENERAL

To

1. All the Registrars, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Prl. Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. All the Unit Heads in the State of Telangana.
4. The Director, Judicial Academy for the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
5. The Section Officers, B.Spl. Section, B-Section, E-Section, Recruitment Cell and Vigilance Cell.