



MESSAGE

It gives me immense satisfaction to inform that system of Subordinate Accounts Service Examination has been rationalized and made simple as per the present day requirement.

2. Subordinate Accounts Service Examination of the Defence Accounts Department is one of the oldest departmental examinations of the Govt. of India which as per records date back to 1923. Department through this examination identifies competent Manpower who could hold the vital supervisory position of the Assistant Accounts Officer in the Department. The structure, syllabus and pattern of the examination has been revised from time to time, last being carried out in the year 2007.

3. Today, the Assistant Accounts Officer in the Department not only have to undertake varied areas of our functioning viz. Financial Advice, Internal Audit, Payment, Accounting etc. but they are also required to understand overall financial management to ensure public accountability. Further, rapid changes in Information Technology also require that new processes be adopted for conduct of SAS Examination. Considering the above environmental and technological challenges, a need was felt to examine whether the present system of SAS Examination ensures the skill set required by the first line supervisors commensurate with the environment in which DAD is presently functioning. After due examination, not only the content of SAS Examination has been re-structured but the process has also been revamped to facilitate Computer Based Test.

4. The new structure, while retaining essential elements of the past, has been duly supplemented by present day requirement of new skills for meeting ever emerging challenges. The old method of three stage examinations comprising of Preliminary Test, SAS Part I and SAS Part II has been revised to include two parts i.e SAS Part I and SAS Part II by using Computer Based Test with MCQ pattern of examination. A new paper on Quantitative Analysis and Logical Reasoning to examine candidates' intelligence has also been added as a part of neoskilling. The syllabus has also been redesigned with the aim to identify Management skills of the candidates apart from testing their knowledge of rules and regulation.

5. I may like to acknowledge the foresight and guidance of Smt. Madhulika P Sukul, IDAS, the then CGDA in restructuring the SAS Examination. I also place on records the sustained effort made by the team of SAS headed by Shri Avinash Dikshit. Sr.Jt.CGDA(AN) and members of the two committees who were associated with the process.

6. I earnestly believe that all the senior officers will facilitate the smooth implementation of the new system of examination to encourage and motivate the prospective candidates. I am sanguine that all the Principal Controllers of Defence Accounts/Controllers of Defence Accounts would also take proactive steps to ensure availability of required books/reading material and provision of appropriate computer training, to assist the candidates in their preparations.

At the end I wish prospective candidates all success.



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