IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

NOTIFICATION

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Applications are invited for selection of 11 (eleven) candidates [5 from General Category, 3 from Scheduled Castes Category (1 for S.C. Others, Punjab, 1 for S.C. (Sportsman) and 1 for S.C. Balmisks/Mazhibi Sikhs), 1 from Backward Class Category, 2 from Physically handicapped (differently abled persons)] for appointment to Punjab Superior Judicial Service by way of direct recruitment (i.e. 25% of quota) from amongst the eligible Advocates through competitive examination under Rule 7(3)(c) of Punjab Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007. The number of posts shall be subject to variation without notice.

Any person, who fulfills the following conditions, may apply to the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh:-

(a) he/she must be a citizen of India;
(b) he/she must have been duly enrolled as an Advocate and must have been in practice for a period not less than seven years as on the last date of submission of applications i.e. 30.04.2015.
(c) he/she must have attained the age of 45 years and must not have attained the age of 45 years as on the last date of submission of applications i.e. 30.04.2015 (for SC/ST/BC candidates, the upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years and for physically handicapped candidates (differently abled persons) the upper age limit is relaxable by 10 years);
(d) he/she must not have more than one spouse living.
(Provided that the High Court may, if satisfied that there are special grounds for doing so, exempt any person from the operation of this sub-rule).
(e) he/she must have passed matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, specified by the Government from time to time.

The format of application is given as under:-

Application for the post of Additional District & Sessions Judge in the State of Punjab

i) Name:
   (In Block Letters)

ii) Father’s/Husband’s Name:

iii) Nationality:

iv) Date of Birth:
   (Self attested copy of Matriculation or equivalent examination certificate to be attached.)
v) Actual age as on 30.04.2015 i.e. _____ years _____ months _____ days

vi) Academic qualifications, with distinctions attained, if any (Self attested copies of relevant certificates to be attached).

**Detail of Academic Qualifications**

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vii) Date of enrollment as an Advocate:
(Attach self attested copy of Enrollment Certificate under the Advocates Act.)

viii) Details of practice as an Advocate.
(Attach certificate of experience at the Bar issued by the President/Secretary of the Bar concerned and counter signed by the District Judge in case of District and Sub-Division Bar. In the case of candidates practising in the High Court, no counter signatures are necessary.)

ix) Are you in Government Service.
If yes, give the following details:

- Name of Department
- Post held
- Post held since
- Remarks

x) **In case the candidate has remained out of practice for some time after passing law, he/she must give detail of the activities performed during the said period.**

xi) Give details of fee:-
- Name of the Bank
- Bank Draft No. _________ dated ________ Amount ________

xii) Complete Postal Address (In Block Letters),
(mentioning Post Office, Sub-Division, District, State and PIN Code).

- a) Permanent:
- b) Present:
- c) E-mail address, if any:
  (Please ensure that the E-mail is active)
- d) Mobile Number, if any:
- e) Landline Number, if any:

xiii) (a) Are you married?
(b) If the answer to (a) is 'Yes', Do you have more than one living spouse?

xiv) Marks obtained in matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time.
(Self attested copies of the relevant certificates be attached.)

xv) Do you belong to Scheduled Caste / Backward Class recognized by the Government (if so, (i) mention your Caste, (ii) Designation of issuing authority of SC/BC certificate.)

xvi) Whether you claim reservation as Scheduled Caste (Sportsman)? If yes, attach copy of requisite sportsman certificate issued by the Competent Authority.

xvii) Whether you claim reservation as differently abled / Physically handicapped person category? If yes, attach copy of requisite medical certificate under rules, issued by competent medical authority.

xix) Have you ever been convicted by any Court of law? If yes, give details of the case and mention the punishment/sentence awarded, if any. Copy of the judgment be also attached.

xx) Whether any criminal case is pending/registered against you? If yes, give complete details of the case and its present status.

xxi) Whether you have ever been suspended, discharged, terminated or dismissed from service by the Central or the State Government or the Boards or Corporation? If 'Yes', give details and mention reasons/circumstances of such dismissal etc.

xxii) The candidate may furnish any other information in support of his/her candidature (e.g. membership of Professional Societies, conferences/ seminars attended, papers published and annual professional income).

xxiii) The candidate shall attach the details of Court cases conducted by him/her preferably of last two/three years to fortify his/her claim of having been in active practice.

xxiv) Are you an Income Tax assessee. If yes, since when? (Candidate shall attach income tax return of atleast three years preceding the issuance of present notification). In case of non income tax assessee, the candidate shall give year wise details of his/her income during the last three years.

xxv) Attach two recent duly attested passport size photographs.

xxvi) Attach List of Documents enclosed.

Place: ________________
Date: ________________

(Signature of the Candidate)
with address for correspondence:

(Thumb impression of the Candidate)
L.T.I (for male) / R.T.I. (for female)

Declaration

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and in the event of any information being found false/incorrect at any stage, my candidature shall be liable to be cancelled.

(Signature of the Candidate),
(In Full)

(Thumb impression of the Candidate)
L.T.I (for male) / R.T.I. (for female)
Syllabus and Format of Examination:

Syllabus and format of Written Test will be as per Annexure ‘1’

Note:-

1. ‘No Objection Certificate’ of the employer (for those candidates who are in service) is not required at the time of applying. Candidates are directed to only intimate their employer at this stage. NOC on the format Annexure ‘II’ from the Competent Authority will have to be produced at the time of the viva voce.

2. The applications must reach the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh on or before 30.04.2015 till 5.00 P.M. Incomplete applications and applications received after 30.04.2015 shall not be entertained.

3. The selection would be on the basis of written test of 750 marks and viva voce of 250 marks, to be conducted by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh.

4. The reservation for Scheduled Castes / Backward Class/ PH (differently abled) shall be in accordance with the policy/instructions issued by the Government of Punjab from time to time. The benefit of reservation is admissible only to bonafide domiciles/residents of State of Punjab.

5. The Scheduled Caste candidates, if called for written test/viva voce shall be entitled for Travelling Allowance, as per relevant instructions of the Punjab Government.

6. The candidates dismissed by the Central or any State Government or their Boards or Corporation, shall not be eligible to apply for this post.

7. The decision of the Hon’ble Recruitment to Superior Judicial Service Committee regarding the eligibility of the candidates for admission to the examination shall be final.

8. Success in the examination does not confer any right to appointment unless the Government in consultation with the High Court is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment.

9. Candidates are required to produce the original & submit self attested copies of certificates at the time of viva-voce only. Candidates, therefore, should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission to the examination will also, therefore, be purely provisional. If on verification at any stage, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature will be canceled. If any of their claims is found to be incorrect at any stage, they shall also render themselves liable to disciplinary action by the High Court.

10. No claim that an application form has been lost or delayed in the post office / courier service will be considered nor any representation against its rejection due to late receipt will be entertained.

11. The written test and Viva-voce shall be conducted in English medium except the language paper.

12. The candidature of the applicants would be provisional subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria of age, educational qualification, nationality etc. as per relevant Rules and instructions issued by the Government.
13. All communications in respect of the applications should be addressed to the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh and should contain the following particulars:-

Name of examination:
Month and year of examination:
Roll No. (if communicated to the candidate)
Name of the candidate:
Father's Name:
Address as given in the application form:

Communications not containing these particulars shall not be attended to. Envelopes containing correspondence with the High Court concerning this examination should always carry the words “Punjab Superior Judicial Service Examination, 2015”.

14. Each application must be accompanied by:-

a) Examination Fee of ₹1000/- (One Thousand Only) for General Category candidates and ₹500/- (Five Hundred Only) for SC/ST/BC/PH (differently abled) candidates by way of Demand Draft in favour of the Registrar General, High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh payable at Chandigarh.

b) Three recent and identical passport size photographs, duly signed by the candidate and attested by a Gazetted Officer (one to be pasted on the top right hand corner of the application form and others to be tagged with the application form)

c) Two character certificates from two respectable persons, (one of which must be issued by the President/Secretary of the Bar Association where the candidate is practising).

15. Candidates securing 40% or more marks in each paper will be called for viva voce. But merely securing 40% or more marks would not confer any right to be called for viva voce. The High Court shall have the discretion to shortlist the candidates equal to three times the number of vacancies for viva voce. Further, no candidate will be considered to have successfully qualified the Punjab Superior Judicial Services Examination unless he/she obtains 50% marks (read 45% marks for the SC/BC/PH (differently abled person) category candidates) in the aggregate out of the total marks fixed for the written test and viva voce. It is also made clear that no candidate will get the right to be appointed even if he/she obtains 50% marks (read 45% marks for the SC/BC/PH (differently abled person) category candidates) in the aggregate of the written test and viva voce. However, candidates will be appointed strictly in the order of merit (category wise) in which they are placed after the result of written test and viva voce.

16. The last date for submission of application forms for the Advocates enrolled with the District/Sub-Divisional Bar Associations of Punjab, Haryana and U.T., Chandigarh is 20.04.2015. All such Advocates will submit the application forms in the office of District and Sessions Judges concerned. However, all others will send/submit the application forms directly to the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh in an envelope superscribed as "Application for the post of Additional District Judge in the State of Punjab" on or before 30.04.2015 by 5.00 P.M.

17. Instructions to the candidates for the examination are enclosed as Annexure 'III' which shall be signed and submitted at the time of written test.
18. Any other terms and conditions not specifically mentioned above shall be governed in accordance with the Punjab Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007 and instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES.

REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)

Endst No. 146 Gaz. I/VI.F.2,

Dated: 3/3/15

1. Copy forwarded to the President, High Court Bar Association, Chandigarh for information and favour of communication to the members of the Bar Association.

2. The receipt of this notification may kindly be acknowledged.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES.

REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)

Endst No. 147 Gaz. I/VI.F.2,

Dated: 3/3/15

1. Copy forwarded to all the District & Sessions Judges in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh with the request to download the advertisement from the website of the High Court and the same be displayed on the notice boards of the District Bar Associations as well as Sub-Divisional Bar Associations. The applications be invited from the Advocates practising in their respective Sessions Divisions and the same be forwarded to this Court in such a manner so as to reach this Court on or before 30.04.2015 by 5.00 PM. To ensure that the applications reach this Court by the due date. No application shall be entertained by them after 20.04.2015.

2. Receipt of this notification may please be acknowledged.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES.

REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)

Endst No. 148 Gaz. I/VI.F.2,

Dated: 3/3/15

Copy forwarded to the Controller, Printing and Stationery Department, Punjab, Chandigarh with the request that it may please be published in the Extra-Ordinary Punjab Government Gazette well before 10.03.2015.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES.

REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)
Endst No. 149 Gaz. I/VI.F.2,  

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.
2. The Director, Litigation and Prosecution, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Applications complete in all respects should be entertained by the Heads of Departments upto 20.04.2015 so that the same are received in this office well before the stipulated date 30.04.2015. No application received after the due date will be entertained.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES.

[Signature]

REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)

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BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES.

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REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)
SYLLABUS FOR WRITTEN TEST FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGES IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB.

CIVIL LAW-I
1. Indian Contract Act, 1872
2. Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
3. Registration Act, 1908
4. Specific Relief Act, 1963
5. Transfer of Property Act, 1882
6. Limitation Act, 1963

CRIMINAL LAW
1. Indian Penal Code, 1860
2. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
3. The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988
5. Indian Evidence Act, 1872

CIVIL LAW-II
1. Constitutional Law
2. Interpretation of Statutes
3. Hindu Law
4. Rent Law

(LANGUAGE PAPER) (MEANT FOR PUNJAB)
1. English (Consisting of Essay and Precis)
2. Punjabi (Consisting of Essay and Precis)

PAPER-V (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)
Objective type multiple choice 100 questions.

FORMAT OF THE WRITTEN TEST (PUNJAB)

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1. **PAPER I**
   Subjective/narrative type questions
   3 hours 200 marks

2. **PAPER II**
   Subjective/narrative type questions
   3 hours 200 marks

3. **PAPER III**
   Subjective/narrative type questions
   3 hours 200 marks

4. **PAPER IV**
   English (Consisting of Essay and Precis)
   Punjabi (Consisting of Essay and Precis)
   3 hours 100 marks
   (50 marks)
   (50 marks)

5. **PAPER V**
   General knowledge
   100 Objective type multiple choice questions
   2 hours 50 marks

Total 750 marks

*Note:* "Keeping in view the number of applications received, the High Court may hold a preliminary examination for short listing the candidates, consisting of objective type questions from the syllabus as prescribed for the written test."
Annexure 'II'

"NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE"

(To be issued by the Head of the Department in case the candidate is serving in any Government Departments/Semi-Government Departments or in any Corporations/Boards)

No. ______________  Dated: ______________

It is certified that Shri/Ms. ______________ Son/Daughter of Shri ______________ is serving in this office and the undersigned has no objection if he/she appears in the test for the post of 'Additional District & Sessions Judge', in the State of Punjab. The service particulars of the candidate are as under:-

1. Department/Office where employed: __________________________

2. Date of initial appointment: __________________________

3. Date of present employment: __________________________

4. Total length of service: __________________________

5. Present Designation: __________________________

6. Pay Scale: __________________________

7. Regular/Temporary/Ad-hoc/ Deputation/Transfer basis (please Specify) __________________________

8. If on deputation/transfer, give details of the parent office and information about his lien etc. __________________________

9. Lien retained on any post. If yes, Give details __________________________

10. Whether any department proceedings initiated or likely to be initiated or Minor/major punishment imposed? __________________________

If so, give details: __________________________

11. Any other relevant information: __________________________

Dated: ______________

Signature of the Authority

Designation: __________________________

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Instructions for the Candidates

All the candidates are directed to observe the following instructions strictly:

a) Candidates shall read all the instructions printed on the answer-sheet and question paper and instructions incorporated hereunder carefully and comply with the same strictly. Disobedience may lead to disqualification.

b) No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he holds a certificate of Admission/Admit Card from the High Court.

c) No candidate will carry any paper, note-book, writing material, help book having any nexus with the examination. Possession of a mobile phone or any other electronic device in the examination hall is also strictly prohibited.

d) No candidate will write his roll number at a place other than the one prescribed on the answer-sheet.

e) Any mark including any religious mark on the answer-sheet, whereby an answer-sheet can be identified to be of a particular candidate, is prohibited. Highlighting/underlining of the answers would also be deemed to be identification marks, which will entail disqualification.

f) Candidates are required to attempt questions in the same order in which they are in the question paper.

g) Candidates will not talk to each other during the course of the examination.

h) No candidate will be permitted to leave the examination room before half time of the examination. Half time of the examination will be indicated with the ringing of a bell.

i) The answer-sheet of the candidate using unfair means will be confiscated and such candidate will stand disqualified. In case of copying, the Invigilator will bring the factual position to the notice of the Floor Incharge, and Floor Incharge will bring the matter to the notice of the Block Incharge, whose decision will be final.

j) Canvassing in any form or at any stage shall be considered a disqualification.

Undertaking of Instructions

I undertake to abide by the afore-mentioned conditions.

Signature of the candidate ____________________________

Name (in capital letters) ____________________________

Roll Number ____________________________