

**Government of Bihar**  
**General Administration Department**

**Notification**

Patna-15, Date 04.10.2025

No- No.-7/Astha.-04-35/2025-GAD.187.83./In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 233 of the Constitution of India read with the proviso to Article 309, the Governor of Bihar, in consultation with the High Court of Judicature at Patna is pleased to make the following amendment in the Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement:-**

- (1) These rules may be called "**The Bihar Superior Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025**".
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Bihar.
- (3) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

**2. Substitution of Rule 5(c)(i) and 5(c)(ii) of the Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951 (as amended from time to time).-**  
Rule-5(c)(i) and 5(c)(ii) of the said rules shall be substituted as follows:-

**“5(c)(i)** 50 percent of the posts shall be filled by promotion from amongst the Civil Judges (Senior Division) on the principles of merit-cum-seniority subject to suitability parameters as indicated in Appendix-'A'.

**5(c)(ii)** 25 percent of the post shall be filled on the basis of merit through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) conducted by the Patna High Court, Patna from amongst officers having not less than 3 years of service as Civil Judge (Senior Division) and not less than 7 years of total service rendered as a Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Civil Judge (Senior Division). Selection shall be as per the procedure and examination as specified in Appendix-'B'.”

**3. Addition of the new Rule 5(c)(v) and 5(c)(vi) after the Rule 5(c)(iv) of the “Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951 (as amended from time to time)”-The Rule 5(c)(v) and 5(c)(vi) of the said Rules shall be added as follows:-**

**“5(c)(v)** If any post reserved for LDCE for the District Judge (Entry Level) remains vacant, the same shall be filled through regular promotion on the basis of 'merit-cum-seniority' in that particular year.

**5(c)(vi)** Vacancies of the District Judge (Entry Level) amongst three different quotas shall be calculated on the basis of cadre strength.”

**4. Substitution of Rule 16(e) of the “Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951 (as amended from time to time)”.-Rule 16(e) of the said rules shall be substituted as follows:-**

**“16(e)** The seniority of the members (as per their source of appointment viz. 50% by promotion, 25% by Limited Departmental Competitive Examination and 25% by Direct recruitment from Bar) of this cadre shall be fixed by Roster Points prepared on the basis of post and irrespective of the fact as to when a person is appointed. The roster shall be prepared including all the posts available in this cadre.

Explanation (i) - The 20 point roster for the cadre will be as follows:

(a) For 50% of the posts- 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17 & 18 by promotion

(b) For 25% of posts- 3, 7, 11, 15 & 19 by Limited Departmental Competitive Examination

(c) For 25% of posts- 4, 8, 12, 16 & 20 by direct recruitment from amongst eligible Advocates on the basis of Written and Viva-voce Test conducted by the High Court of Judicature at Patna

The vacancy of any roster point has to be filled from amongst the category to which the post belongs in the roster.

Explanation (ii) - The roster for the cadre will operate on yearly basis as per the British Calendar year from the date of selection/appointment process is set in motion by the High Court in respect of three different sources of promotion/ appointment.”

- 5. Substitution of Clause 5 of Appendix 'A' of the "Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951 (as amended from time to time)".**-Clause 5 of Appendix 'A' of the said rules shall be substituted as follows:-

**"Clause-5** There shall be Interview (Viva-voce Test) of 10 Marks with 4 as qualifying marks.

Updated knowledge of law, Comprehension, Ethics/Aptitude, Communication Skills, General perceptions and awareness shall be taken into account in Interview (Viva-voce Test)."

- 6. Addition of a new Clause 2(c) of Appendix 'B' after the Clause 2(b) of the "Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951 (as amended from time to time)".**-The new Clause 2(c) of Appendix 'B' of the said Rules shall be Added as follows:-

**"Clause2(c)** For performance appraisal the officer must not have scored 6 or more entries of Poor/Fair/Average during the last 20 quarters or in that proportion during last 5 years, failing which he shall stand disqualified for the promotion. Explanation submitted with the self appraisal, if any, may be considered in respect of relevant entries."

- 7. Substitution of Clause 4 of Appendix 'B' of the "Bihar Superior Judicial Service Rules, 1951 (as amended from time to time)".**-Clause 4 of Appendix 'B' of the said rules shall be substituted as follows:-

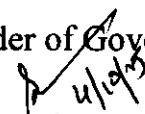
**"Clause-4** The selection of the candidates shall be on the basis of Written Test, Judgment Writing and Interview (Viva-voce Test). The full marks for Written Test shall be 100 with 45 as qualifying marks. Full marks for Judgment writing shall be 60 with 30 as qualifying marks. Full marks for Interview (Viva-voce Test) shall be 40 with 18 as qualifying marks.

**Syllabus:** (i) Written Test :- Questions will be set on the Procedural Law (CPC, BNSS, BSA) BNS, M.V. Act, Prevention of Corruption Act, Negotiable Instrument Act, Succession Act, S.C. & S.T. Act, N.D.P.S. Act, Hindu Law, Mohammedan Law, Family Court Act, Specific Relief Act, Limitation Act, Contract Act, T.P. Act., Civil Court Rules, Criminal Court Rules and General Letters and Circulars.

(ii) Judgment Writing (Two each in Civil Matter and in Criminal Matter):- One each of Civil and Criminal Judgment must be written in English.

(iii) Viva-voce Test:- Updated knowledge of law, Comprehension, Ethics/ Aptitude, Communication Skills, General perceptions and awareness shall be taken into account in Interview (Viva-voce Test).”

By the Order of Governor of Bihar,


  
(Ghufraan Ahmad)

Additional Secretary to the Government.

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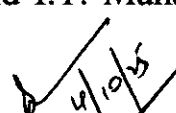
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Additional Secretary to the Government.

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Additional Secretary to the Government.