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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS
ARUNACHAL PRADESH CIVIL SECRETARIAT
BLOCK NO. 4, 4TH FLOOR
ITANAGAR

NOTIFICATION

The 12th January, 2016

No. AR-103/2006.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 5 of Section 16 and read with Section 27 and 28 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to make the following regulations to regulate salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of the service of the Arunachal Pradesh State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners :-

PART - I

1. These rules may be called the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (Salaries, Allowances and other Conditions of Services) Regulations, 2015.
2. They shall be treated as deemed to have been come into force from the year 2006.
3. In these orders, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context, means :
 - (i) "Governor" means the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - (ii) "Commission" means the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission.
 - (iii) "Chief Information Commissioner" means the Arunachal Pradesh State Chief Information Commissioner.
 - (iv) "Information Commissioner" means the Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commissioner.
 - (v) "Act" means the Right to Information Act, 2005 (No. 22 of 2005).
 - (vi) "RTI" means Right to Information Act, 2005.

PART - II

COMPOSITION, PAY AND TENURE

4. The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission shall consist of a Chief Information Commissioner and four Information Commissioners.

5. The Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall not be eligible for re-appointment ;

Provided that no Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office after he has attained the age of sixty five years.

6. Every State Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which they enter upon their offices or till they attain the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier, and shall not be eligible for re-appointment as Information Commissioner ;

Provided that every Information Commissioner shall, on vacating his office, be eligible for appointment as the Chief Information Commissioner in the manner specified in sub-section (3) of Section 15 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Provided further that where the Information Commissioner is appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner, his term of office shall not exceed more than five years in aggregate as the Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

7. The Chief Information Commissioner or the Information Commissioner shall before he enters his office make and subscribe before the Governor or some other person appointed by Government in that behalf, an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the first schedule of the Act.

8. The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner may, at any time, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, resign from his office.

Provided that the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner, may be removed in the manner specified under section 7 of RTI Act.

9. The Salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of -

- (a) The Chief Information Commissioner shall be in the scale of pay of ₹ 90,000 fixed.
- (b) The Information Commissioner shall be in the scale of pay of ₹ 80,000 fixed.
- (c) The other allowances of the Chief Information Commissioner/Information Commissioner shall be as admissible to the State Government employees as may be determined by the Governor from time to time.

Provided that if the Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, at the time of his appointment is, in receipt of a pension, other than a disability or wound pension, in respect of any previous service under the Government of India or under the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, his salary in respect of the service as the Chief Information Commissioner or a Information Commissioner shall be reduced by the amount of that pension including any portion of pension and pension equivalent of other forms of retirement benefits which was commuted excluding pension equivalent of retirement gratuity ;

Provided further that where the Chief Information Commissioner or a Information Commissioner if, at the time of his appointment is, in receipt of retirement benefits in respect of any previous service rendered in a Corporation established by or under any Central Act or State Act a Government Company owned or controlled by the Central Government or the State Government, his salary in respect of the service as the Chief Information Commissioner or the Information Commissioner shall be reduced by the amount of pension equivalent to the retirement benefits.

Provided that the salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall not be varied to their disadvantage after their appointment.

Sumptuary/Refreshment Allowances

10. A monthly Sumptuary Allowance shall be admissible to the Chief Information Commissioner at ₹ 15,000 (Rupees Fifteen thousand) only per month. The Information Commissioners shall be entitled the Refreshment Allowance of ₹ 1,000 (Rupees One thousand) only per month.

PART - III

LEAVE

11. (1) The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner who on the date of his appointment, was in the service of the Government of India or of any State Government, may be granted leave under the rules applicable to him and his service as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner shall count for such leave.

(2) The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner may draw during the period of leave granted under clause (1) above, such leave salary as may be entitled to him under rules applicable to him.

(3) The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner, who on the date of his appointment was not in the service of the Government of India or a State Government, may be granted leave as follows :

- (i) Earned Leave on full pay at the rate of thirty days for every completed calendar year of service or a part thereof ;

Provided that the leave account shall be credited with earned leave, in advance, in two installments of fifteen days each on the first day of January and July of every calendar year ;

Provided further that earned leave at the close of previous half year shall be carried forward plus credit for the half year do not exceed the maximum limit of one hundred fifty days.

- (ii) Half pay leave on medical certificate or on private affairs at the rate of 20 (twenty) days in respect of each completed year of service and the leave salary for half pay leave shall be equivalent to half salary as admissible during the earned leave.
- (iii) Leave on half pay may be commuted to full pay leave at the discretion of the Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, provided it is taken on medical ground and is supported by a medical certificate by a competent Medical Authority when commuted leave is available.
- (iv) Granted twice the amount of such leave shall be debited against the half pay leave due.
- (v) Extraordinary leave may also be granted without pay and allowances subject to a maximum of three months at any one time.

12. The leave at the credit of the Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, who at the time of his appointment to the Commission was in the service of the Central or a State Government in his leave account shall not lapse on the date of his appointment as the Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, but shall be carried forward and can be availed of during his tenure as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, as the case may be.

The Chief Information Commissioner/Information Commissioner on their demitting office except by resignation shall be entitled to claim encashment of earned leave at their credit subject to maximum period prescribed for encashment of such leave under all India-Service (leave) Rules, 1955 as amended from time to time.

In case they demit office by resignation they are entitled to encashment of leave at their credit on the date of cessation of service to the extent of half of such leave at their credit subject to half of the maximum period stated above.

Provided that the encashment of earned leave, if any, already availed before joining the Commission and the period of pending bill encashed in the Commission together shall in no case exceed the maximum period as stipulated under the All India Service (Leave) Rules, 1955 (as per section 3 of the CEC & ECs (conditions of Service) Act, 1991 and rule 4 of the Supreme Court Judges, Rule, 1959.

13. Leave sanctioning authority: - The Governor shall be the authority competent to sanction leave to the Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner.

PART - IV

PROVIDENT FUND

14. The Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, who on the date of his appointment, was in the service and admitted to the benefits of the General Provident Fund maintained by Government, shall be eligible after appointment to continue to subscribe to the said fund on the same terms and conditions under the same rules as followed previously.

PART - V

TRAVELLING AND OTHER ALLOWANCES

15. (1) The Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, who on the date of his appointment, was in the service of the Government of India or of a State Government shall for his journey to join his appointment as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner draw the travelling allowances as admissible on transfer of an officer of the rank of the Election Commissioner and the Chief Secretary of a State Government respectively.

(2) The Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, who on the date of his first appointment is not in the service of the Government of India or of a State Government, shall for his journey to join his appointment as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner may draw the travelling allowances/daily allowances as admissible on first joining.

(3) The Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner shall be entitled to travelling allowances as entitled to the Chief Election Commissioner of India and the Information Commissioner (s) shall be entitled to travelling allowances admissible to Chief Secretary to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

ACCOMMODATION

16. The Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner shall be entitled to rent free accommodation for use as official residence as admissible to the Chief Information Commissioner of Government of India and Information Commissioner of Government of India throughout his term of office. He shall be eligible for payment of an allowance as per relevant norms in force under the Government of Arunachal Pradesh if suitable rent free accommodation is not available.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

17. The Chief Information Commissioner or the Information Commissioner and the dependent members of his/her family shall be given Medical re-imbursment facility as per Arunachal Pradesh Medical Attendance Rules as made applicable to the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

CONVEYANCE FACILITIES

18. The Chief Information Commissioner or the Information Commissioner shall be entitled to a Staff car with a driver. The monthly ceiling charge shall be governed by the State Government norms from time to time.

TELEPHONE FACILITY

19. He/she shall be provided with two telephones one at office and another at residence with STD facility. A Cell phone shall be provided from the date of assumption of office. The monthly ceiling of the call charges shall be governed by the State Government norms from time to time.

PENSION

20. The Pensions payable to the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be as per rules framed separately under relevant section of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Act No. 22 of 2005).

21. These Regulations are issued with the concurrence of Department of Finance vide their U.O.No.153 dated 08/07/2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

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Chief Secretary to the
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.