

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT
(Long Advertisement)

1. Applications in prescribed format are invited from intending candidates for selection to the post of Member of State Commission and President & Member of different District Commissions against the vacancies published in the newspapers i.e. the Samaj, the Sambad, the Prameya & the New Indian Express on **23/08/2021**.

2. The selection shall be made as per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and 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) Rules, 2020.

3. **The last date for receipt of Application: 06/09/2021, 5 PM**

4. **Eligibility:-**

A. For the post of Member of State Commission:-

(i) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Member unless he is 40 years of age and is less than 65 years of age as on the last date of submission of application and unless he possesses :

(a) experience of at least ten years as presiding officer of a district court or of any tribunal at equivalent level or combined service as such in the district court and tribunal;

OR

(b) a bachelor's degree from a recognized university and is a person of ability, integrity and standing, and has special knowledge and professional experience of not less than twenty years in consumer affairs, law, public affairs, administration, economics, commerce, industry, finance, management, engineering, technology, public health or medicine.

(ii) A candidate who has served only for one term as Member, State Commission can also apply.

(iii) At least one member of the State Commission shall be a woman.

B. For the post of President and Member of District Commission:-

(i) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as **President**, unless he is, or has been, or is qualified to be a District Judge and is of less than 65 years of age as on the last date of submission of application.

Explanation- An advocate who possesses practice experience of seven years (7) and has completed 35 years of age as on the last date of submission of application shall be treated as qualified to be a District Judge.

(ii) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as **Member** unless he-

(a) is thirty-five years of age and is less than 65 years of age as on the last date of submission of application;

(b) possesses a bachelor's degree from a recognized University; and

(c) is a person of ability, integrity and standing, and having special knowledge and professional experience of not less than fifteen years in consumer affairs, law, public affairs, administration, economics, commerce, industry, finance, management, engineering, technology, public health or medicine.

(iii) A candidate who has served only for one term as Member/ President, District Commission can also apply.

5. With regard to District Commissions, merit list shall be prepared District-wise.

6. At least one Member or the President of the District Commission shall be a woman in respect of 19 Districts, namely, Angul, Bhadrak, Bolangir, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Kandhamal, Kendrapara, Khurda, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nawarangapur, Nuapada, Sambalpur, Sonepur, Sundargarh-I and Sundargarh-II.

7. **Disqualification for Appointment**

A person shall be disqualified for appointment as Member of State Commission and President & Member of a District Commission if he—

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

8. **Salary**

Salary of the Member of State Commission and President & Member of District Commission shall be as mentioned in the Odisha Consumer Protection (Salary, Allowances and Conditions of Service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2020, a copy of which is available in the Department website (www.foododisha.in).

9. **Self attested copy of the Certificates and Documents to be submitted.**

A. For Member of State Commission:

- (i) Matriculation/ H.S.C.E or equivalent **Certificate** in support of Date of Birth;
- (ii) Passport Size Photograph duly signed on the front side of the photograph by the applicant to be pasted in the space provided in the application form;
- (iii) **Certificate** or **Documents** showing experience of at least ten years as presiding officer of a district court or of any tribunal at equivalent level or combined service as such in the district court and tribunal;

OR

Bachelors' Degree **Certificate** from a recognized University along with **Certificate** of ability, integrity and standing from two persons of repute and a **Certificate** showing a special knowledge and professional experience of not less than twenty years in consumer affairs, law, public affairs, administration, economics, commerce, industry, finance, management, engineering, technology, public health or medicine.

B. For President of District Commission

- (i) Matriculation/ H.S.C.E or equivalent **Certificate** in support of Date of Birth;
- (ii) Passport Size Photograph duly signed by the applicant on the front side of the photograph to be pasted in the space provided in the application form;
- (iii) **Certificate/ Documents** showing that the applicant is or has been or is qualified to be a District Judge.

Advocates applying for the post of President of District Commission shall produce an experience **Certificate** issued by the District Judge.

C. For Member of District Commission

- (i) Matriculation/ H.S.C.E or equivalent **Certificate** in support of Date of Birth;
- (ii) Passport Size Photograph duly signed by the applicant on the front side of the photograph to be pasted in the space provided in the application form;
- (iii) Bachelors' degree **Certificate** from a recognized University;
- (iv) **Certificate** of ability, integrity and standing from two persons of

repute; and

- (v) **Certificate** showing a special knowledge or professional experience of not less than fifteen years in consumer affairs, law, public affairs, administration, economics, commerce, industry, finance, management, engineering, technology, public health or medicine.

10. The applications so submitted may be subjected to short-listing by the Selection Committee, if necessary.

11. Incomplete and/ or defective applications and applications received after due date shall be summarily rejected. No correspondence in the postal mode or by hand in this regard shall be entertained.

12. Canvassing in any form shall be a disqualification.

13. The Selection Committee reserves the right to conduct selection either in physical mode or virtual mode. For attending the selection process, no TA or any other expenses shall be paid to the applicant.

14. The Government reserve the right either to postpone or cancel this advertisement at any point of time without assigning any reason.