# GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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# Filling up of the post of President of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission), Meghalaya.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for appointment to the post of President in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC) (State Commisson), Meghalaya.

2. Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 the State Government has established the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commisson(State Commission) at the State level. It adjudicates consumer complaints relating to defective goods, deficient services, including unfair restrictive trade practices, where the value of the goods or services paid as consideration exceeds rupees one crore, but does not exceed rupees ten crore. It also hears appeals against the orders of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions (District Commissions) within the State. The State Commission is constituted under a President and not less than 4 (four) members.

3. It is now proposed to fill up the post of President of the SCDRC (State Commission) in terms of the provisions of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2020.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In terms of Rule 3 of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commisson)Rules, 2020 made by Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 and 43, read with clauses (n) and (w) of sub-section (2) of section 101 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (35 of 2019).

(1) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as President of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commisson, unless he is, or has been, a Judge of the High court ;

#### 5. DISQUALFICATIONS

A person shall be disqualified for appointment as President of a State Commission if he -

- a) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which involves moral turpitude; or
- b) has been adjudged to be insolvent ; or
- c) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a Competent Court ; or
- d) has been removed or dismissed from the service of the State Government or Central Government or a body corporate owned or controlled by such Government ; or
- e) has, in opinion of the State Government, such financial or other interest as is likely to prejudicially affect his functions as the President.

# 6. SELECTION COMMITTEE

(1) The President and members of the State Commission and the District Commission shall be appointed by the State Government on the recommendation of a Selection Committee, consisting of the following persons, namely :-

(a) Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court or any Judge of the High Court nominated by him-Chairperson ;

(b) Secretary in charge of Consumer Affairs of the State Government - Member;

(c) Nominee of the Chief Secretary of the State - Member.

## 7. REMOVAL

- (1) The State Government shall removed from office any President, who -
- (a) has been adjudged as an insolvent ; or
- (b) has been convicted of an offence which involves moral turpitude ; or
- (c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as such member ; or
- (d) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a member ; or
- (e) has so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to public interest;

Provided that where a President is proposed to be removed on any ground specified in clause (c) to (e) of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method or recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commission)Rules, 2020, the President shall be informed of the charges against him and given an opportunity of being heard in respect of those charges.

# 8. TENURE

The President of the State Commission shall hold office for a term of four years or upto the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term of four years subject to the age limit of sixty five years, and such reappointment is made on the basis of the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

# 9. REMUNERATION AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fixation of pay of the persons retired from the post of High Court Judge, appointed to the posts of President on whole time basis, shall be on the basis of the pay last drawn reduced by the amount of pension.

(This is subject to any modifications, if made in future, in the pay structure by State Government).

#### 10. OATHS OF OFFICE AND SECRECY

Every person appointed to be the President shall, before entering upon his office, make and subscribe an oath of office in **Form – I** and oath of secrecy in **Form – II** annexed.

- 11. Applications of eligible candidates, willing to be considered for the post of President in the State Commission in the attached proforma may be sent to Secretary, Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission), New Administrative Building, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong – 793001, so as to reach by <u>15th March, 2021</u>. Applications which are incomplete or lacking in any details / documents as asked for or which are received after the due date 15th March, 2021 shall not be entertained.
- 12. The persons selected for appointment will have to join within 30 days from the date of issue of appointment order.
- 13. The Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs reserves the right to cancel the advertisement at any time without assigning any reasons thereof.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department

#### Annexure

# FORM I

# Form of Oath of Office for the President of the State Commission

I, ....., having been appointed as the President in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission), Meghalaya do solemnly affirm / do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as the President of the State Commission to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of land.

(Name of the incumbent)

# FORM II

# Form of Oath of Secrecy for the President of the State Commission

I, ....., having been appointed as the President of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission), Meghalaya do solemnly affirm / do swear in the name of God that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as President of the State Commission except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as the President.

(Name of the incumbent)

## FORM III

#### CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS

I hereby certify that I have examined Shri. / Sm. / Ms. ....., and that I have not discovered that he / she has any disease (communicable or otherwise), constitutional weakness or bodily infirmity, except ...... I do not consider this a disqualification for his / her for employment as member in the State / District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for a period of four years or upto the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier.

Date .....

Signature of candidate.

Signature Designation (Civil Surgeon / District Medical Officer)

# FORMAT OF APPLICATION REQUIRED TO BE FURNISHED BY THE CANDIDATES

Application for the post of President in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission ( State Commission ), Meghalaya.

> Pl. affix your Recent Photograph

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Place ..... Date .....

Signature of candidate.

(Name)