NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) read with clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 18 of the Sikkim State Commission for Women Act, 2001 (11 of 2001), the State Government hereby makes the following rules regulating the salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and the Members of the Sikkim State Commission for Women, namely:-

1. Short title and Commencement

(1) These rules may be called the Sikkim State Commission for Women (Salaries, Allowances, and other conditions of service of the Chairperson and the Members) Rules, 2003.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions:- In the rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Act" means the Sikkim State Commission for Women Act, 2001.

(b) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Commission.

(c) "Commission" means the Sikkim State Commission for Women constituted under Section 3 of the Act.

(d) "Member" means Member of the Commission and includes Member-Secretary.

(e) "Section" means a section of the Act.

3. Tenure of Office

(1) Subject to the provision of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Act, any person, who has not attained the age of sixty five years, may be nominated as the Chairperson or as a Member.

(2) The Chairperson and every Member, except the Member Secretary, shall unless removed from office under sub-section (3) of section 5 of the Act hold office for a period not exceeding three years or till the age of sixty five years which ever is earlier.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) -
(a) A person who has held the office of the Chairperson shall not be eligible for re-nomination and
(b) A person who has held the office of a Member shall not be eligible for re-nomination as a Member.

(4) If the Chairperson is unable to discharge her functions owing to illness or other incapacity, the State Government shall nominate any other Member to act as the Chairperson and the Member so nominated shall hold office of the Chairperson until the Chairperson resumes office.

(5) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairperson by reason of her death or resignation, the State Government shall nominate any other Member to act as the Chairperson and the Member so nominated shall hold the office of the Chairperson until the vacancy is filled by fresh nomination under sub-section (4) of section 5 of the Act.

4. Qualification of the Chairperson
The Chairperson of the Commission shall be an eminent woman social worker holding a degree from any recognized University or Institution.

5. Status of the Chairperson
The status of the Chairperson of the Commission shall be equivalent to the status of the Chairperson of the other Statutory bodies in the State.

6. Salaries and Allowances
(1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-rule (2), the Chairperson shall be paid a remuneration of Rs. 8,000 (Rupees eight thousand) per month.
Provided that where the Chairperson is a retired Government Officer or official from Public Sector Undertaking, the salary payable together with the pension shall not exceed the last pay drawn by such person per month as per the Sikkim Government Rules.

(2) If the Chairperson or a Member is in the service of the State Government, her salary shall be regulated in accordance with the service rules applicable to her as an employee of the State Government.

7. Sitting fee/remuneration fee
Each Member shall be entitled to a sitting fee/remuneration of 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only per sitting.

8. Allowances/honorarium to the members of the Committee appointed by the Commission
(1) The non-official members appointed by the Commission in any Committee under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Act shall be entitled for sitting allowances of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred) per sitting.

(2) Every co-opted members of a Committee, if she/he is not in service of the Central or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking, shall be entitled to an allowance of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred) per sitting.

9. Travelling allowance
(1) The claims for travelling allowance and/or daily allowance of the non-official Members and Member Secretary of the Commission shall be regulated by the provisions of the Sikkim Travelling Allowance Rules, 1980.

(2) The Chairperson and the non-official members shall be entitled to travelling allowance and/or daily allowance at the rate applicable to group "A" officer of the State Government.
(3) The Member Secretary shall be entitled to travelling allowance and or daily allowance admissible under the Sikkim Travelling Allowance Rules, 1980.

(4) The Chairperson shall be the Controlling Officer in respect of bills relating to the payment of travelling allowance and/or daily allowance under sub-rule (1).

10. Leave
   The Chairperson shall be entitled to leave in accordance with the Sikkim Government Service (Leave) Rules, 1982.

11. Facilities for medical treatment
   The Chairperson and every Member shall be entitled to medical treatment and hospital facilities as admissible to the group "A" employee of the State Government as per the Sikkim Government Service (Medical Facilities) Rules, 1981.

12. Residential accommodation
   The Chairperson shall be entitled to the use of semi-furnished rent free accommodation at the expenses of the Commission or Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) per month as rent in lieu thereof.

13. Drawing and Disbursing Officer
    (1) The Chairperson shall be the authority to sanction the amount for the purpose of the Commission out of the fund allocated to the Commission by the State Government.
    (2) The Member Secretary shall be Head of Office as well as the Drawing and Disbursing Officer and exercise all powers as per the Sikkim Financial Rules, 1997 as amended from time to time.

14. Tenure and Status of the Member Secretary
   The Member-Secretary of the Commission shall hold office for such term as may be determined by the State Government in this behalf and shall while holding office, have the status equivalent to the status in her parent cadre.

15. Annual statement of accounts/Annual report
   The Commission shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and its annual report shall be submitted to the State Government at the end of financial year.

16. Registration of registered voluntary organization and seeking their assistance
   The Commission shall include the name of registered voluntary organization for women within the State of Sikkim in the register to be maintained by the Commission as per Form "A" appended to these rules.

17. Residuary provision
    (1) The Member-Secretary shall be the Controlling Officer in respect of the Officers and Staff of the Commission.
    (2) Any other matter for which no express provision has been made in these rules, shall be regulated in such manner as the State Government may determine.
REGISTER FOR INCLUDING NAME OF REGISTERED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN WITHIN THE STATE

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Sikkim State Commission for Women Act, 2001, the State Government is hereby pleased to amend the Notification number 58/Home/2002 dated 22/11/2002 namely:-

1. In the said Notification, for serial number 1 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"1. MRS. MANITA PRADHAN - CHAIRPERSON."

2. In the said Notification, for serial number 5 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"5. MRS. RINZING ONGMU - MEMBER."

By Order.

Sd/-

(S.W. Tenzing) IAS
Chief Secretary
Elmco Govt WCPD 2003-24

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