



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Consumer Affairs Department- Appointment/Selection to the posts of President/Members in State/District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions- LBS Centre for Science and Technology is entrusted to conduct the written tests- Orders Issued.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No.37/2024/CAD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 10-09-2024.

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- Read: 1. Order dated 03.03.2023 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.833 of 2023.
2. 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) Amendment Rules, 2023.
3. Order dated 07.03.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in IA No.51654 of 2024 in SLP(C) No.s 639-641 of 2024.
4. Notification No.CA1/10/2023-CAD dated 07.02.2023 and Addendum Notification dated 23.03.2023.
5. Notification No.CA1/10/2023-CAD dated 23.05.2024 and Erratum Notification dated 06.06.2024.
6. Letter No. B10/4237/2023 dated 6/8/2024 from the Director, LBS Centre For Science & Technology.
7. Letter No. IMG-TVM/81/P2/2024 dated 9/8/2024 from the Secretary, Institute of Management in Government.
8. Minutes of the meetings held on 18/7/2024 and 7/8/2024 with the LBS and IMG respectively.

ORDER

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order read (1) above, ordered that the appointment of President and members of State and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions shall be made on the basis of performance in written test consisting of two papers (Objective type and descriptive type of 100 marks each). The qualifying marks in each paper shall be 50% and there will be viva voce of 50 marks. Accordingly Government of India issued Notification in this regard as per the rule read (2) above. Later as per order read (3) above, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that

as so far as appointments to the post of President of the State Commission are concerned, the requirement of holding a written examination and viva voce in the terms as envisaged shall stand relaxed for the present.

(2) Government have issued Notifications read (4) and (5) above inviting applications to the posts of Members of State Commission and President/Members of District Commissions to existing and anticipated vacancies upto 31.10.2024.

(3) Government have conducted Meetings with the authorities of LBS Centre for Science & Technology and IMG regarding the procedures and cost of conducting written tests for the above posts. Both LBS and IMG submitted proposals for conducting written examinations.

(4) The rate specified by LBS in the proposal read as the (6) paper above for conducting the test is as given below.

Conduct of Objective type Test within the State

Up to 200 candidates/test / post - Rs.90,000/- plus GST

Up to 500 candidates/test / post - Rs.1,50,000/- plus GST

Conduct of Descriptive type Test within the State

Up to 200 candidates/test / post - Rs.90,000/- plus GST

Up to 500 candidates/test / post - Rs.1,50,000/- plus GST

In addition to the above rates, an additional charge of Rs.35,000/- plus GST per district will be charged for conducting tests in districts other than Thiruvananthapuram.

5) The Secretary, IMG vide the letter 7th paper cited has informed that they are willing to conduct the test in identified examination centers in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode. The same shall be conducted within three months from the date of receipt of details of candidates. They have demanded Rs 18 Lakhs (Plus GST) for the examination.

(6) Government examined the proposals in detail and are found that the proposal furnished by the LBS is feasible. Hence Government are pleased to entrust LBS Center for Science & Technology with the responsibility of conducting written examinations for the posts vide notifications read (4) and (5) above.

(6) Memorandum of Understanding regarding the conducting of examination and connected works shall be signed between Government and LBS within 20 days and further procedures shall be executed accordingly.

(By Order of the Governor)
AJIT KUMAR IAS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

1. The Director, LBS Center for Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Secretary & Registrar, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Thiruvananthapuram
4. The Accountant General(Audit/A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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