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General Information for the Candidates

For the Posts of Inspector Cooperative Societies the Department of Cooperation, Govt. of Punjab

Introduction.

The Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) has been established under Article 315 of the Constitution of India, with the basic purpose of recruiting officials in various departments of the Government as per the requisitions sent by the Government in this regard from time to time.

1. The Punjab Public Service Commission invites **Online Application Forms** from eligible candidates for recruitment to 207 posts of **Inspector Cooperative Societies the Department of Cooperation, Govt. of Punjab.**

Note : This Advertisement is being published as per the requisition received from the Department of Cooperation, Government of Punjab vide letter No. 70/11/2011- c2(1)/1139507/1 dated 05/01/2018

2. **Reservation of posts:**

Category Code	Name of Post/Category	Total Posts
71	General	104
72/73	Ex-Servicemen/LDESM, Punjab	15
74	Freedom Fighters Punjab	02
75	Sports Persons, Punjab	04
76	Physically Handicapped, Punjab	
	76-A Visually Impaired	02
	76-B Hearing Impaired	02
	76-C Orthopedically	02
77	Scheduled Castes others, Punjab	21
78/79	Scheduled Castes others Ex-Servicemen/LDESM, Punjab	04
80	Scheduled Castes others Sports Persons, Punjab	01
81	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikhs Punjab	21
82/83	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikhs Ex-Servicemen/LDESM Punjab	04
84	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikhs Sport Persons, Punjab	01
85	Backward Classes, Punjab	20
86/87	Backward Classes Ex-Servicemen/LDESM, Punjab	04
	Total	207

*The number of vacancies and reservation of posts is liable to alteration without any notice.

- 3.0. **PAY SCALE:**

Rs. 10300-34800 + 4200/- Grade Pay.

Regarding drawing the pay of the appointed candidate, as per Notification No. 7/204/2012-4FP1/66, Dated 15/01/2015 Govt. of Punjab Department of Finance (Finance Personnel-I Branch) Chandigarh and Notification No. 1/62016-4P.P.1/834680/1 dated 07/09/2016 Govt. of Punjab Department of Personnel (Personnel Policies-1 Branch), Chandigarh fixed emolument equal to Minimum of the Pay Band without any Grade Pay or any allowance will be paid during the probation period of three years. It is also clear that Annual increment or any other allowance except travelling allowance will not be paid during the probation period of three years.

4.0 **ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS :-**

- 4.1 Bachelor Degree or equivalent in any stream with minimum 60% marks from a Recognised University or Institution. Graduation Degree with 60% marks in any stream.
- 4.2 Passed a Computer course of at least one hundred and twenty hours with hands on experience in the use of Personal Computer or Information Technology in office productivity applications or Desktop Publishing applications from a Government recognized institution or reputed institution, which is ISO 9001 certified:
 Provided that if similar course was a part of the curriculum in the degree Course and the candidate has passed the said course as a subject in his Degree class then the condition of his having passed the above said computer course shall not apply.
- 4.3 Passed matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subject or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi Language.

5.0 **AGE**

- (i) **Candidates should not be below 18 years and above 37 years of age as on 01-01-2018.**
- (ii) Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 45 years for Punjab Govt. and its Board/Corporation/Commission and Authorities employees, all States/ Central Government employees.
- (iii) The Upper age limit is relaxed up to 42 years for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes of Punjab.
- (iv) Ex-servicemen of Punjab Domicile shall be allowed to deduct the period of his service in the Armed Forces of Union from his actual age and if the resultant age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for direct appointment to such a vacancy in the Service Rules concerned by more than three years, he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding age limit.
- (v) Upper age limit is also relaxable up to 42 years for Widows, Divorcees and certain other Categories of Women.
- (vi) Upper age limit is also relaxed upto 47 years for Physically Handicapped of Punjab.

6.0 **Competitive Examination**

The details of Competitive examination are as follows:-

- 6.1 This is for information that for the post of Inspector Cooperative Societies, a competitive examination for recruitment to these posts shall be conducted tentatively in May/June **2018.**

- 6.2 The scheme of the examination process shall be as under:

Marks for Competitive Examination	340 (170 Questions of 2 marks each. Total time allotted will be 170 minutes)
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- 6.3 The pattern for written exam comprising of 170 questions would be as follow:

No. of questions from Logical Reasoning and Mental Ability	100
No. of questions from General Knowledge, Current Affairs and History ,	70

6.5 As per the instructions of Govt. of Punjab, Department of Personnel issued vide its letter No. 12/152/2015-5PP2/720133/1 dated 28/03/2016, the selections for these posts will be finalized on the basis of written examination only. No interview has been conducted for selection of these posts.

7.0 Syllabus of Logical Reasoning/Mental Ability, General Knowledge and current Affairs:

- 7.1 (a) Logical Reasoning and Mental Ability (100 Questions)
- (b) General Knowledge and Current affairs of National and International importance including the following:
- (i) Economic issues.
 - (ii) Polity issues.
 - (iii) Environment issues
 - (iv) Science and Technology.
 - (v) Any other current issues.
- (c) History of India with special reference to Indian freedom struggle movement and History of Punjab- 14th century onwards.
- (d) Para 7(b) and (7)c above will have 70 questions, out of which approximately 60 questions may be from Para 7(b).

7.2 The written test will consist of the objective type multiple choice questions. The candidates shall be expected to have a general and basic overview of the above subjects and also the ability to answer questions based on practical application.

7.3 Information about the examination centre(s) shall be mentioned on Admit Cards of all candidates. Details regarding the Admit cards shall be given shortly on the website of the Commission.

7.4 All candidates who apply for ibid posts will be treated “provisionally eligible” for appearing in the competitive exam. Acceptance of applications at this stage and allotment of Roll Numbers by PPSC does not indicate acceptance of candidature by the PPSC, since there is no scrutiny of documents before the written test.

7.5 The scrutiny of application forms shall be done after the conduct of the examination. During the process of scrutiny, the application forms and other relevant documents, certificates, etc of the candidates shall be examined to determine their eligibility as on the last date of submission of online application forms. Candidates not meeting the eligibility criteria will be rejected during the scrutiny process or any time thereafter if found ineligible.

7.6 The candidates applying for the Competitive Examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by the Commission viz. Competitive Examination will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on checking at any time before or after the Competitive Examination or thereafter, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions or the documents are found tempered/raise suspicion about their source or authenticity/genuineness, their candidature for the examination will be cancelled by the Commission. If any of their claims is found to be incorrect, the candidate may be disqualified and also render themselves liable to disciplinary action by the Commission or the Civil Court. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for or facilitate his/her candidature by any unfair means /unfair influence, it will render him/ her liable for disqualification and disciplinary action. Such disqualification may extend to any service under the Government of Punjab or Central Government or any other State Government/Government body depending upon rules.

7.7 The salient features of the written competitive exam shall be as follows:-

- (a) There will be no negative marking in the written test, for questions wrongly answered or questions not answered.
- (b) After the answer key is put on the PPSC website (after the written examination), candidates may be permitted to raise objections if any. Candidates will be given four days to deliberate before putting up objections. The objections may be

referred to two subject experts. Even if one of the two experts finds any merit in the candidate's objections, the issue may be referred to the paper setter for review and a decision will be taken by the Commission based on all the opinions. The Commission may change the answer, or may not change the answer, or allow both answer or withdraw the question all together, based on the rationale given by the experts and Commission's decision thereon. Such a candidate will not suffer any negative marking. However, if both the experts feel that the objections are wrong/frivolous, such a candidate may suffer negative marking.

- (c) In case of General Knowledge, Current Affairs/History/Logical Reasoning and Mental Ability questions which may usually set by the Commission itself, the reference to the Subject Experts may only be necessary in case the Commission does not agree with the objection put up by the candidate.
- (d) Candidates are advised to deliberate over the issue in detail in four days and attach the authentic material in support of their objections. Candidates will not just make references to the books/ other documents, but will also actually type out the referred contents or the "extracts" in their objections. Objections will only be accepted by email, and only if supported by a self attested scanned copy of candidate's identity proof. Any objection, not supported by documentary evidence or identity proof will not be accepted. Objections will not be accepted by post or by hand. After processing the objections as above, the Commission will put a revised Answer Key on the Commission's website.

8.0 **Nationality:**

A candidate shall be a:

- i) Citizen of India; or
- ii) Citizen of Nepal; or
- iii) Subject of Bhutan; or
- iv) Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India; or.
- vi) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India; Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

9.0 **Submission of Application Form**

The candidates can ONLY apply by filling Online Application Form, a link of which is available on the website of the Commission <http://ppsc.gov.in> No other mode of application will be accepted.

Process	Step	Last Date
To make new registration for applying for the post.	(Step-1)	<u>03/04/2017</u> <u>By 11:59:00 PM</u>
To deposit the Application fees by system generated Bank Challan Form.	(Step-2)	<u>10/04/2017</u> <u>[During Banking Hours]</u>

To take print of duly filled Online Application Form (after depositing the Application Fees) and to submit the Hard Copy of duly filled Online Application Form alongwith copy of self attested certificates and Challan Form (PPSC Copy only)	(Step-3)	<u>17/04/2017</u> By 05:00:00 PM
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The printout of the duly filled Online Application Form alongwith copy of Bank Challan and relevant documents must reach {by Speed post/By hand} in the office of Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission, Baradari Gardens, Patiala at the Latest **by 5.00 pm before or by -----.**

10.0 The list of **SELF ATTESTED CERTIFICATES** that shall be submitted by candidates alongwith the print out of Online Application Form is as follows:

1. Proof of Date of Birth : Certificate of Matriculation/Higher Secondary.
2. Proof of having passed Punjabi Language.
3. Relevant Degree and DMC Certificate.
4. Required computer course certificate as per advertisement.
5. Reserved Category Certificate issued by the Competent Authority(If Applicable) and latest Punjab residence certificate.
6. Experience certificate issued by Competent Authority.
7. If ESM, certificates/document(s) mentioning the following:-
 - a) Date of Enrolment
 - b) Date of Release/Discharge
 - c) Reason of Release/ Discharge
8. Certificate as proof of age relaxation claim. (If Applicable)
9. Certificate as proof of fee concession (If Applicable)
10. Proof of being Govt. Employee.(If applicable)
11. Copy of Bank Challan (PPSC Copy Only)

10.1 The Candidates SHALL sign the declaration on the print out of Online Application Form before submitting the same.

Application and Examination Fee

The candidates are required to pay the Application fee as per Govt. Letter No. 10/20/2007 - 3PP3/97751/1 dated 17-9-2013 as mentioned below:-

Name of Category	Online Application charges	Examination Fee	Total
Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes of all States and Backward Classes of Punjab State only.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 625/-	1125/-
Ex-Servicemen of Punjab state only	Rs. 500/-	No Fee to be paid	500/-
All Others Categories (including Lineal Descendent of Ex-servicemen, Punjab)	Rs 500/-	Rs. 2500/-	3000/-
Physically Handicapped, Punjab State only.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1250/-	1750/-

The candidates entitled to fee concession/exemption MUST submit with their Application Form, a self attested copy of the certificate certifying their claim for fee concession/exemption. Candidates who do not submit such a certificate shall not be entitled to fee concession/exemption under any circumstances.

Application fee MUST be submitted **through any Branch of State Bank of India only.** Candidate should carefully fill the details in the Online Application Form and click on

the "SUBMIT" button at the end of the Online Application Format. Before pressing the "SUBMIT" Button, candidates are advised to verify every detail filled in the application. After submitting the online application form, the candidate should take a printout of the system generated Bank challan. **No Change/Edit will be allowed after Submitting the Application Form. The application fee is non-refundable.**

Conditions which may render a candidate ineligible

The following conditions, among others, may render the candidates ineligible:

- a) Insufficient fee;
- b) Application fee deposited by means other than a Bank Challan through any branch State Bank of India.
- c) Late receipt of print out of Online Application Form;
- d) Wrong/incomplete information given in the application form;
- e) Candidates debarred by the PPSC/other Public Service Commissions;
- f) Non-fulfillment of any of the eligibility conditions, including those of age and educational qualifications.
- g) Non-submission of the required self attested certificates (refer 10.0)

11. Important Note

- 11.1 Only Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Ex-Servicemen/ LDESM, Physically Handicapped, Freedom Fighter & Sports Persons of Punjab domicile are eligible for the benefit of reservation.
- 11.2 **A candidate should indicate the specific category for which he/she wants to be considered and category once opted cannot be changed under any circumstances.**
- 11.3 **SC/ST Candidates belonging to other States are required to fill their Post Category as General Category (Code 71). They are entitled only to fee concession but not entitled to avail reservation/age relaxation.**
- 11.4 **Ex-servicemen/Lineal Descendent of Ex-Servicemen (LDESM)/Grand children of Gallantry Award Winners who have domicile of Punjab are eligible for reservation under the Ex-Servicemen category. LDESM/Grand children of Gallantry Award Winners shall be considered against the vacancies for Ex-servicemen ONLY IF no Ex-servicemen are available. In case sufficient numbers of Ex-servicemen are available, then LDESM shall be treated as General Category candidates.**

2.0 Definition Of Categories

Candidates should select their categories carefully, because candidates belonging to categories other than category 71 (General), are entitled to fee concession/exemption, age relaxation and job reservation. **The category once selected by a candidate will not be changed under any circumstances.** Candidates shall submit certificates issued by the Competent Authority in support of their claim to a particular category.

Categories and Category Code

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Category Name</u>
71	General Category
72	ESM, Punjab
73	LDESM, Punjab
74	Freedom Fighter, Punjab
75	Sports Person, Punjab
76	Physically Handicapped, Punjab: A : Visually Impaired B : Hearing Impaired C : Orthopaedically Disabled
77	SC Others, Punjab
78	SC ESM, Punjab

79	SC LDESM, Punjab
80	SC Sports Person, Punjab
81	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh, Punjab
82	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh ESM, Punjab
83	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh LDESM, Punjab
84	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh Sports Person, Punjab
85	BC, Punjab
86	BC ESM, Punjab
87	BC LDESM, Punjab

CODE FOR AGE RELAXATION (If claimed)

Code No	Category Name
91	State Government/Central Government Employees.
92	SC Punjab only
93	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab Only
94	Widows & certain other categories of women of Punjab.
95	B.C., Punjab Only
96	ESM, Punjab Only
97	Physically Handicapped, Punjab Only
98	SC Punjab only+ State Government/Central Government Employees.
99	SC Punjab only + ESM, Punjab.
100	SC Punjab only + Physically Handicapped, Punjab.
101	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab only+ State Government/Central Government Employees.
102	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab only + ESM, Punjab.
103	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab only + Physically Handicapped, Punjab.
104	B.C., Punjab. + State Government/Central Government Employees.
105	B.C., Punjab. + ESM, Punjab
106	B.C., Punjab. + Physically Handicapped, Punjab.

12.1 BACKWARD CLASSES (PUNJAB)

12.1.1 The candidates desiring to be considered for the Backward Classes category are required to submit a certificate as per Punjab Government letter No.1/41/93.RCI/459 dated 17/1/1994, No. 1/41/93RC-1/1597, dated 17-8-2005, No.1/41/93 RCI/209, dated 24.2.2009 and No.1/41/93 RCI/609 dated 24.10.2013 in the Section of prescribed proforma.

12.1.2 The BC Certificate in proforma other than the prescribed proforma will not be accepted. The candidates belonging to Backward Classes are required to attach a declaration along with Backward Class certificate that no change occurred in their status and they do not fall in the section of creamy-layer as per Govt. letter No. 10/9/2009-RCI/62 Dated 08/1/2010.

12.1.3 The Competent Authorities to issue the necessary certificate are:

- a) Deputy Commissioner
- b) Additional Deputy Commissioner
- c) Sub-Divisional Magistrate
- d) Executive Magistrate (PCS Officers only)
- e) Tehsildar

12.2 SON/DAUGHTER/GRAND SON/GRAND DAUGHTER OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS (PUNJAB)

12.2.1 Candidates claiming to be son/grandson/daughter/granddaughter of Freedom Fighters are required to submit a certificate issued by the competent authority (i.e., Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned) as per Punjab Government Instructions No.9 (13) 3P-II-84/5822 dated 4/4/1985, No.1(135)-8P-II/7/310/20,dated 19.6.91 and No. 4-13-8 P-11-97/10112 dated 22/8/1997.

12.2.2 Only those Freedom Fighters and their son/daughter/grand-son/grand-daughter are eligible for consideration for reservation under this category who:

- a) belong to the State of Punjab; and

- b) have either been granted a Freedom Fighter pension by the Punjab Government or have been awarded Tamra Patra by the Government of India; or
- c) are otherwise eligible for the grant of Freedom Fighter pension and Tamra Patra but for any reason whatsoever did not apply for Freedom Fighter pension and Tamra Patra but can obtain Freedom Fighter/ son/daughter/grand-son/grand-daughter of Freedom Fighter certificate from the General Administration (Political wing) of the Punjab Government.

12.3 EX-SERVICEMEN (PUNJAB)

- 12.3.1 "Ex-serviceman" means a person who has served in any rank, whether as a combatant or a non combatant, in the Naval, Military and Air Force of the Union of India (here-in-after referred to as the Armed forces of the Union of India), and who has:
- a) retired or released from such service at his or her own request after earning his or her pension; or
 - b) been released from such service on medical grounds attributable to military service or circumstances beyond his control and awarded medical or other disability pension; or
 - c) been released otherwise than on his own request from such service as a result of reduction in establishment; or
 - d) been released from such service after completing the specific period of engagement otherwise than at his own request or by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency and has been given a gratuity;

12.3.2 "but does not include a person who has served in the Defence Security Corps, the General Reserve Engineering Force, the Lok Sahayak Sena and the Para - Military Forces, but includes personnel of the Lok Sahayak Sena of the following categories namely:

- a) Pension holders for continuous embodied service
- b) Persons with disability attributable to military service; and
- c) Gallantry award winners

12.3.3 Ex-servicemen should be of Punjab domicile and they should submit a Punjab Resident Certificate from the competent authority, failing which would result in cancellation of their candidature.

Explanation: The persons serving in the Armed Forces of the Union, who on retirement from service would come under the category of "Ex-servicemen", may be permitted to apply for re-employment one year before the completion of specified terms of engagement and avail themselves of all concessions available to Ex-servicemen but shall not be permitted to leave the uniform until they complete the specified terms of engagement in the Armed Forces of the Union.

12.4 As per Punjab Govt. letter No.15/25/2001-4DW/1591 dated 21/5/2002 an Ex-serviceman is allowed the benefit of Reservation for the second time and even thereafter in subsequent recruitment in according with the provisions of these Rules.

12.3.4 Provided that where an Ex-serviceman is not available for recruitment against a reserved category, such a vacancy shall be reserved to be filled in by recruitment of either the wife or one descendent child of an Ex-serviceman.

12.3.5 Provided further that the wife or the Lineal Descendent child of the Ex-serviceman shall be recruited against the reserved vacancy subject to the conditions that:

- (i) he or she possesses the prescribed qualifications and the within the prescribed age limit,
- (ii) he or she is not already in service;
- (iii) he or she will be eligible to avail the benefit only once in life.

Provided further that one grand Child of the Gallantry Award Winner shall be recruited against the reserved vacancy, in case the benefit or reservation has not been availed of by any of the children or dependents such winner or by the winner himself subject to the conditions specified in the second proviso.

For the purpose of this proviso Gallantry Award Winner includes the winner of the Paramvir Chakra, The Mahavir Chakra, the Vir Chakra, the Sena or Nao Sena or Vayu Sena Medal and Mention-in-Despatches.

- 12.3.6 As per Punjab Government notification No.GSR9/Const./ Art309, 234 and 318/Amd(5)/2003 dated 06/11/2002 and letter No. 1/28/92-3ET/2805 dated 14/05/2003 and;
- a) "Lineal Descendent" means sons/daughters (married/un-married/widowed legally divorced) of the re-employed/ unemployed Ex-Serviceman.
 - b) "Wife" shall include the widow of an Ex-serviceman, provided she has not re-married up to the date of the issue of the appointment letter."
 - c) In any case, including the case where the Ex-Serviceman has died, his sons/daughters shall be treated as "Lineal descendent" only if a certificate to this effect has been issued by the authority appointed by the Government.

12.4 **SPORTS PERSON (PUNJAB)**

A candidate can claim reservation under the Sports Person category only if:

- 12.4.1 He/ She belongs to State of Punjab; and
- a) He/ She has won National Championship in team or individual events while representing the State of Punjab in such sports events as have been conducted by such respective National Federations as are affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association ; or
 - b) He/ She has won National Championship in team or individual events which are organized by the Indian Olympic Association; or
 - c) He/ She has won first, second or third position in team or individual events and/or he has won Gold or Silver or Bronze Medal, at International Sports meets, conducted by International Federations affiliated to the International Olympic Committee or by the International Olympic Committee itself.
- 12.4.2 If candidate belongs to Sports Person, Punjab Category, an attested copy of Gradation Certificate strictly in accordance with the Punjab Sportsman Rules, 1988 issued by the competent authority should be attached with the application form.
- 12.4.3 Director Sports, Punjab is the competent authority to issue Sports Gradation Certificate and any other Sports Certificate issued by any other authority will not be accepted a valid Certificate for claim of reservation under the Sports Person, Punjab Category.
- 12.4.4 Applicants claiming reservation under Sports Person, Punjab Category must submit Punjab Resident Certificate from the competent authority, failing which would result in cancellation of their candidature.

12.5 **SCHEDULED CASTE, (PUNJAB)/ SCHEDULED TRIBES**

The competent authorities for issuing Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes certificates are:

- 12.5.1 District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate/ City Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner (Not below the rank of Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate);
- 12.5.2 Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate;
- 12.5.3 Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar;
- 12.5.4 Sub Divisional Officer (C) of the area where the candidate and or his family formally resides;
- 12.5.5 Administrator/Secretary to Administrator/Development Officer Lakshadweep Islands;
- 12.5.6 As per para-3 of Punjab Govt. Instructions No. 1/8/2007-RC-1/815, dated 10th July, 2008, Head of Department or Head of Offices are competent to issue Scheduled Castes Certificates to those applicants whose parents are serving or residing in Chandigarh/Mohali on the basis of their parents service record.

12.6 **WIDOWS AND CERTAIN OTHER CATEGORIES OF WOMEN**

- 12.6.1 The definitions as per Government Instructions issued vide letter No. 1/50/83-5PP(1368)/3454 dated 23-4-84 as amended from time to time the widows and certain other categories of women for reservation in employment is as under:

- 12.6.2 Widows;
- 12.6.3 Women who are legally separated from their husbands or have been divorced;
- 12.6.4 Women whose husbands have been ordered by Civil or Criminal Courts to pay maintenance to them;
- 12.6.5 Women whose husbands have remarried; and
- 12.6.6 Wives of serving military personnel or those who are disabled while in military service.

12.7 **PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (PUNJAB)**

The definitions as per Government Instructions issued vide letter No. 10/26/95/5-SS/1252, dated 2-5-97 of the handicapped for purposes of reservation in employment is as under:

A) THE BLIND :

The blind are those who suffer from either of the following conditions: -

- a) Total absence of sight.
- b) Visual acuity not exceeding 6/60 or 20/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses.
- c) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of 20 degrees or worse.

B) THE DEAF:

The deaf are those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for ordinary purposes of life. They do not hear, understand sounds at all events with amplified speech. The cases included in this category will be those having hearing loss more than 60 decibels in the better ear (profound impairment) in the conversational range of frequencies.

C) ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED :

The orthopaedically handicapped are those who have a physical defect or deformity not less than 40 % which causes an interference with the normal functioning of the bones.

Competent authorities to issue such certificate as under:-

- (i) Principal Medical Officer
- (ii) Chief Medical Officer
- (iii) Civil Surgeon
- (iv) Class-I Medical Officer of any Government Medical Institution

This certificate should be issued by the competent authorities of the concerned District or place of which the candidate is permanent resident.

Note: (1) For any General query, candidates may contact the Commission's Office on telephone number 0175-5014825, 5014831, 5014826 or by sending email with subject as "GENERAL QUERY REGARDING THE POST OF Inspector Cooperative Societies to suptd.scrutiny@ppsc.gov.in

Note: (2) Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply using Online Application Form much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid congestion on the web server on account of heavy load on Internet/Website.

Note : (3) Candidates are advised to go through the 'General Information for the candidates' and 'Instructions for filling Online Application Form' carefully before filling up Online Application Form. The Commission will not be responsible for any consequence arising out of in correct filling up of Application

Note:(4) The candidates are advised not to change their e-mail address or mobile numbers till the selection process is complete, failing which they will be liable for their action. Excuses like, internet connection was off or mobile telephone/battery had problem or he did not check his email or he did not check his mobile messages are the liabilities of the candidate.