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- NOTICE -

Applications are being invited for the posts of *Member of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission & President and Members of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission* under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The posts include the clear vacancies as well as the expected vacancies in the near future. The eligibility criteria and selection process for these posts shall be as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 3.3.2023 in Civil Application no 831/2023. The Salary and allowances and terms and conditions of services of President of State Commission and President and member of District Commission shall be as prescribed in Maharashtra Consumer Protection (salary, allowance and conditions of service of President and Members of State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2021. The detailed notice about the eligibility criteria, post wise current vacancies and probable vacancies and other details is available on the website www.maharashtra.gov.in for download. The candidate should apply for the post through the link <https://ibpsonline.ibps.in/cpdgommay23/> from 23 May 2023. The last date of application is 6th June 2023.

Mumbai,
Date:

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Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer
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अन्न, नागरी पुरवठा आणि ग्राहक संरक्षण विभाग
दालन क्र. २१९, दुसरा मजला, मंत्रालय (विस्तार), मुंबई -४०० ०३२.
दूरध्वनी. ०२२-२२०२ ३१०७,
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ग्राहक संरक्षण अधिनियम, २०१९ अंतर्गत सदस्य, राज्य ग्राहक तक्रार निवारण आयोग तसेच अध्यक्ष व सदस्य जिल्हा ग्राहक तक्रार निवारण आयोगाचे या पदांसाठी विहित नमुन्यातील अर्ज इच्छुकांकडून मागविण्यात येत आहेत. सदर पदांमध्ये रिक्त तसेच संभाव्य रिक्त जागांचा समावेश आहे. सदर पदासाठीच्या पात्रता अटी व निवड प्रक्रिया ही मा. सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने सिव्हील ॲप्लिकेशन क्र. ८३१/२०२३ मध्ये दि.३.३.२०२३ च्या निर्देशानुसार असेल. सदर पदाच्या वेतन, भत्ते आणि इतर अटी व शर्ती या महाराष्ट्र ग्राहक संरक्षण (राज्य आयोग व जिल्हा आयोगाचे अध्यक्ष व सदस्य यांचे वेतन, भत्ते व सेवेच्या शर्ती नियम) २०२१ नुसार असतील. सदर पदांच्या अनुषंगाने सविस्तर सूचना www.maharashtra.gov.in या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध करण्यात आल्या आहेत. अर्जदारांना दि. २३ मे २०२३ पासून <https://ibpsonline.ibps.in/cpdgommay23/> या लिंक द्वारे अर्ज सादर करता येईल. अर्ज करण्याची शेवटची तारीख दि. ६ जून २०२३ असेल.

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अन्न, नागरी पुरवठा आणि ग्राहक संरक्षण विभाग,
मंत्रालय, मुंबई.

NOTICE

Applications are being invited for the posts of Member, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Maharashtra and President and Member of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission established under Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

Qualification Criteria for the Post of Member, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, President and Member of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (as per Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 3.3.2023 in C.A.831/2023) :- a person having bachelor's degree from a recognized University and who is a person of ability, integrity and standing, and having special knowledge and professional experience of not less than 10 years in consumer affairs, law, public affairs, administration, economics, commerce, industry, finance, management, engineering, technology, public health or medicine shall be treated as qualified.

Procedure of Appointment –

The appointment of Members of the State Commission, President and Members of District Commission, shall be made based on performance in written test consisting of two papers of 100 marks each and 50 marks for viva voce.

Format of Examination - The written test consisting of two papers will be as per the following scheme:

Paper	Topics	Nature of test	Max Marks	Time
Paper-I	(a)General knowledge and Current Affairs (40 marks) (b)Knowledge of Constitution of India (20 marks) (c)Knowledge of various Consumers related Laws. (40 marks) Please read the details as indicated in the Schedule* below.	Objective type (Multiple Choice) to be conducted online	100	2 Hrs
Paper -II	(a) Essay on topics chosen from issues on trade and commerce, consumer related issues or public affairs. (50 marks) (b) Case study of consumer case for testing the abilities of analysis and cogent drafting of orders (50 marks)	Descriptive type	100	3 Hrs

*** Schedule for Paper-I:**

The **questions relating to General Knowledge** would focus primarily on the aspects related to the History, Geography, Economy, Polity and Culture of the State of Maharashtra. **This will also include five questions on mental reasoning.** The questions relating to **Current Affairs** would be primarily focus on the people, places, events and issues/news from the recent past that are significant for the state of Maharashtra and India.

The **questions related to the Constitution of India** will focus primarily on the provisions related to the following topics of the Constitution:

- a. Preamble

- b. Part III to Part VI of the Constitution. (This includes Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles, Fundamental Duties, the Union and the State)
- c. Part IX and IXA (the Panchayats and the Municipalities)
- d. Part XX (Amendment of the constitution)

Knowledge of various consumer related laws as enumerated below would be tested:

- 1) Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (Now, 2019)
- 2) The Legal Metrology Act, 2009
- 3) The Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
- 4) The Competition Act, 2002
- 5) The Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006
- 6) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1945
- 7) The Sale of Goods Act, 1930
- 8) The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016
- 9) The Electricity Act, 2003
- 10) The Insurance Act, 1938.

- ✓ **Paper I** is objective in nature. It will contain one hundred multiple choice questions carrying one mark each. However, there will be deduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ th mark for every wrong answer. **The online objective question paper will be in English and Marathi.**
- ✓ **Paper II is descriptive in nature and should be handwritten.** There will be an Essay question where the candidate will have to attempt two topics. One topic must be necessarily answered in English and another necessarily in Marathi. Similarly, in the Case Study Section, two case studies are to be attempted, one in English and another in Marathi. By this, it can be ensured that candidate is tested for his proficiency in both English and Marathi. Questions will be presented in the language in which answers are expected from the candidate. Each question will carry 25 Marks.
- ✓ Every appointment of a President or member shall be subject to submission of a certificate of physical fitness in prescribed format, duly signed by a civil surgeon or District Medical Officer.
- ✓ Before appointment, the selected candidate shall furnish an undertaking that he does not and will not have any such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a President or member.

Details regarding Online Application and Examination Process –

- ✓ The candidates shall submit the application only through the online link with an application fee of Rs. 1200/- per candidate.
- ✓ In the application form, the Candidate must give at least one preference for the post for which he/she would like to work, if selected.
- ✓ The exam will be carried out at the following places namely, Mumbai/Navi Mumbai/Thane/MMR region, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar), Amaravati, Nagpur. The candidates must choose one exam center from among these in their online application form.

CANDIDATES REPORTING LATE i.e., after the reporting time specified on the call letter for the examination will not be permitted to take the examination. The reporting time mentioned on the call letter is prior to the Start time of the test. Though the duration of the examination (including both the papers) is five hours, candidates may be required to be at the venue for about six hours including the time required for completion of various formalities such as verification and

collection of various requisite documents, logging in, giving of instructions, etc.

IDENTITY VERIFICATION

In the examination hall as well as at the time of interview, the call letter along with original and a photocopy of the candidate's currently valid photo identity (bearing exactly the same name as it appears on the call letter) such as PAN Card/ Passport/ Permanent Driving License/ Voter's Card/ Bank Passbook with photograph/ Photo identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead along with photograph / Photo identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead along with photograph / valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognized College/ University/ Aadhar card/ E- Aadhar Card with a photograph/ Employee ID/ Bar Council Identity Card with photograph should be submitted to the invigilator for verification. The candidate's identity will be verified with respect to his/her details on the call letter, in the Attendance List and requisite documents submitted. If identity of the candidate is in doubt the candidate may not be allowed to appear for the Examination.

Ration Card and Learner's Driving License are **not** valid ID proof.

Note: Candidates must produce in original the photo identity proof and submit photocopy of the photoidentity proof along with Examination call letter as well as the Interview Call Letter while attending the examination/ interview respectively, without which they will not be allowed to take up the examination/ interview. Candidates must note that the name appearing on the call letter (provided during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof the candidate will not be allowed to appear for the examination. In the case of candidates who have changed their name, will be allowed only if they produce an original Gazette notification / their original marriage certificate / affidavit in original.

CENTER CLAUSES

1. The examination will be conducted at venues given in the respective call letters.
2. No request for change of center/venue/date/session for Examination shall be entertained.
3. The government, however, reserves the right to cancel any of the Examination Centers and/ or add some other Centers, at its discretion, depending upon the number of candidates, administrative feasibility, etc.
4. The government also reserves the right to allot the candidate to any center other than the one he/she has opted for Candidates will appear for the examination at an Examination Centre at his/her own risks and expenses and the government will not be responsible for any injury or losses etc. of any nature.
5. Choice of center once exercised by the candidate will be final.

If less number of candidates opt for a particular center for "Online" examination, the government reserves the right to allot any other adjunct center to those candidates OR if the number of candidates is more than the capacity available for online exam for a center, the government reserves the right to allot any other center to the candidate.

GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES USING A SCRIBE

- (i) The visually impaired candidates and candidates whose writing speed is adversely affected

permanently for any reason can use their own scribe at their cost during the online examination, subject to limits as in (ii) and (iii) below. In all such cases where a scribe is used, the following rules will apply:

- The candidate will have to arrange his/her own scribe at his/her own cost.
- The scribe arranged by the candidate should not be a candidate for the same examination. If violation of the above is detected at any stage of the process, candidature of both the candidate and the scribe will be cancelled. Candidates eligible for and who wish to use the services of a scribe in the examination should carefully indicate the same in the online application form. Any subsequent request may not be entertained favorably.
- A person acting as a scribe for one candidate cannot be a scribe for another candidate.
- Considering the nature and orientation of the question papers, the scribe can be from any academic stream other than law, political science and public administration.**
- Both the candidate as well as scribe will have to give a suitable undertaking confirming that the scribe fulfils all the stipulated eligibility criteria for a scribe mentioned above. Further in case it later transpires that he/she did not fulfill any laid down eligibility criteria or suppressed material facts the candidature of the applicant will stand cancelled, irrespective of the result of the examination.
- Those candidates who use a scribe shall be eligible for compensatory time of 20 minutes for every hour of the examination or as otherwise advised.
A scribe should not answer on his/her own. Any such behavior observed will result in cancellation of the candidature.
- Only candidates registered for compensatory time will be allowed such concessions since compensatory time given to candidates shall be system based, it shall not be possible for the test conducting agency to allow such time if he / she is not registered for the same. Candidates not registered for compensatory time shall not be allowed such concessions.
- During the exam, at any stage, if it is found that the scribe is independently answering the questions, the exam session will be terminated, and the candidate's candidature will be cancelled. The candidature of such candidates using the services of a scribe will also be cancelled if it is reported after the examination by the test administrator personnel that the scribe independently answered the questions.

(ii) Guidelines for Candidates with locomotor disability and cerebral palsy

A compensatory time of twenty minutes per hour or otherwise advised shall be permitted for the candidates with locomotor disability and cerebral palsy where dominant (writing) extremity is affected to the extent of slowing the performance of function (minimum of 40% impairment).

(iii) Guidelines for Visually Impaired candidates

- Visually Impaired candidates (who suffer from not less than 40% of disability) may opt to view the contents of the test in magnified font and all such candidates will be eligible for compensatory time of 20 minutes for every hour or otherwise advised of examination.
- The facility of viewing the contents of the test in magnifying font will not be available to Visually Impaired candidates who use the services of a Scribe for the examination.

These guidelines are subject to change in terms of Government guidelines/ clarifications, if any, from time to time.

OTHER CLAUSES

1. The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problems, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of the test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.

2. The decision of the government in all matters relating to recruitment will be final and binding on the candidate. No correspondence or personal enquiries shall be entertained by the government on this behalf.

3. If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in difficulty level of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one session is required if the nodes capacity is less, or some technical disruption takes place at any center or for any candidate.

4. The agency would be analyzing the responses (answers) of individual candidates with those of other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted by the agency in this regard, it is inferred/ concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/ valid, the government reserves right to cancel the candidature of the concerned candidates and the result of such candidates (disqualified) will be withheld.

5. Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any of the government recruitment processes in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect.

6. Process for Arriving at Scores

The Scores of Online Examination are obtained by adopting the following procedure:

(i) The number of questions answered correctly by a candidate in each objective test is considered for arriving at the Corrected Score after applying penalty for wrong answers.

(ii) The Corrected Scores so obtained by a candidate are made equivalent to take care of the minor difference in difficulty level, if any, in each of the objective tests held in different sessions to arrive at the Equated Scores*

* Scores obtained by candidates on any test are equated to the base form by considering the distribution of scores of all the forms.

(iii) Test wise scores and scores on total are reported with decimal point up to two digits.

Note about Cutoff: The candidate scoring less than 50 marks in paper I (objective) or Paper II (descriptive, written) would not be considered for viva voce even if the candidate's cumulative mark in the two papers is above 100 marks. Thus, the cut off for each paper is 50 marks. Any candidate scoring more than 49.5 marks would be rounded off to 50 marks.

HOW TO APPLY

DETAILED GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES FOR

- A. APPLICATION - REGISTRATION
- B. PAYMENT OF FEES
- C. DOCUMENT SCAN AND UPLOAD

Candidates can apply online only from 23rd May 2023 to 6th June 2023. No other mode of application will be accepted.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE NOTED BEFORE REGISTRATION

Before applying online, candidates should-

- (i) **Scan the:**
 - Photograph (4.5cm × 3.5cm)
 - Signature (with black ink)
 - A handwritten declaration (on white paper with black ink) (text given below)
 - Ensuring that all these scanned documents adhere to the required specifications as given in this notice.
- (ii) **Signature in CAPITAL LETTERS will NOT be accepted.**
- (iii) The text for the handwritten declaration is as follows –
“I, _____(Name of the candidate), hereby declare that all the information submitted by me in the online application form is correct, true, and valid. I will present the supporting documents as and when required.”
- (iv) **The above-mentioned handwritten declaration has to be in the candidate’s hand writing and in English only. If it is written by somebody else or written in any other language, the application will be considered invalid.** (In the case of Visually Impaired candidates who cannot write may get the text of declaration typed and put their left-hand thumb impression below the typed declaration and upload the document as per specifications.)
- (v) Keep the necessary details/documents ready to make Online Payment of the requisite application fee/ intimation charges.
- (vi) **Have a valid personal email ID and mobile no., which should be kept active till the completion of this Recruitment Process. Bank may send intimation to download call letters for the Examination etc. through the registered e-mail ID. In case a candidate does not have a valid personal e-mail ID, he/she should create his/her new e-mail ID and mobile no. before applying on-line and must maintain that email account and mobile number.**

APPLICATION FEES/ INTIMATION CHARGES (NON REFUNDABLE) PAYMENT OF FEE ONLINE : 23 May 2023 TO 6 June 2023.

Bank Transaction charges for Online Payment of application fees/intimation charges will have to be borne by the candidate.

A. Application Registration

1. Candidates to go to the link <https://ibpsonline.ibps.in/cpdgommay23/> and click on the option. "APPLY ONLINE" which will open a new screen.
2. To register application, choose the tab "Click here for New Registration" and

enter Name, Contact details and Email-ID. A Provisional Registration Number and Password will be generated by the system and displayed on the screen. Candidates should note down the Provisional Registration Number and Password. An Email & SMS indicating the Provisional Registration number and Password will also be sent.

3. In case the candidate is unable to complete the application form in one go, he / she can save the data already entered by choosing "SAVE AND NEXT" tab. Prior to submission of the online application candidates are advised to use the "SAVE AND NEXT" facility to verify the details in the online application form and modify the same if required. Visually Impaired candidates should fill in the application form carefully and verify/ get the details verified to ensure that the same are correct prior to final submission.
4. Candidates are advised to carefully fill in and verify the details filled in the online application themselves as no change will be possible/ entertained after clicking the COMPLETE REGISTRATION BUTTON.
5. The Name of the candidate or his /her father/ Husband etc. should be spelled correctly in the application as it appears in the Certificates/ Mark sheets/Identity proof. Any change/alteration found may disqualify the candidature.
6. Validate your details and save your application by clicking the 'Validate your details' and 'Save & Next' button.
7. Candidates can proceed to upload Photo & Signature as per the specifications given in the Guidelines for Scanning and Upload of Photograph and Signature detailed under point "C".
8. Candidates can proceed to fill in other details of the Application Form.
9. Click on the Preview Tab to preview and verify the entire application form before COMPLETE REGISTRATION.
10. Modify details, if required, and click on 'COMPLETE REGISTRATION' ONLY after verifying and ensuring that the photograph, signature uploaded, and other details filled in by you are correct.
11. Click on the 'Payment' tab and proceed for payment.
12. Click on the 'Submit' button.

B. PAYMENT OF FEES

ONLINE MODE

1. The application form is integrated with the payment gateway and the payment process can be completed by following the instructions.
2. The payment can be made by using Debit Cards (RuPay/Visa/MasterCard/Maestro), Credit Cards, Internet Banking, IMPS, Cash Cards/ Mobile Wallets.
3. After submitting your payment information in the online application form, PLEASE WAIT FOR THE INTIMATION FROM THE SERVER. DO NOT PRESS BACK OR REFRESH BUTTON IN ORDER TO AVOID DOUBLE CHARGE
4. On successful completion of the transaction, an e-Receipt will be generated.
5. Non-generation of 'E-Receipt' indicates PAYMENT FAILURE. On failure of payment, Candidates are advised to login again using their Provisional Registration Number and Password and repeat the process of payment.
6. Candidates are required to take a **printout of the e-Receipt** and online Application Form containing fee details. **Please note that if the same cannot be generated, online transaction may not have been successful.**
7. For Credit Card users: All charges are listed in Indian Rupee. If you use a non-

Indian credit card, your bank will convert to your local currency based on prevailing exchange rates.

8. To ensure the security of your data, please close the browser window once your transaction is completed.

9. There is a facility to print application forms containing fee details after payment of fees.

C. Guidelines for Scanning and Upload of Documents

Before applying online, a candidate will be required to have a scanned (digital) image of his/her photograph, signature and the handwritten declaration as per the specifications given below.

Photograph Image: (4.5cm × 3.5cm)

- The photograph must be a recent passport style color picture.
- Make sure that the picture is in color, taken against a light-colored, preferably white, background.
- Look straight at the camera with a relaxed face.
- If the picture is taken on a sunny day, have the sun behind you, or place yourself in the shade, so that you are not squinting and there are no harsh shadows.
- If you must use flash, ensure there's no "red eye."
- If you wear glasses make sure that there are no reflections, and your eyes can be seen clearly.
- Caps, hats, and dark glasses are not acceptable. Religious headwear is allowed but it must not cover the face.
- Dimensions 200 x 230 pixels (preferred)
- Size of file should be between 20 Kb to 50 Kb
- Ensure that the size of the scanned image is not more than 50kb. If the size of the file is more than 50 kb, then adjust the settings of the scanner such as the DPI resolution, no. of colors etc., during the process of scanning.

Signature and hand-written declaration Image:

- The applicant must sign on white paper with Black Ink pen.
 - Dimensions of the scanned image: 140 x 60 pixels (preferred)
 - The size of the file should be between 10 Kb – 20 Kb. Ensure that the size of the scanned image is not more than 20 Kb
- The applicant must write the declaration in English clearly on a white paper with black ink.
 - File type: jpg / jpeg
 - Dimensions: 800 x 400 pixels in 200 DPI (Preferred for required quality) i.e. 10 cm * 5 cm (Width * Height)
 - File Size: 50 KB – 100 KB
- The signature and the handwritten declaration should be of the applicant and not by any other person.
- If the Applicant's signature on the attendance sheet or Call letter, signed at the time of the examination, does not match the signature uploaded, the

applicant will be disqualified.

- Signature / Handwritten declaration in CAPITAL LETTERS shall NOT be accepted.

Scanning the documents:

- Set the scanner resolution to a minimum of 200 dpi (dots per inch)
- Set Color to True Color
- File Size as specified above
- Crop the image in the scanner to the edge of the photograph/signature/handwritten declaration, then use the upload editor to crop the image to the final size (as specified above).
- The image file should be JPG or JPEG format. An example file name is: image01.jpg or image01.jpeg. Image dimensions can be checked by listing the folder files or moving the mouse over the file image icon.
- Candidates using MS Windows/MsOffice can easily obtain documents in .jpeg format by using MS Paint or MsOffice Picture Manager. Scanned documents in any format can be saved in .jpg / .jpeg format by using 'Save As' option in the File menu. Size can be adjusted by using crop and then resize option.

Procedure for Uploading the documents:

- While filling in the Online Application Form the candidate will be provided with separate links for uploading Photograph, signature, and handwritten declaration.
- Click on the respective link "Upload Photograph / signature/handwritten declaration."
- Browse and select the location where the Scanned Photograph / signature/handwritten declaration file has been saved.
- Select the file by clicking on it.
- Click the 'Open/Upload'
- If the file size and format are not as prescribed, an error message will be displayed.
- Preview of the uploaded image will help to see the quality of the image. In case of unclear / smudged, the same may be re-uploaded to the expected clarity/quality.

Your Online Application will not be registered unless you upload your Photograph, signature, and handwritten declaration as specified.

Note:

- (1) In case the face in the photograph or signature or the handwritten declaration is unclear / smudged the candidate's application may be rejected.
- (2) After uploading the Photograph / signature / handwritten declaration in the online application form candidates should check that the images are clear and have been uploaded correctly. In case the photograph or

signature or the handwritten declaration is not prominently visible, the candidate may edit his/ her application and re-upload his/ her photograph or signature or the handwritten declaration, prior to submitting the form.

- (3) Candidates should also ensure that the photo is uploaded at the place of photo and signature at the place of signature. If a photo in place of photo and signature in place of signature is not uploaded properly, candidate will not be allowed to appear for the exam.
- (4) Candidate must ensure that Photo to be uploaded is of required size and the face should be clearly visible.
- (5) If the photo is not uploaded at the place of Photo Admission for Examination will be rejected/denied. Candidate will be responsible for the same.
- (6) Candidates should ensure that the signature uploaded is clearly visible.
- (7) After registering online candidates are advised to take a printout of their system generated online application forms.

ACTION AGAINST CANDIDATES FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT/ USE OF UNFAIR MEANS

Candidates are advised in their own interest that they should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered with or fabricated and should not suppress any material information while submitting online applications. At the time of examination, interview or in a subsequent selection procedure, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of –

- (i) using unfair means or
- (ii) impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or
- (iii) misbehaving in the examination/ interview hall or disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing, or facilitating transmission and storage of contents of the test(s) or any information therein in whole or part thereof in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronically or mechanically for any purpose or
- (iv) resorting to any irregular or improper means in connection with his/ her candidature or
- (v) obtaining support for his/ her candidature by unfair means, or
- (vi) carrying mobile phones or similar electronic devices of communication in the examination/ interview hall, such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable:
 - (a) to be disqualified from the examination for which he/ she is a candidate.
 - (b) to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period from any examination conducted by the government.
 - (c) for termination of service, if he/ she has already joined the government.

Details regarding the posts of the State and the District Commission:

- **Term of Office** - Members of the State Commission and President and Member of District Commission shall hold office for a term of four years or up to the age of sixty-five years whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of four years subject to the age limit of sixty-five years, and such re-appointment is made based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

➤ **Salary, allowances and terms and conditions of the service** will be as per Maharashtra Consumer Protection (Salary, allowances, and conditions of services of President and Members of State Commission and District Commission), Rules, 2021.

➤ **Disqualification for appointment as a President/Member if a person –**

- ✓ has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which, involves moral turpitude; or
- ✓ has been adjudged insolvent; or
- ✓ is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court: or
- ✓ has been removed or dismissed from the service of the Government or a Central Government or a body corporate owned or controlled by such a government; or
- ✓ has, in the opinion of the State Government, such financial or other interest, as is likely to prejudicially affect his/her functions as the President.

➤ **Details of current vacancies and expected vacancies in the various District Commission is as follows -**

Sr No	District Commission	Vacant Post name and number of posts (As on 20.5.2023)	Expected Vacancy Post name and number of post	Expected Vacancy date	Remark
1	South Mumbai	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)	Member (1)	31.5.2023	
2	Central Mumbai	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
3	Mumbai Suburban	President (1)	Member (2)	21.5.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
				12.2.2024	
4	Mumbai Suburban additional	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
5	Thane	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
6	Additional Thane	President (1)	Member (2)	4.9.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
				19.8.2023	

7	Raigad	President (1) Member (2)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
8	Ratnagiri	President (1) Member (2)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
9	Sindudurga	President (1) Member (2)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
10	Pune	President (1)	Member (1)	27.8.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
11	Additional Pune		Member (1)	2.9.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
12	Satara	President (1) Member (2)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
13	Sangli		President (1) Member (1)	21.8.2023 13.2.2024	one post to be filled by woman candidate
14	Kolhapur	President (1) Member (1)	Member (1)	17.6.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
15	Solapur	Member (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
16	Nashik	President (1) Member (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
17	Dhule	President (1) Member (1)	Member(1)	20.6.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
18	Nandurbar	President (1)	Member(1)	18.7.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
19	Jalgaon	President (1) Member (2)			one post to be filled by woman candidate

20	Ahmednagar	Member (2)	President (1)	22.1.2024	one post to be filled by woman candidate
21	Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar)	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
22	Beed	Member (1)	President (1)	2.9.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
			Member (1)	31.8.2023	
23	Parbhani	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
24	Hingoli	President (1)	Member (1)	11.2.2024	one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
25	Nanded	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
26	Latur	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
27	Osmanabad (Dharashiv)	Member (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
28	Jalana	President (1)	Member (1)	19.6.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
29	Amaravati	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
30	Akola	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
31	Washim	Member (1)	President (1)	27.8.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
			Member (1)	11.2.2024	
32	Buldhana	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
33	Yavatmal	Member (1)	Member (1)	13.2.2024	one post to be filled by woman candidate

34	Nagpur	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
35	Additional Nagpur	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
36	Wardha	President (1)	Member (1)	23.7.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
37	Bhandara	President (1)	Member (1)	17.6.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
38	Gondia	President (1)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (2)			
39	Chandrapur		President (1)	24.8.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
			Member (2)	20.6.2023	
				17.6.2023	
40	Gadchiroli	President (1)	Member (1)	27.5.2023	one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (1)			
	Total	President (31)	President (5)		one post to be filled by woman candidate
		Member (45)	Member (21)		
	Grand Total	76	26	102	

Details of current and expected vacancies of the post of Members in State Commission and its regional benches:-

Sr. No.	State Commission	Vacant Post name and number of posts	Expected Vacancy, Post name and number of posts	Expected Vacancy date	Remark
1	Mumbai	Member (5)			one post to be filled by woman candidate
2	Nagpur	Member (2)			
3	Aurangabad	Member (1)	Member (2)	31.5.2023 30.10.2023	
	Total	8	2	10	

- The entire set of notice can be downloaded from the website www.maharashtra.gov.in. Candidates are advised to visit this site from time to time for updates.
- The vacancy position indicated above is subject to change based on the decision of the selection committee regarding the re-appointment applications submitted by some of the existing president/members.

Date: - 23/5/2023.

Place: - Mumbai.

