

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
NOTIFICATION NO.01/2019, DT: 25.07.2019
VILLAGE HORTICULTURE ASSISTANTS
(GENERAL RECRUITMENT)

PARA – 1:

- 1.1. Applications are invited online for recruitment to the posts falling under Village Horticulture Assistant for a total of 4000 vacancies in the state.
- 1.2. The proforma application will be available on _____ Website (https://www._____) from **25/07/2019 TO 10/08/2019 (NOTE: 10/08/2019** is the last date for payment of fee up to 11:59 mid night).
- 1.3. Before applying for the post, an applicant shall register his/her bio-data particulars through One Time Profile Registration (OTPR) using Aadhar on the _____ Website viz., (https://www._____). Once applicant registers his/her particulars, a user ID is generated and sent to his/her registered mobile number and email ID. Applicants need to apply for the post using the OTPR user ID through _____ website.
- 1.4. Tentatively the Examination (Objective Type) is likely to be held in **1st week of September, 2019** in offline mode. Instructions regarding offline examination recruitment test are attached as Annexure – III. The examination paper will be in Telugu and English medium.
- 1.5. HALL TICKETS can be downloaded three (3) days before commencement of Examination. Intimation would be given through the website regarding downloading of Hall Tickets.
- 1.6. All desirous and eligible candidates shall apply online after satisfying themselves that they are eligible as per the terms and conditions of this recruitment notification. Any application sent through any mode other than the prescribed online mode will not be entertained under any circumstances. Submission of application form by the candidate is authentication that he / she has read the notification and shall abide by the terms and conditions laid down there under.
- 1.7. The details of tentative vacancies are as follows (The vacancies may increase or decrease as per the decision of the Government):-

TENTATIVE VACANCIES

Post Code No	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Age as on 01/07/2019 Min. Max.	Scale of Pay
1	Village Horticulture Assistant	4000	18-42 Years	Rs.14,600/- to Rs. 44,870/- plus usual allowances admissible
Total		4000		

Note: Out of 4000 vacancies, **250 vacancies** in the scheduled areas of the state shall be filled in only by the Local Members of the Scheduled Tribes as per G.O. Ms. No: 64, Social Welfare (V) Dept., dt:04-04-1988. The details of vacancies viz., Community, District wise and Gender wise (General / Women) may be seen at Annexure-I.

* The LOCAL scheduled Tribe Candidates means the candidate belonging to scheduled tribes notified as such under Article 342 of the constitution of India and a candidate themselves or their parents have been continuously residing in the scheduled area of the district in which they are residents till to date since the 26th January, 1950.

- 1.8. The applicant is required to visit the _____ website regularly to keep himself / herself updated until completion of the recruitment process. The _____ website information is final for all correspondence. No individual correspondence by any means will be entertained under any circumstances.

PARA-2: ELIGIBILITY:

- i. He / She is of sound health, active habits and free from any bodily defect or infirmity rendering him / her unfit for such service,
- ii. His / Her character and antecedents are such as to qualify him / her for such service,
- iii. He /She possesses the academic and other qualifications prescribed for the post, and
- iv. He / She is a citizen of Andhra Pradesh

PARA-3: EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidates having either of the following qualifications are eligible for the post of Village Horticulture Assistant.

- 1) Must Possess 4 years B.Sc Horticulture / B.Sc (Hons) Horticulture of a Recognized University in the State (or) any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt., of India, New Delhi.
- 2) Must Possess 2 years Diploma in Horticulture (from Dr. YSRHU / ANGRAU recognized)

PARA- 4 RESERVATIONS:

- 4.1 There will be reservations in direct recruitment in respect of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Women as per Rule 22 and 22 (A) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules.
- 4.2 There will be reservations in direct recruitment in respect of Physically Challenged Persons, as per Rule 22 and 22 (A) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules.
- 4.3 In the case of candidates who claim the benefit of reservation or relaxation of upper age limit on the basis of Caste/Tribe or Community the basic document of proof of Community will be the Certificate issued by the Revenue Authorities not below the rank of Tahsildar in the case of SC/ST and Non Creamy Layer Certificate issued by the Revenue Authorities not below the rank of Tahsildar in the case of Backward Classes. The list of Caste/Tribe/Community is as incorporated in Schedule-I of above Rules. The list is also appended at Annexure –IV. The candidates have to produce proof of the community claimed in their application at all stages of selection along with the certificates relating to Educational Qualifications and local status certificates etc. Subsequent claim of change of community will not be entertained.
- 4.4 The person with disability means a person suffering from not less than forty percent (40%) of any disability as certified by a medical authority except hearing Impairment. Hearing Impairment means loss of sixty decibels or more in the better ear in the conversational range of frequencies which corresponds to 85 dBs Hearing threshold on the audiogram in the better ear i.e., 85 dB hearing level in audiogram – 25 dB upper limit of normal hearing 60 dB hearing loss as per provision under "Person with Disabilities Act, 1995".

- 4.5 Caste & Community: Community Certificate issued by the competent authority in terms of G.O. Ms No. 58, SW (J) Dept., dt.12/5/97 should be submitted at appropriate time. As per A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, Rule -2(28) Explanation: No person who professes a religion different from Hinduism shall be deemed a member of Schedule Caste. BCs, SCs & STs belonging to other States are not entitled for reservation.
- 4.6 There shall be Reservation to Women horizontally to an extent of 33 1/3% as per G.O. Ms. No.63, GA (Ser-D) Dept., dated:17.04.2018.
- 4.7 Reservation to BC-E group will be subject to the adjudication of the litigation before the Hon'ble Courts including final orders in Civil Appeal No: 2628-2637 of 2010 in SLP(c). No. 7388-7397 of 2010, dated. 25/03/2010 and orders from the Government.
- 4.8 The candidates claiming to be belonging to non-creamy layer of Backward Class have to obtain a Certificate in terms of G.O. Ms. No. 3, Backward Classes Welfare (C-2) Department, Dated 04.04.2006 read with G.O. Ms. No. 26 Backward Classes Welfare(C) Department, Dated 09.12.2013 regarding their exclusion from the Creamy Layer from the competent authority (Tahasildar) and produce the same at appropriate time of verification. In case of failure to produce the same on the day of verification, the Candidature will be considered against open competition even if he / she is otherwise eligible in all aspects.

PARA - 5: RESERVATION TO LOCAL CANDIDATES:

5.1. State / District wide Selection.

80% of the posts shall be filled with LOCAL candidates only and the remaining 20% open for both LOCAL & NON-LOCAL candidates as per rules in force.

PARA -6 DEFINITION OF LOCAL CANDIDATE:

- 6.1. A local candidate has been defined in G.O.Ms.No.674, General Administration (SPF-A) Department, dated:20.10.1975 "LOCAL CANDIDATE" as follows:

"Local Candidate: - (1) A candidate for direct recruitment to any post shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area.

(a) in cases where a minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post.

(i) "if he has studied in an educational institution or educational institutions in such local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination; or

(ii) where during the whole or any part of the four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination he has not studied in any educational institution, if he has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the qualifying examination in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared.

(b) In cases where no minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post, if he has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date on which the post is notified for recruitment.

Explanations:- For the purpose of the paragraph.

- (i) educational institution means a University or any educational institution recognized by the State Government, a University or other competent authority;
 - (ii) relevant qualifying examination in relation to a post means;
 - (a) the examination, a pass in which is the minimum educational qualification prescribed for the post;
 - (b) the Matriculation examination or an examination declared by the State Government to be equivalent to the Matriculation examination; whichever is lower; and
 - (iii) In reckoning the consecutive academic years during which a candidate has studied, any period of interruption of his study by reason of his failure to pass any examination shall be disregarded.
 - (iv) the question whether any candidate for direct recruitment to any post has resided in any local area shall be determined with reference to the places where the candidate actually resided and not with reference to the residence of his parents or other guardian (Vide G.O.Ms.No.168, G.A. (SPF.A) Department, dated.10-3-77).
- (2) A candidate for direct recruitment to any post who is not regarded as a local candidate under sub paragraph (1) in relation to any local area shall.
- (a) in cases where a minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post.
 - (i) if he has studied in educational institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with academic year in which he appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to
 - (1) Such local area where he has studied for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or
 - (2) where the periods of his study in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he has studied last in such equal periods;
 - (ii) if during the whole or any part of the seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic years in which he appeared or as the case may be first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he has not studied in the educational institutions in any local area, but has resided in the State during the whole of the said period of seven years, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to
 - (1) such local area where he has resided for a maximum period out of the said period of seven years: or
 - (2) where the periods of his residence in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he has resided last in such equal periods;

(b) In cases where no minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post, if he has resided in the State for a period of not less than seven years immediately preceding the date on which the post is notified for recruitment, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(i) such local area where he has resided for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or

(ii) where the periods of his residence in two or more local areas are equal such local area where he has resided last in such equal periods ”.

(G.O.Ms.No.168, dated 10-3-1977)

- 6.2. Single certificate, whether of study or residence as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.674, General Administration (SPF-A) Dept., dated:20.10.1975 would suffice for enabling the candidate to apply as a "LOCAL CANDIDATE".
- 6.3. Residence certificate will not be accepted, if a candidate has studied in any Educational Institution up to S.S.C. or equivalent examination. Such candidates have to produce study certificates invariably. The candidates, who acquired degree from open Universities directly without studying in any Educational Institution, only may submit residence certificate. Here Educational Institutions mean a recognized Institution by the Government / University / Competent authority.
- 6.4. Candidates are advised to refer provisions of the PRESIDENTIAL ORDER 1975 in this regard.
- 6.5. Candidates who migrate from Telangana to Andhra Pradesh between 2nd June, 2014 and 1st June, 2019 (in this case till date of notification) as per terms laid down in circular memo no.4136/SPF & MC/2015-5, Dated.20.11.2017 of Government of Andhra Pradesh shall obtain the Local Status Certificate from competent authority and produce at the time of verification.

PARA- 7 AGE:

7.1. No person shall be eligible for direct recruitment of the post if he/she is less than 18 years of age and if he / she is more than 42 years of age as on 01/07/2019, read with G.O.Ms.No.132,GA (Ser-A) Dept., dated:15.10.2018.

7.2. *Age Relaxation* is applicable to the categories as detailed below:

S.No	Category of Candidates	Relaxation of age permissible
1	SC/ST/BC	5 Years
2	Differently Abled (PH)	10 Years
3	Working as MPEOs/MIAOs / Field Consultants / Contract & Outsourcing Horticulture Officers in Government of Andhra Pradesh with a Qualification of B.Sc Horticulture / B.Sc (Hons) Horticulture / Diploma in Horticulture.	5 years or Length of Service whichever is less.

PARA - 8 HOW TO APPLY:

STEP-I: Candidates applying for the first time for any notification has to first fill the OTPR application carefully to obtain OTPR ID. While filling the OTPR, the candidate has to ensure that the particulars are filled correctly. The Department bears no responsibility for the mistakes, if any, made by the candidates. If candidates choose to modify they may do so by clicking the modify OTPR make the modification, save them and proceed to STEP-II (If candidates have already registered and have the OTPR ID, number then he/she can proceed to STEP-II.)

STEP-II: The Applicant has to Login in the Department's website with the User Name (OTPR ID) and the Password set by Candidate. After Login, the Applicant has to click on the "Online Application Submission" present in the bottom right corner of the Department's website.

PAYMENT PROCESS: The Applicant now has to click on the payment link against the Notification Number that he wants to apply. The Basic details required for calculation of the Fee and Age relaxation will be pre populated from the OTPR data. The Applicant has to verify all the details that are displayed. Once the Payment form is submitted, the respective details (Used for Calculation of fee and Age relaxation) will not be altered in any stage of application processing. Hence if any details are to be changed, applicant should use the Modify OTPR link, modify the details, save it and again click on application payment link.

STEP-III: After checking all the data and ensuring that the data is correct the applicant has to fill application specific data such as Local/Non Local status, etc., which are also used to calculate the Fee. Once all the data is filled appropriately, the applicant has to submit the payment form. On successful submission, the payment reference ID is generated and is displayed on the screen. By clicking "OK" the Applicant is shown the various payment options where he/she can select any one among them and complete the payment process as given on the screen.

STEP-IV: Once the payment is successful, payment reference ID is generated. Candidates can note the payment reference ID for future correspondence. Thereafter the applicant is directed to the application form. Applicant should provide the payment reference Id generated along with the other details required for filing the application form (other fields like OTPR ID and fees relaxations details will be pre populated from the data submitted in the payment form for respective notification). The Applicant should check the data displayed thoroughly and should fill the application specific fields like Qualification details, Post preferences, examination centre etc., carefully and submit the Application form. Once the Application is submitted successfully then Application Receipt is generated. The Applicant is requested to print and save the application receipt for future reference/correspondence.

NOTE: Applicant shall note that the data displayed from OTPR at the time of submitting the application will be considered for the purpose of this notification only. Any changes made by the applicant to OTPR data at a later date shall not be considered for the notification on hand.

STEP-V: In any case if the payment process is not submitted successfully, then the applicant should start the fresh payment process as mentioned in STEP-II.

STEP-VI: Once the application is submitted successfully, correction in application form will be enabled. The corrections can be made in the application form itself. Fields which affects the Name, fee, age and registered mobile number relaxations are not enabled for corrections.

NOTE:

- A. The Department is not responsible, for any omissions by the applicant in bio-data particulars while submitting the application form online. The applicants are therefore, advised to strictly follow the instructions before submitting the application.
- B. All the candidates are requested to submit their application with correct data. It is noticed that some of the candidates are requesting for change in the data, after submission of the application. It is informed that such requests shall be allowed on payment of Rs.100/- (Rupees Hundred Only) for each correction. However changes are not allowed for Name, Fee and age relaxation. No manual application for corrections shall be entertained. Corrections in the applications will be enabled after the last date of the submission of applications and will be allowed up to 7 days only from the last date of application.

- C. The particulars furnished by the applicant in the Application Form will be taken as final. Candidates should, therefore, be very careful in Uploading / Submitting the Application Form online.
- D. Incomplete/incorrect application form will be summarily rejected. The information if any furnished by the candidate subsequently will not be entertained by the Department under any circumstances. Applicants should be careful in filling-up the application form and submission. If any lapse is detected during the scrutiny, the candidature will be rejected even though he/she comes to the final stage of recruitment process or even at a later stage and also liable for punishment.
- E. Before Uploading/Submission Application Form, the Candidates should carefully ensure his/her eligibility for this examination. No relevant column of the application form should be left blank; otherwise application form will not be accepted.

PARA - 9: (A) FEE:

9.1.

Fee Structure		
Category	Examination Fee	Processing Fee
SC/ST/BC	Nil	200
All Others	200	200

Note:- Candidate appearing for another paper or post shall pay exam fee and processing fee again.

9.2. b) MODE OF PAYMENT OF FEE:

- i) The Fee mentioned in the above paragraph is to be paid online using Payment Gateway using Net Banking/ Credit card / Debit Card. The list of Banks providing service for the purpose of online remittance of Fee will be available on the Website.
- ii) The fee once remitted shall not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances. Failure to pay the examination fee and application fee (in non-exempt case) will entail total rejection of application.
- iii) IPOs / Demand Drafts are not accepted.
- iv) In case of corrections Rs.100/- per correction will be charged. However changes are not allowed for name, fee and age relaxation

PARA-10: SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:-

The Scheme and Syllabus for the Written Examination has been shown in Annexure-II.

PARA - 11: CENTRES FOR THE WRITTEN (Conventional TYPE) EXAMINATIONS:

- 11.1 Examination will be held at various locations / centers in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh. However, the department reserves the right either to increase or decrease the number of Centers in the state.
- 11.2 The applicant may choose the District in which they want to appear for the examination. However the Department reserves the right to allot the applicant to any centre of examination depending on the availability of the resources.
- 11.3 Centre once chosen shall be final. The Department, however reserves the right to allot candidates to any centre other than the centre chosen by the applicant or abolish a centre and or to create a new centre for administrative reasons.

PARA – 12 RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES RELATED TO QUESTION PAPER, ANSWER KEY AND OTHER MATTERS

- 12.1 The Department would publish the key of examination on its website after conduct of the examination. Any objections with regard to the key and any other matter shall be filed within three days after publication of the key in the prescribed proforma available in the website.
- 12.2 The objections received in the prescribed proforma and within due date will be referred to expert Committee for opinion and to take appropriate decision thereon by the Department. As per decision of the Department a revised key will be hosted and further objections only in respect of keys that are revised would be called for a period of three working days from the date of publication of revised key. No further objections on original key will be entertained at this stage. The matter will again be referred to experts, taking into consideration the opinion of expert Committee and the final key would be hosted on website based on the decision of the Department.
- 12.3 The objections if any would be examined and the decision of the Department in this regard shall be final. Any objection filed after expiry of specified time from the date of publication of key / revised key would not be entertained.

PARA - 13 NOTE ON IMPORTANT LEGAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

- 13.1 Vacancies: The recruitment will be made to the vacancies notified only. There shall be no waiting list as per G.O. Ms. No. 81, General Administration (Ser. A) Department, Dated 22/02/1997, G.O.Ms.No.544, General Administration (Ser. A) Department, Dated:04.12.1998 In any case, no cognizance will be taken by Department of any vacancies arising or reported after the completion of the selection and recruitment process or the last date as decided by the Department as far as this Notification is concerned, and these will be further dealt with as per G.O & Rule cited above.
- 13.2 The Recruitment will be processed as per this Notification and also as per the Rules and Instructions issued by the Government and also as decided by the Department from time to time in terms of respective Special Rules/Adhoc Rules governing the Recruitment.
- 13.3. Rules: The various conditions and criteria prescribed herein are governed by the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 read with the relevant Special Rules applicable to any particular service in the departments or any other rules framed by the Government from time to time. Any guidelines or clarification is based on the said Rules, and, in case of any necessity, any matter will be processed as per the relevant General and Special Rules as in force.
- 13.4. The Department is empowered under the provisions of Article 315 and 320 of the Constitution of India read with relevant laws, rules, regulations and executive instructions and all other enabling legal provisions in this regard to conduct examination for appointment to the posts notified herein, duly following the principle of order of merit as per Rule 3(vi) of the APPSC Rules of Procedure read with relevant statutory provisions and ensuring that the whole recruitment and selection process is carried out with utmost regard to secrecy and confidentiality so as to ensure that the principle of merit is scrupulously followed.

- 13.5. Local: In terms of Para 4 of the G.O., A.P. Public Employment (Organization of Local Cadres and Regulation of Direct Recruitment) Order, 1975 (G.O.Ms.No.674, G.A. (SPF-A) Dept., dated: 20/10/1975) read with G.O.Ms.No.124, General Administration (SPF-A) Department, dated: 07/03/2002, "The provisional list shall be divided into two parts. The first part shall comprise 20% of the posts consisting of combined merit lists of locals as well as well as non-locals and the remaining second part shall comprise the valance 80% of the posts consisting of locals only and the posts shall be filled duly following the rule of reservation.
- 13.6. The persons already in Government Service/ Autonomous bodies / Government aided institutions etc., whether in permanent or temporary capacity or as work charged employees are however required to inform, in writing, to their Head of Office/ Department that they have applied for this recruitment.
- 13.7. A candidate shall be disqualified for appointment, if he himself or through relations or friends or any others has canvassed or endeavored to enlist for his candidature, extraneous support, whether from official or non-official sources for appointment to this service.
- 13.8. Evaluation of various physical disabilities and procedure for certification will be as per orders contained in G.O.Ms. No. 31, WD, CW & DW (DW) Dept., dated 01.12.2009.

PARA- 14 Please read the following Annexures appended to the notification before filling the application form

Annexure- I- Break up of vacancies

Annexure- II- Scheme of Examination

Annexure- III- Instructions to candidates

Annexure- IV- LIST OF SC / ST /BC's

Annexure- V- Syllabus

PARA-15: PROCEDURE OF SELECTION:

- 15.1 The selection of candidates for appointment to the posts shall be based on the merit in the Written Examination (Conventional)
- 15.2. The minimum qualifying marks for consideration of a candidate to the selection process are 40% for OCs& BCs,35% for SCs, 30% STs and PHCs.
- Note:** Mere securing of minimum qualifying marks does not confer any right to the candidate for being considered to the selection.
- 15.3. Where the candidates get equal number of marks in the Examination if two or more candidates get equal total number of marks, those candidates shall be bracketed. Candidates within the same bracket shall then be ranked 1, 2, 3 etc., according to age i.e., oldest being considered for selection. In case there is tie in age, the person who possesses educational qualification at earlier date would be considered. However, where the preferential educational qualification is prescribed, the educational qualification will take priority over the age while ranking the candidates with equal marks.
- 15.4. With regard to situation where there is deletion of questions, if any, from any paper, scaling (proportionate increase) would be done for that particulars part of the paper to the maximum marks prescribed for the paper and the marks would be rounded off to 2 decimals to determine the merit of the candidate.

- 15.5. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their being found medically fit in the appropriate medical classification, and if he/she is of sound health, active habits and free from any bodily defect or infirmity.
- 15.6. ANSWER KEY AND MARKS: Answer key would be published on the website and marks of each candidate are also displayed on website. No separate memorandum of marks would be issued.

WEIGHTAGE OF MARKS:

One mark for every completed period of 4 months of satisfactory service rendered as MPEO / MIAO / Field Consultant / Contract Horticulture Officer in the Department of Horticulture to a maximum of 15 marks. The Service Certificate should be issued by the Deputy Director of Horticulture / Project Director, APMIP / Assistant Director of Horticulture of the District concerned. The service rendered for less than 4 months shall be treated as NIL.

PARA-16: DEBARMENT:

- 16.1. Candidates should make sure of their eligibility to the post applied for and that the declaration made by them in the format of application regarding their eligibility is correct in all respects. Any candidate **furnishing in-correct information or making false declaration regarding his/her eligibility at any stage or suppressing any information** is liable TO BE DEBARRED UPTO FIVE YEARS FROM APPEARING FOR ANY OF THE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, and summary rejection of their candidature for this recruitment.
- 16.2. The Penal Provisions of Act 25/97 published in the A.P. Gazette No. 35, Part-IV.B Extraordinary dated: 21/08/1997 shall be invoked **if malpractice and unfair means are noticed at any stage** of the recruitment. Further candidates shall be liable for penalty as per G.O.Ms.No.385,G.A.(Ser. A) Dept., Dt.18/10/2016. The Chief Superintendent of the examination centre is authorized to take decision in case of malpractice or usage of unfair means or creation of disturbance or use of physical force by any candidate and report the matter to the competent authority as well as register a police case.
- 16.3. The Department is vested with the Constitutional duty of conducting recruitment and selection as per rules duly maintaining utmost secrecy and confidentiality in this process and any attempt by anyone causing or likely to cause breach of this constitutional duty in such manner or by such action as to violate or likely to violate the fair practices followed and ensured by the Department will be sufficient cause for rendering such questionable means as ground for debarment and penal consequences as per law and rules as per decision of the Department.
- 16.4. Any candidate found **impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person** or resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his / her candidature for selection or obtaining support of candidature by any means, such a candidate may in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable to be debarred permanently from any exam or selection held by the Service Commissions in the country.

16.5. **ELECTRONIC GADGETS BANNED:**

- (a) The use of any mobile (even in switched off mode), pager, scientific calculator or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc., or camera or blue tooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.

- (b) Candidates are advised, in their own interest, not to bring any of the banned items including mobile phones/ pagers to the venue of the examination, as arrangement for safekeeping cannot be assured.

PARA-17: DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO BE FINAL:

The decision of the department in all aspects and all respects pertaining to the application and its acceptance or rejection as the case may be, conduct of examination and at all consequent stages culminating in the selection or otherwise of any candidate shall be final in all respects and binding on all concerned, under the powers vested with it under Article 315 and 320 of the Constitution of India. department also reserves its right to alter and modify the terms and conditions laid down in the notification for conducting the various stages up to selection, duly intimating details thereof to all concerned, as warranted by any unforeseen circumstances arising during the course of this process, or as deemed necessary by the department at any stage.

Place: Guntur

Date: 25.07.2019

**Sd/- Chiranjiv Choudhary
Commissioner of Horticulture**

Annexure - 1
TENTATIVE VACANCIES

SI. No.	Name of the District	No.of posts	OC		BC-A		BC-B		BC-C		BC-D		BC-E		SC		ST		PH						ITDA	Total	
			G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	G	W	VH		HH		OH			G	G
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Srikakulam	155	41	21	7	3	7	5	2	0	5	3	3	2	13	7	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	23	109	46
2	Vizianagaram	170	52	26	8	4	9	6	2	0	7	3	4	2	16	8	6	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	7	115	55
3	Visakhapatnam	423	85	44	14	6	16	10	2	1	13	6	8	3	27	14	11	6	2	1	2	1	2	1	148	330	93
4	East Godavari	441	121	62	20	8	23	15	3	1	19	8	11	4	38	20	16	8	2	2	3	1	3	1	52	311	130
5	West Godavari	341	100	51	16	7	18	13	3	1	15	7	9	4	32	16	12	7	2	2	2	1	2	1	20	231	110
6	Krishna	252	79	40	12	6	14	10	2	1	12	5	7	3	25	13	10	5	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	167	85
7	Guntur	236	73	38	12	5	14	9	2	1	10	5	6	3	23	12	10	5	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	156	80
8	Prakasam	150	47	24	7	4	8	6	2	0	7	3	4	2	14	8	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	98	52
9	Nellore	159	50	26	8	4	8	6	2	0	7	3	4	2	15	8	6	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	104	55
10	Kurnool	304	94	49	15	7	18	12	2	1	15	6	9	3	30	16	12	6	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	201	103
11	Anantapur	483	150	77	25	10	28	19	4	1	23	10	14	5	48	24	20	10	3	2	3	2	4	1	0	322	161
12	Kadapa	323	100	52	16	7	18	13	3	1	15	7	9	4	32	17	12	7	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	211	112
13	Chittoor	563	176	90	28	12	33	22	4	2	27	11	16	6	56	28	22	12	4	2	4	2	4	2	0	374	189
	Total :	4000	1168	600	188	83	214	146	33	10	175	77	104	43	369	191	148	80	25	18	26	15	29	8	250	2729	1271

ANNEXURE – II

NOTIFICATION NO.01/2019

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION FOR VILLAGE HORTICULTURE ASSISTANTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE)

Subject	No.of Questions	Duration Minutes	Maximum Marks
(Objective Type)			
Parts i.e., A carries 50 marks B carries 100 marks	50 100	50 100	50 100
A. General Studies B. Subject (Horticulture)			
	150	150Minutes	150 Marks

N.B: NEGATIVE MARKS: As per G.O. Ms. No.235 Finance (HR-I, Plg & Policy) Dept., Dt.06/12/2016, for each wrong answer will be penalized with 1/4th of the marks prescribed for the question.

Annexure-III

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

A. INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- A.1. The applicants are required to go through the notification and satisfy themselves as to their eligibility for this recruitment carefully before applying and enter the particulars completely in online application form.
- A.2. Applicant must compulsorily fill-up all relevant columns of application and submit application through website only. The particulars made available in the website will be processed through computer and the eligibility decided in terms of notification and confirmed accordingly.
- A.3. The applications received online in the prescribed proforma available in the website and within the time shall only be considered and the Department will not be held responsible for any kind of delay/discrepancy on part of the candidate.
- A.4. Applicants must compulsorily upload his/her own scanned photo and signature through .jpg format.
- A.5. The applicants should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered, fabricated or suppress any Material information while making an application through website.
- A.6. Important:-Handwritten/typed/Photostat copies/printed application form will not be entertained.
- A.7. The applicant shall produce all the essential certificates issued by the competent authority, for verification by the Department, as and when called for. If candidates fail to produce the same, his/her candidature shall be rejected / disqualified without any further correspondence.
- A.8. The following certificate formats are available on the Department's Website (<https://appsc.ap.gov.in>) for reference.
 - A.8.1. Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate
 - A.8.2. Declaration by the Un-Employed
 - A.8.3. School Study Certificate
 - A.8.4. Certificate of Residence
 - A.8.5. Medical Certificate for the Blind
 - A.8.6. Certificate of Hearing Disability and Hearing Assessment
 - A.8.7. Medical Certificate in respect of Orthopedically Handicapped Candidates
 - A.8.8. Local status certificate (if applicable)

B. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING OFF-LINE EXAMINATION FOR CANDIDATES

- B.1. The candidates should go through the instructions given on the cover page of test booklet and carefully write his/her Registration Number, Subject / Subject Code, Booklet Series, Name of the Examination Centre etc., in the Answer Sheet, which will be provided to him/her in the examination hall.
- B.2. Since the answer sheets are to be scanned (valued) with Optical Mark Scanner system, the candidates have to USE BALL POINT PEN (BLUE or BLACK) ONLY FOR MARKING THE ANSWERS. The candidates will be supplied OMR Sheet consisting of two copies i.e., the Original Copy (Top Sheet) and Duplicate Copy (Bottom Sheet). The candidate is required to use Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black) for filling the relevant blocks in the OMR Sheet including bubbling the answers. After writing the examination the candidate has to handover the original OMR sheet (Top Sheet) to the invigilator in the examination hall. If any candidate takes away the original OMR Sheet (Top Sheet) his/her candidature will be rejected.

However the candidate is permitted to take away the duplicate (Bottom Sheet) OMR Sheet for his/her record. The candidates should bring Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black and smooth writing pad) to fill up relevant columns on the Answer Sheet. The candidate must ensure encoding the Registration Number, Subject/Subject Code, Booklet Series correctly, write the Name of the Examination Centre, appending Signatures of the Candidate and Invigilator, etc., on the O.M.R. Answer sheet correctly, failing which the Answer sheet will not be valued. Use of whitener / correcting fluid / Blade / Powder/ Eraser / folding / Tearing / Rough Work or any kind of tampering to change the answers on OMR Sheet will lead to disqualification/invalidation / rejection. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from the candidates in this regard.

- B.3. The OMR Sheet is to be bubbled by Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black) only. Bubbling by Pencil / Ink Pen / Gel Pen is not permitted in this examination. Any kind of tampering to change the answers on the OMR Sheet will lead to disqualification / invalidation / rejection. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from the candidates in this regard.

C. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- C.1. If the candidate notices any discrepancy printed on the Hall ticket, as to community, date of birth etc., he/she may immediately bring it to the notice of Department's officials/Chief Superintendent in the examination centre and necessary corrections can be made in the Nominal Roll, in the Examination Hall against his/her Hall Ticket Number for being verified by the Department's Office.
- C.2. The candidate should satisfy the Invigilator of his/her identity with reference to the signature and photographs available on the Nominal Rolls and Hall Ticket.

- C.3. The candidates should take their seats at the given time before the commencement of the examination and are not to be allowed after the scheduled time. The time of Examination and entry time would be mentioned in the hall ticket. Late entry after the given entry time would not be allowed. Candidates should not leave the examination hall till the expiry of fulltime.
- C.4. The candidates must note that his/her admission to the examination is strictly provisional. The mere fact that an Admission to the examination does not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Department or that the entries made by the candidate in his/her application have been accepted by the Department as true and correct. The candidates have to be found suitable after verification of original certificates; and other eligibility criteria. The Applicants have to upload his/her scanned recent colour passport photo and signature to the Application Form. Failure to produce the same photograph, if required, at the time of interview/ verification, may lead to disqualification. Hence the candidates are advised not to change their appearance till the recruitment process is complete.
- C.5. The candidates are not allowed to bring any Electronic devices such as mobile / cell phones, programmable calculators, tablets, iPad, Bluetooth, pagers, watches or any other computing devices to examination Hall. Non programmable calculators would be permitted, wherever necessary. Loaning and interchanging of articles among the candidates is not permitted in the examination hall and any form of malpractice will not be permitted in the exam hall.
- C.6. The candidates are expected to behave in orderly and disciplined manner while writing the examination. Their candidature will be rejected in case of impersonation/ disorder/ rowdy behavior during Examination and necessary F.I.R. for this incident will be lodged with concerned Police Station. The Chief Superintendent of the centre is authorized to take spot decision in this matter.
- C.7. Candidates trying to use unfair means shall be disqualified from the selection. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from the candidates.
- C.8. The Penal Provisions of Act 25/97 published in the A.P. Gazette No. 35, Part-IV.B Extraordinary dated: 21/08/1997 shall be invoked if malpractice and unfair means are noticed at any stage of the Examination. Action will be taken to penalize as per G.O.Ms.No.385, G.A. (Ser. A) Dept., Dt.18/10/2016.
- C.9. (a) Wherever the candidates are totally blind, they will be provided a scribe to write the examination and 20 minutes extra time is permitted to them per hour. Eligible candidates are also allowed to bring their own scribe after due intimation to the Department after duly providing the full identification details of the scribe like name, address and appropriate proof of identification.
- (b) The applicants shall upload the certificate relating to percentage of disability for considering the appointment of scribe in the examination.
- (c) An extra time of 20 minutes per hour is also permitted for the candidates with locomotor disability and CEREBRAL PALSY where dominant (writing) extremity is affected for the extent slowing the performance of function (Minimum of 40% impairment). No scribe is allowed to such candidates.
- (d) The candidate as well as the scribe will have to give a suitable undertaking conforming to the rules applicable
- C.10. In case the Hall-Ticket is without photo or too small, he/she should affix a passport size photo on Hall-ticket and appear by duly getting attested by Gazetted Officer. He/she shall handover similar photo for each paper to Chief Superintendent for affixing the same on the Nominal Rolls.

- C.11. The candidate will not be admitted to the examination Hall without procedural formalities.
- C.12. The candidate admission to the Examination is provisional, subject to the eligibility, confirmation/satisfaction of conditions laid down in this notification.
- C.13. The candidates should put his/ her signature and get the signature of the invigilator at the appropriate places in the Nominal Roll or OMR Answer Sheet.
- C.14. Instructions to be followed scrupulously in the Examination Hall.

ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF SCHEDULED CASTES

(Definition 28 of General Rule - 2)

SCHEDULE – I

(Substituted with effect from 27-07-1977 through G.O.Ms.No. 838,G.A. (Services-D Department, dated 15/12/1977)

- 1 Adi Andhra
- 2 Adi Dravida
- 3 Anamuk
- 4 Aray Mala
- 5 Arundhatiya
- 6 Arwa Mala
- 7 Bariki
- 8 Bavuri
- 10 Bindla
- 11 Byagara, Byagari*
- 12 Chachati
- 13 Chalavadi
- 14 Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas*
- 15 Chambhar
- 16 Chandala
- 17 Dakkal, Dokkalwar
- 18 Dandasi
- 19 Dhor
- 20 Dom, Dombara, Paidi, Pano
- 21 Ellamalwar, Yellammalawandlu
- 22 Ghasi, Haddi, Relli, Chachandi
- 23 Godagali, Godagula (in the Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram & Vishakapatnam) *
- 24 Godari
- 25 Gosangi
- 26 Holey a
- 27 Holey aDasari
- 28 Jaggali
- 29 Jambuwulu
- 30 Kolupulvandlu, Pambada, Pambanda, Pambala *
- 31 MadasiKuruva, MadariKuruva
- 32 Madiga
- 33 MadigaDasu, Mashteen
- 34 Mahar
- 35 Mala, Mala Ayawaru *
- 36 Mala Dasari
- 37 Mala Dasu
- 38 Mala Hannai
- 39 Mala Jangam
- 40 Mala Masti
- 41 Mala Sale, Netkani
- 42 Mala Sanyasi
- 43 Mang

- 44 Mang Garodi
- 45 Manne
- 46 Mashti
- 47 Matangi
- 48 Mahter
- 49 MithaAyyalvar
- 50 Mundala
- 51 Paky, Moti, Thoti
- 52 (Omitted)*
- 53 Pamidi
- 54 Panchama, Pariah
- 55 Relli
- 56 Samagara
- 57 Samban
- 58 Sapru
- 59 Sindhollu, Chindollu
- 60 Yatala (Srikakulam Dist. Only) Memo No. 8183/CV-1/2006-10 SW (CV-I) Dept., Dt. 31/03/2008
- 61 Valluvan* (Chittoor and Nellore Dist. Only) Memo No. 8183/CV-1/2006-10 SW (CV-I)Dept., Dt. 31/03/2008

* As for the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) orders (Second Amendment) Act 2002, ActNo. 61 of 2002

LIST OF SCHEDULED TRIBES

1. Andh, Sadhu Andh *
2. Bagata
3. Bhil
4. Chanchu (Chenchwar omitted) *
5. Gadabas, BodaGadaba, GutobGadaba, KallayiGadaba, ParangiGadaba, KatheraGadaba, KapuGadaba *
6. Gond, Naikpod, Rajgond, Koitur *
7. Goudu (in the Agency tracts)
8. Hill Reddis
9. Jatapus
10. Kammara
11. Kattunayakan
12. Kolam, Kolawar *
13. Konda Dhoras, Kubi *
14. Konda Kapus
15. Konda Reddis
16. Kondhs, Kodi, Kodhu, DesayaKondhs, DongriaKondhs, KuttiyaKonds, TikiriaKhondhs, YenityKhondhs, Kuinga *
17. Kotia, Benth Oriya, Bartika, Dulia, Holva, Sanrona, Sidhopaiko (Dhulia,Paiko,Putiya- omitted *)
18. Koya, DoliKoya, Gutta Koya, KammaraKoya, MusaraKoya, Oddi Koya, PattidiKoya, Rajah, RashaKoya, LingadhariKoya (Ordinary), KottuKoya, BhineKoya, Raj Koya (Goud-omitted *)
19. Kulia
20. Malis (excluding Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Warangal District)
21. Manna Dhora
22. Nayaks (in the Agency tracts)

23. MukhaDhora, NookaDhora
24. Pardhan
25. Porja, ParangiPerja
26. ReddiDhoras
27. Rona, Rena
28. Savaras, KapuSavaras, MaliyaSavaras, KhuttoSavaras
29. Sugalis, Lambadis, Banjara *
30. Thoti (in Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Warangal Districts)
31. Valmiki (in the Scheduled Areas of Vishakapatnam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts *)
32. Yenadis, ChellaYenadi, KappalaYenadi, ManchiYenadi, ReddiYenadi *
33. Yerukulas, Koracha, Dabba Yerukula, KunchapuriYerukula, UppuYerukula *
34. NakkalaKurivikaran (Nakkala— A.P. Gazette, Part – III (B) CentralandActsordinanceRegulations Issue No. 05 Dt. 02/10/2003)
35. Dhulia, Paiko, Putiya (in the districts of Vishakapatnam, Vizianagaram *)

*As for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act 2002, Act No. 10 of 2003

LIST OF SOCIALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD CLASSES

(Amended from time to time as on 31/08/2007)

GROUP- A

Aboriginal Tribes, VimukthaJathis, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes etc.,

1. Agnikulakshatriya, Palli, Vadabaliya, Besta, jalari, Gangavar, Gangaputra, Goondla, Vanyakulakshatriya (Vannekapu, Vannereddi, Pallikapu, PallireddyNeyyala and Pattapu) *Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu, The G.O. Ms.No. 15 BCW(C2) Dept., dt.

19/02/2009 is suspended. Hence the inclusion of Mudiraj / Mutrasi/ Tenugollu is

suspended)vide Hon'ble A.P. High Court orders in WP No. 2122/2009 dated: 29-04-2009.

2. Balasanthu, Bahurupi
3. Bandara
4. Budabukkala
5. Rajaka (ChakaliVannar)
6. Dasari (formerly engaged in bikshatana)

(amended vide G.O.Rt.No. 32, BCW(M1) Department, dated 23/02/1995)

7. Dommara
8. Gangiredlavaru
9. Jangam (whose traditional occupation is begging)
10. Jogi
11. Katipapala
12. Korcha
13. Lambada or Banjara in Telangana Area

(deleted and included in S.T. list vide G.O.Ms.No. 149, SW, dated 3/5/1978)

14. Medari or Mahendra
15. Mondivaru, Mondibanda, Banda
16. Nayee Brahmin (Mangali), Mangala and Bajantri
(amended vide G.O.Ms.No. 1, BCW(M1) Department, dated 6/1/1996)
17. Nakkala (Deleted vide G.O. Ms. No. 21, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 20/06/2011)
18. Vamsha Raj (amended vide G.O.Ms.No. 27, BCW(M1) Department, dated 23/06/1995 deleting the Original name Pitchiguntla)
19. Pamula
20. Pardhi (Mirshikari)
21. Pambala
22. Peddammavandlu, Devaravandlu, Yellammavandlu, Mutyalammavandlu (Dammali, Dammala, Dammula, Damala Castes confined to Srikakulam dist. Vide G.O.Ms. No.: 9 BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 9/04/2008)
23. Veeramushti (Nettikotala), Veera bhadreeya (Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 62, BCW (M1) Dept., Dt. 10/12/1996)
24. Valmiki boya (Boya, Bedar, Kirataka, Nishadi, Yellapi, PeddaBoya)

Talayari and Chunduvallu

(G.O.Ms. No. 124, SW, Dt. 24.06.85) Yellapi and Yellapu are one and the same amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 61, BCW(M1) Dept., Dt. 05.12.1996)
25. Yerukalas in Telangana area (deleted and included in the list of S.Ts)
26. Gudala
27. Kanjara - Bhatta
28. Kalinga (Kinthala deleted vide G.O.Ms. No. 53, SW, Dt. 07.03.1980)
29. Kepmare or Reddika
30. Mondipatta
31. Nokkar
32. ParikiMuggula
33. Yata
34. Chopemari
35. Kaikadi
36. Joshinandiwalas
37. Odde (Oddilu, Vaddi, Vaddelu)
38. Mandula (Govt. Memo No. 40-VI/70-1, Edn., Dt. 10.02.1972)
39. Mehator (Muslim) (Govt. Memo No. 234-VI/72-2, Edn., Dt. 5.07.1972).
40. Kunapuli (Govt. Memo No. 1279/P1/74-10, E&SW, Dt. 03.08.1975)
41. Patra (included in G.O. Ms. No. 8, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 28.08.2006)
42. kurakula of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam Districts only. Included vide in G.O.MS.No. 26 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
43. Pondara of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam Districts only. Included vide G.O.MS.No. 28 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
44. Samanthula, Samantha, sountia, Sauntia of Srikakulam District only. Included vide G.O.MS.No. 29 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08

45. pala-Ekari, Ekila, Vyakula, Ekiri, Nayanivaru, Palegaru, Tolagari, Kavali of Chittor, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Nellore, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included Vide G.O. MS. No. 23 B.C. W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
46. Rajannala, Rajannalu of Karimnagar, Warangal, Nizamabad and Adilabad Districts only. (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 44 B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008).
47. BukkaAyyavars, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 6 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
48. Gotrala, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 7 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region only.
49. Kasikapadi / Kasikapudi, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 8 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Nizamabad, Mahaboobnagar and Adilabad Districts of Telangana Region only.
50. Siddula, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 9 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region only.
51. Sikligar / Saikalgar, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 10 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
52. Poosala included vide G.O. Ms.No. 16 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
53. Aasadula / Asadula, included vide G.O. Ms. No. 13, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to East Godavari and West Godavari Districts only.
54. Keuta/Kevuto/Keviti, included vide G.O. Ms. No. 15, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam District only.

Group-B (Vocational)

1. Achukatlavandlu in the Districts of Visakhapatnam and Guntur confined to Hindus only as amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 8, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 29.03.2000
2. Aryakshatriya, Chittari ,Giniyar, Chitrakara, Nakshas (Muchi Telugu Speaking deleted vide G.O. Ms. No. 31, BCW (M1) Dept., 11.06.1996)
3. Devanga
4. Goud (Ediga) Gouda (Gamella) Kalalee, Goundla, Settibalija of Vishaphapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna Districts and Srisayana (Segidi) – (amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 16, BCW (A1) Dept., dt. 19.06.1997.

5. Dudekula, Laddaf, Pinjari or Noorbash
6. Gandla, Telikula, Devatilakula (Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 13, BCW(A1) Dept., dt. 20.05.1997)
7. Jandra
8. Kummara or Kulala, Salivahana (Salivahana added vide G.O. Ms. No. 28, BCW(M1) Dept., 24.06.1995)
9. Karikalabhakthulu, Kaikolan or Kaikala (Sengundam or Sengunther)
10. Karnabhakthulu
11. Kuruba or Kuruma
12. Nagavaddilu
13. Neelakanthi
14. Patkar (Khatri)
15. Perika (Perikabaliya, Puragirikshatriya)
16. Nessi or Kurni
17. Padmasali (Sali, Salivan, Pattusali, Senapathulu, ThogataSali)
18. Srisayana ((**sagidi**)- deleted and added to Sl.No. 4 of Group-B)
19. Swakulasali
20. Thogata, Thogati or Thogataveerakshtriya
21. Viswabrahmin, Viswakarma (Ausula or Kamsali, Kammari, KanchariVadla or Vadra or Vadrangi and Silpis) (Viswakarma added vide G.O. Ms. No. 59 BCW(M1) Dept., Dt. 06.12.1995)
22. Kunchiti, Vakkaliga, Vakkaligara, Kunchitiga of Anantapur Dist. Only vide G.O. Ms.No. 10 BCW(C-2) Dept., Dt. 9-04-2008
23. Lodh, Lodhi, Lodha of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Khammam and Adilabad Districts only. Included in Vide G.O.MS.No. 22 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
24. Bondili (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 42, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
25. Are Marathi, Maratha(Non-Brahmins), Arakalies and Surabhi Natakavallu. (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 40, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
26. Neeli (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 43, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008).
27. Budubunjala/Bhunjwa/Bhadbhunja, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 11, BackwardClasses Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy District only.

28. Gudia / Gudiya, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 14, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Department, Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam districts only.

GROUP – C

Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and their progeny

(Substituted in G.O.Ms.No.159, G.A. (Ser.D) Dept., dt.02/04/1981)

GROUP – D (Other Classes)

1. Agar
2. Are-Katika, Katika, Are-Suryavamsi(Are-Suryavamsi added vide G.O. Ms. No. 39, B.C. W(C2) Dept., Dt. 7/08/08)
3. Atagara
4. Bhatraju
5. Chippolu (Mera)
6. Gavara
7. Godaba
8. Hatkar
9. Jakkala
10. Jingar
11. Kandra
12. Kosthi
13. Kachi
14. Surya Baliya, (Kalavanthulu) Ganika (amended vide G.O.Ms. No. 20, BCW(P2) Dept., Dt. 19.07.1994)
15. Krishanabalija (Dasari, Bukka)
16. Koppulavelama
17. Mathura
18. Mali (Bare, Barai, Marar and Tamboli of all Districts of Telangana Region added as synonyms vide G.O. Ms. No. 3, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 09.01.2004 and G.O. Ms. No. 45, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
19. Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu.
20. Munnurukapu (Telangana)
21. Nagavamsam (Nagavamsa) vide G.O.Ms.No. 53, BC Welfare Dept., dated:19/09/1996
22. Nelli (deleted vide G.O.Ms. No. 43, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
23. Polinativelmas of Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts

deleted vide G.O. Ms.No. 16 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt.19/02/2009

24. Passi
25. Rangrez or Bhavasarakshtriya
26. Sadhuchetty
27. Satani (Chattadasrivaishnava)
28. Tammali (Non-Brahmins) (Shudra Caste) whose traditional occupation is playing musical instruments, vending of flowers and giving assistance in temple service but not Shivarchakars. Included vide G.O. Ms. No. 7, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 19/02/2011).
29. **Turupukapus or Gajulakapus** {... the words "of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakapatnam Districts" were deleted vide G.O.Ms.No. 62, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 20/12/2008 and G.O. Ms.No. 19 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009} who are subject to Social customs or divorce and remarriage among their women (G.O. Ms. No. 65, E&SW, dt. 18.02.1994)
30. Uppara or Sagara
31. Vanjara (Vanjari)
32. Yadava (Golla)
33. Are, Arevally and Arollu of Telangana District (Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 11, Backward Classes Welfare (C-2) Department, dt. 13/5/2003 and G.O.Ms. No. 41, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
34. Sadara, Sadaru of Anantapur Dist. Only vide G.O.Ms.No. 11 BCW (C-2) Dept., Dt. 9- 04-2008
35. Arava of Srikakulam District only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 24 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
36. Ayyaraka, of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Khammam and Warangal Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 25 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
37. Nagaralu of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 27 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
38. Aghamudian, Aghamudiar, Agamudivellalar and Agamudimudaliar including ThuluvaVellalas of Chittoor, Nellore, Kurnool, Anantapur, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 20 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
39. Beri Vysya, Beri Chetty of Chittoor, Nellore and Krishna Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 21 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
40. Atirasa included vide G.O. Ms.No. 5 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to East Godavari and West Godavari Districts only.
41. Sonidi / Sundi included vide G.O. Ms.No. 11 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
42. Varala included vide G.O. Ms.No. 12 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana region only.
43. Sistakaranam included vide G.O. Ms.No. 13 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.

44. LakkamariKapu included vide G.O. Ms.No. 14 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana region only.
45. Veerashaiva Lingayat/Lingabaliya, included vide G.O. Ms.No. 22 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 28/02/2009.
46. Kurmi, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 12, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region and also Krishna District only.
47. Kalinga Komati / Kalinga Vysya vide G.O. Ms. No.10 Backward classes Welfare(c) Department Dated.24.9.2014. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts only.

GROUP – E

(Socially and Educationally Backward Classes of Muslims)

1. Achchukattalavandlu, Singali, Singamvally, Achchupanivally, Achchukattuvaru, Achukatlavandlu.
2. Attar Saibuli, Attarollu
3. Dhobi Muslim/ Muslim Dhobi/ Dhobi Musalman, TurkaChakla or TurkaSakala, TurakaChakali, TulukkaVannan, Tskalas or Chakalas, Muslim Rajakas.
4. Faqir, FhagirBudbudki, Ghanti, Fhagir, Ghanta Fhagir, TurakaBudbudki, Derves, Fakeer
5. Garadi Muslim, GaradiSaibulu, Pamulavally, Kani-Kattuvally, Garadollu, Garadiga.
6. Gosangi Muslim, PhakeerSayebulu
7. GuddiEluguvally, EluguBantuvally, MusalmanKeeluGurravally
8. Hajam, Nai, Nai Muslim, Navid
9. Labbi, Labbai, Labbon, Labba
10. Pakeerla, Borewale, Deraphagir, Bonthala
11. Kureshi/ Khureshi, Khasab, Marati Khasab, Muslim Katika, Khatik Muslim
12. Shaik/ Sheikh
13. Siddi, Yaba, Habshi, Jasi
14. Turaka Kasha, Kakkukotte ZinkaSaibulu, chakkitanekavele, Terugadu Gontalavaru, Thirugatiganta, RollakuKakkuKottevaru, PattarPhodulu, Chakketakare, Thuraka Kasha
15. Other Muslim groups excluding Syed, Saiyed, Sayyad, Mushaik; Mughal, Moghal;Pathans; Irani; Arab; Bohara, Bohra; Shia Imami Ismaili, Khoja; Cutchi-Memon; Jamayat; Navayat; and all the synonyms and sub-groups of the excluded groups; and except those who have been already included in the State List of Backward Classes.

N.B.: 1. The above list is for information and subject to confirmation with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 58, SW(J) Department, dated 12/05/1997 and time to time orders.

2. On account of any reason whatsoever in case of any doubt/ dispute arising in the matter of community status (SC/ST/BC/OC) of any candidate, subject to satisfaction with regard to relevant rules and regulations in force the decision of the Commission shall be final in all such cases.

Syllabus for Village Horticulture Assistants Exam

- 1) Fundamentals of Horticulture.
- 2) Fundamentals of Soil Science.
- 3) Olericulture.
- 4) Tropical Fruit Culture.
- 5) Plant Propagation and Nursery Management.
- 6) Spices and Plantation Crops.
- 7) Commercial Floriculture.
- 8) Sub Tropical and Arid Fruit Culture.
- 9) Ornamental Gardening and Landscape Architecture.
- 10) Farm Power, Agricultural Machinery and Structures.
- 11) Farm Management, Agricultural Finance and Marketing.
- 12) Value Added Products of Fruits & Vegetables.
- 13) Manures and Fertilizers.
- 14) Soil and Water Engineering.
- 15) Diseases of Horticulture Crops and their Management.
- 16) Pest Management of Horticulture Crops and Apiculture.
- 17) Seed Production, Certification and Varietal Testing.
- 18) Post Harvest Management of Horticulture Crops.
- 19) Medicinal and Aromatic Crops Cultivation.
- 20) Protected Cultivation of Vegetables and Flowers.
- 21) Dry Land Horticulture and Water Shed Management.
- 22) Horticulture Extension, Teaching Methods and Communication Skills.

Note:- Multiple choice objective type questions will be based on syllabus prescribed for 2 years diploma course in Horticulture by Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Andhra Pradesh.