



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

PUBLIC SERVICES—PERSONS IN SERVICE BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES/  
SCHEDULED TRIBES—TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM PASSING SPECIAL OR  
DEPARTMENTAL TESTS—PERIOD OF EXEMPTION—EXTENDED—  
ORDERS ISSUED

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (ADVICE-C) DEPARTMENT  
**G. O. (P) No. 2/2017/P&ARD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20th February, 2017.**

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- Read:—*1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 22/PD dated 13-1-1972.  
2. G. O. (P) No. 141/1986/GAD dated 30-4-1986.  
3. G. O. (P) No. 25/1997/P&ARD dated 28-11-1997.  
4. Circular No. 8130/Adv.C3/2010/P&ARD, dated 24-2-2012.  
5. G. O. (P) No. 02/2013/P&ARD dated 28-1-2013.  
6. G. O. (P) No. 04/2014/P&ARD dated 21-1-2014.  
7. G. O. (P) No. 05/2015/P&ARD dated 29-1-2015.  
8. G. O. (P) No. 05/2016/P&ARD dated 22-1-2016.

### ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, employees belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe were exempted from passing Special or Departmental Tests for a period of two years. Subsequently, this benefit was extended each year by relevant orders. The extension of this benefit for the year 2016 was ordered as per G. O. read as 8th paper above. This period of temporary exemption granted to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees who entered service on or before 31-12-1985 from passing Special or Departmental Tests

expired on 31-12-2016. The Government, after having considered the matter, are of the view that it is necessary to extend the period further and hence order that Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees who were in service on or before 31-12-1985 will be exempted under Rule 13AA of General Rules from passing the tests (Unified, Special or Departmental) referred to in Rule 13 or Rule 13A for a further period of one year from 1-1-2017 to 31-12-2017.

2. The Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees who entered service on or after 1-1-1986 are not entitled to test exemption under Rule 13AA but they are eligible for temporary test exemption under Rule 13A(1)(a) and as per the conditions specified in Rule 13A(2) in KS & SSRs.

By order of the Governor,

SATYAJEET RAJAN,  
*Principal Secretary.*

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All District Collectors.

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