



ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT No.07 OF 2021-22

Recruitment to the posts of Assistant Director of Sericulture, Group-B of Odisha Textile & Sericulture Service (Sericulture Cadre) under Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department.

WEBSITE - <http://opsc.gov.in>

Online applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the proforma application to be made available on the Website of the Commission (<http://opsc.gov.in>). **The link for registration/re-registration and payment of examination fee shall be available from 30.07.2021 to 31.08.2021 (Note: 07.09.2021 is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application)** for recruitment to 07 (Seven) posts of Assistant Director of Sericulture, Group-B of Odisha Textile & Sericulture Service (Sericulture Cadre) under Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department carrying the pay at Level-10 of the Pay Matrix with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. The posts are temporary but likely to continue.

2. VACANCY POSITION: As per requisition filed by the Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department, Government of Odisha, the vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below:

Sl. No.	Category	No. of vacancies
1.	Unreserved	03 (01-w)
2.	SEBC	01
3.	Scheduled Caste	01
4.	Scheduled Tribe	02 (01-w)
	Total	07 (02-w)

NOTE:

- (a) In case of non-availability or availability of insufficient number of eligible/suitable women candidates belonging to the respective category, the vacancies of that category shall be filled up by eligible suitable male candidate(s) of the same category.
- (b) The exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe will not be considered.
- (c) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by Government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the State Government.

P.T.O

3. AGE:

A candidate must not ordinarily be below 21 (twenty one) years and above 32 (thirty two) years of age as on the 1st day of August, 2021 i.e. he/she must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1989 and not later than 1st August, 2000.

Provided that the upper age limit shall be relaxable by **5 (five) years** for candidates belonging to the categories of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, Ex-Servicemen and Women.

The maximum age limit will be **50(fifty) years** in case of in-service candidates belonging to Textiles & Sericulture branches under the Directorate of Textiles, Odisha.

Provided that, a candidate who comes under more than one category mentioned above, he/she will be eligible for only one age relaxation benefit, which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE, THE AGE LIMITS PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED.

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will only be accepted by the Commission.

4. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

A candidate must have possessed

- (i) A Second Class M.Sc. (Ag.) in Entomology.
OR
- (ii) A Second class M.Sc. in Botany, Zoology, Life Science, Sericulture or Sericulture Technology.
OR
- (iii) B.Sc. (Ag.) with one year experience in Sericulture.
OR
- (iv) B.Sc. with Botany and Zoology or Life Science with Post-Graduate Diploma in Sericulture from any recognized University/ Institute in India with one year field experience in Sericulture.

5. EXAMINATION FEE:

A candidate is required to pay a non-refundable and non-adjustable fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) only. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe of Odisha and Persons with Disability (whose permanent disability is 40% and more) are exempted from payment of this fee.

The candidates are required to make Online payment of applicable Examination Fee(s) through OPSC portal using Debit Card/Credit Card /Net Banking facilities and other financial instruments enlisted in the Payment Page/Gateway of the Odisha Government Treasury Portal. The fee(s) paid shall neither be refunded under any circumstances nor can be adjusted or held in reserve for any other examination or recruitment.

6. METHOD OF SELECTION:

The Commission shall consider all the applications received and shall call upon the eligible candidates for interview and in the event of the number of eligible candidates exceeds fifty; the Commission may conduct the Written Examination for selection of suitable candidates :

Provided that the State Government may depute an officer to represent the Department at the interview conducted by the Commission for the purpose and the officer so deputed shall advise the Commission on the suitability of the candidate with reference to special qualities required for the service.

The details of syllabus for written examination for recruitment of Assistant Director of Sericulture is appended to this advertisement as Annexure-A.

7. PLACE OF EXAMINATION:

The written examination shall be held at Cuttack. It may also be held at Bhubaneswar/ Balasore/ Berhampur/ Sambalpur depending on the number of candidates from the respective zones.

The candidates are to mention their choice of Examination Zone at appropriate place in the online application form.

P.T.O

8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

- (i) The candidate must be a citizen of India;
- (ii) A candidate must:

be able to speak, read and write Odia and have passed Middle English School Examination with Odia as a language subject

OR

have passed the H.S.C. Examination or an equivalent examination with Odia as a medium of examination in non-language subjects;

OR

have passed in Odia as language subject in the final examination of Class-VII or above;

OR

have passed a test in Odia equivalent to Middle English School standard conducted by the Education Department.

- (iii) A candidate, who has more than one spouse living, will not be eligible for appointment unless the State Government has exempted his/her case from operation of this limitation for any good and sufficient reasons;
- (iv) Government servants, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age-limit as provided under para-3 & 4 of the Advertisement. They must **submit "No Objection Certificate"** issued by the competent authority **during document verification**;
- (v) If a candidate has at any time, been debarred for a certain period/ chance(s) by the Odisha Public Service Commission or other State Public Service Commission or U.P.S.C from appearing at any examination /Viva Voce test, he/she will not be eligible for such recruitment for that specified period/chance(s);
- (vi) A candidate who claims change in his/her name after having passed the High School Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, is required to furnish a copy of publication of the changed name in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Gazette in support of his/ her change of name;
- (vii) **Only those candidates, who fulfil the requisite qualification & are within the prescribed age limit etc. by the closing date of submission of online application, will be considered eligible;**
- (viii) Every candidate selected for appointment shall be examined by the Medical Board. A candidate, who fails to satisfy the Medical Board, shall not be appointed.

P.T.O

9. **IMPORTANT POINTS :**

- (i) **Online applications submitted to OPSC if found to be incomplete in any respect are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;**
- (ii) **Admission to the Written Examination / Viva Voce test will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after the written examination / viva voce test, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all the eligibility conditions, his/her candidature will be liable to rejection. Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of candidate shall be final;**
- (iii) Concessions meant for S.T./ S.C. by birth and SEBCs are admissible to the Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste and Socially Educationally Backward Classes of Odisha only;
- (iv) **Community / Caste status once mentioned by the candidates under the appropriate box of the online application form will be treated as final and the same shall not be changed subsequently under any circumstances.**
- (v) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment;
- (vi) **Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in the online application, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as decided by the Commission be imposed on the candidate;**

10. **CERTIFICATES/DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:**

Candidates those who are called for the Viva Voce test will be required to bring with them the hard copy of online application form along with copies of certificates, mark sheets etc. and originals of the same for verification prior to the date of Viva Voce test which will be notified later on in due course, failing which he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the Viva Voce test. **The candidates are required to mention on copy of each document "Submitted by me" and put their full signature & date on the same.**

- (i) H.S.C. or equivalent certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board /Council;
- (ii) Intermediate/+2 Examination Certificate issued by the concerned Board /Council;
- (iii) Degree/Post-Graduate Degree certificate in the relevant disciplines from a recognized University/Institution as required under Paragraph-4 of this advertisement;
- (iv) Candidates having B.Sc. with Botany and Zoology or Life Science must produce Post Graduate Diploma certificate in Sericulture along with a certificate showing one year field experience in Sericulture from the competent authority;

P.T.O

- (v) Candidates having B.Sc. (Ag.) must produce a certificate showing one year experience in Sericulture from the competent authority;
- (vi) Mark-lists in support of all the aforesaid Examinations i.e. H.S.C. to P.G. Degree passed including fail marks, if any, issued by the concerned Board/Council/University;

NOTE 1 :(a) **Candidates who have not been awarded percentage of marks, but only “GRADE MARKS”, should, along with their applications, produce the conversion certificate from the concerned University indicating the actual equivalent percentage of marks and the conversion formula failing which, their applications are liable to be rejected.**

(b) **While submitting the hard copy of application form, the candidate has to submit mark sheet showing details of marks secured in each Semester/Annual examination leading to award of Diploma/Degree.**

- (vii) Two recent passport size photographs (unsigned & unattested) which has been uploaded with Online Application Form;
- (viii) Caste Certificate **by birth** in support of claim as S.T./S.C. and S.E.B.C. whichever applicable;
- (ix) Required Odia Pass Certificate from the competent Authority;
- (x) **Ex-Servicemen** are required to attach copy of Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served. They must submit an affidavit undertaking that he / she has not been appointed against any civil post after retirement from military service, wherever applicable;
- (xi) No Objection Certificate from the competent authority in case of Government Servant;
- (xii) Any proof of identity.

NOTE 2:

- (i) **Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.T. /S.C. categories by birth & S.E.B.C Categories of Odisha are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate as mentioned in their online application form and issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form. Candidates of SEBC category (other than Creamy Layer) must submit copy of Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority within the last three years from the last date of submission of online application form;**
- (ii) **Women candidates belonging to S.C. /S.T. /S.E.B.C Categories are required to submit Caste Certificates by birth showing “daughter of”. Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing “wife of”) is not acceptable.**

(iii) **O.B.C. CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF S.E.B.C. CERTIFICATES.**

(iv) **Community (Caste status) once mentioned by the candidates in the online application shall not be changed under any Circumstances.**

The competent authorities are:- District Magistrate/Collector or Additional District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate/Sub-Collectors or Executive Magistrates or Revenue Officers, not below the rank of Tahasildar /Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha.

NOTE 3: Post Graduate Degree Certificate, Degree Certificate, Post Graduate Diploma Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia Test Pass Certificate and Discharge Certificate of Ex-Serviceman must have been issued by the competent authority on or before the last date fixed for receipt/submission of online application form as indicated above.

11. GROUND OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION:-

Applications of candidates will be rejected by the Commission on any of the following grounds:-

- (a) **In-complete online application form.**
- (b) **Non-submission of hard copy of online application form at the time of verification of original documents.**
- (c) **Not signing declaration (full signature) in the hard copy of online application form.**
- (d) **Not coming within age limit as mentioned in Para-3 of Advertisement**
- (e) **Not having requisite qualification as provided under Para-4 of Advertisement.**
- (f) **Not furnishing copies of certificates/documents as provided under Para-10 of Advertisement.**
- (g) **Not passing Odia Test (M.E. standard) / not furnishing Odia Test pass evidence as required under Para-8(ii) of the Advertisement.**
- (h) **Non-payment of examination fee, (wherever applicable), as provided under Para-5 of Advertisement.**
- (i) **Submission of wrong information / false information about qualification / Age / O.T. Pass evidence / Category Status (ST/S.C./SEBC/Women/Ex-servicemen.**
- (j) **Suppression of facts / information about eligibility, if any.**
- (k) **Any other ground as per the decision of the Commission.**

N.B :- APPLICATION / CANDIDATURE OF A CANDIDATE SHALL BE REJECTED AT ANY STAGE OF RECRUITMENT PROCESS, WHEN DISCREPANCY IS NOTICED /DETECTED.

P.T.O

12. HOW TO APPLY:

- (a) Candidates must go through the details of this Advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up online application form.
- (b) Candidates must apply online through the concerned Website of the OPSC <http://opsc.gov.in>. Applications received through **any other mode** would not be accepted and summarily rejected.
- (c) **Before filling up the online application form, the candidates must go through detailed instructions available at OPSC portal.**
- (d) The online application form is automated and system driven and will guide the candidate seamlessly in filling the application. The requisite options shall be enabled and information shall be asked as per data furnished by the candidate. Before filling up the information, ensure that accurate information is fed, for edit option is limited & on confirmation there is no scope for further edit even if wrongful entry has been made while filling up application.
- (e) Candidates are requested to upload the scanned image of latest passport size photograph along with scanned image of his/her full signature and scanned image of Left-hand Thumb Impression (LTI) in the online application form uploaded photograph, Specimen (full) signature and LTI must be clearly identifiable/visible, otherwise the application of the candidate is liable to be rejected by the Commission and no representation from the candidate will be entertained.
- (f) Candidates should keep at least two copies of latest passport size photograph which is uploaded to the online application form for future use.
- (g) On successful submission of the online Registration, a unique “Permanent Public Service Account Number (PPSAN)” will be assigned to the applicant. *Candidates are required to take a printout of the finally submitted online Registration/Re-registration and finally submitted Online Application forms and put his/her signature under the declaration for submission to OPSC along with copies of requisite certificate and documents as and when asked.*
- (h) The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.
- (i) Certificate of Admission to the written examination to the eligible candidates will be uploaded in the Website of the OPSC prior to the date of written examination which will be published in the Website of the Commission and Newspapers. The candidates are required to download their Admission Certificate from the Website of the Commission and produce the same at the Examination Centre for admission to the written examination. No separate correspondence will be made on this score.
- (j) “Intimation letters” to candidates for document verification & interview and “Attestation form” & “Bio-data form” shall be uploaded in the website of OPSC prior to the date of Document Verification/ Interview.

P.T.O

- (k) Any complaint on the conduct of examination must be sent to the Grievance Wing of the Commission by e-Mail (opsc@nic.in) within 05 (Five) days of completion of the examination.

13. FACILITATION COUNTER:

To resolve any Technical problem faced in filling up of online Registration/ Re-registration and Application forms, candidate may contact OPSC Technical Support over **Telephone No. 0671-2304707** between **10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.** on any Odisha Government working days.

In case of any guidance/information on this advertisement & recruitment, candidates may go through the **FAQ** available in the website of the Commission or contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over **Telephone No. 0671-2304141/2305611 & Extn.-207** on any working day between **10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.**

The candidates are required to visit the website of the Commission at <http://opsc.gov.in> for detailed information about important notices, rejection of application, the date & time of Written Examinaton/Document Verification/ Interview and also keep track of publication of various notices to the effect in the leading local daily newspapers for information.

CLOSING DATES

(A) ONLINE REGISTRATION/RE-REGISTRATION AND ONLINE PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 30.07.2021 TO TILL 31.08.2021 (11:59 P.M).

(B) SUBMISSION OF ONLINE REGISTERED APPLICATIONS CAN BE DONE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 30.07.2021 TO TILL 07.09.2021 (11.59 P.M).

NB: THE ONLINE APPLICATIONS, IF FOUND DEFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT IS LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

CUTTACK

DATE : 16.07.2021


SECRETARY

ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CUTTACK

ANNEXURE - A**SYLLABUS OF EXAMINATION**

Subjects for written examination for recruitment to the post of **Assistant Director of Sericulture.**

PAPER-I**1. GENERAL SERICULTURE**

- (a) Study of varieties of Silk Worm and Silk Worm food plants
- (b) Biology of Mulberry and Silk Worms
- (c) Impact of agro-climatic factors on Moriculture and Silk Worm Breeding
- (d) Global distribution of Sericulture
- (e) Economics of Sericulture in General and as compared to that of other land based activities

2. MORICULTURE

- (a) Soil Science
- (b) Classification and varieties
- (c) Anatomy and embryology
- (d) Cytogenesis and breeding
- (e) Propagation and maintenance
- (f) Manuring
- (g) Harvest of leaves and preservation
- (h) Disease and pests with control measures

3. Sericulture Organisation, Extension and Management**4. Sericulture Industry in India****PAPER-II****1. SILK WORM REARING TECHNOLOGY**

- (a) Silk Worm Physiology
- (b) Silk Worm Pathology
- (c) Rearing Technology
- (d) Silk Worm Hygiene

2. Reeling, Spinning of Silk, Testing of Silk.**3. Silk Weaving**

The written examination shall consist of two papers and each paper shall carry 100 marks. The duration of each examination shall be for two hours and minimum pass mark in each paper shall be 50 marks in order to be eligible for appearing in the oral test. The standards of examination shall be equivalent to the degree examination of an University of the State. The questions shall be of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ pattern).

The oral test shall carry 30 marks to ascertain the personality of the candidate.

NOTE :

In case the selection consists of only oral test it shall carry 50 marks.