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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 @ 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.

