

# THE KERALA WOMEN'S COMMISSION (HONORARIUM, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS) RULES, 2003

**S.R.O.No.472/2003.**- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) and (b) of sub-section (2) of section 28 of the Kerala Women's Commission Act, 1990 (17 of 1995) read with sub-section (4) of section 6 thereof and in supersession of the existing rules in this subject matter, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules to provide for the honorarium, allowances and other conditions of service of the members and the procedure for the removal of members, namely:-

## RULES

**1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Women's Commission (Honorarium, Allowances and other Conditions of Service and Procedure for Removal of Members) Rules, 2003.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) 'Act' means the Kerala Women's Commission Act, 1990 (17 of 1995);

(b) 'Chairperson' means the Chairperson of the Commission;

(c) 'Commission' means the Kerala Women's Commission constituted under section 5 of the Act;

(d) 'Member' means a member of the Commission and includes the Chairperson;

(e) 'Section' means a section of the Act;

(f) Words and expression used in these rules but not defined, shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

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Sections 6 and 11 read with Section 28 of the Kerala Women's Commission Act, 1990 empower the Government to make rules regarding the matters connected with honorarium and other service conditions of the Chairperson and Members and the procedure for removal of Members. Accordingly, the Government have decided to make Rules for the purpose.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object."



**3. Honorarium of Chairperson and Members.-** (1) The Chairperson shall be paid a honorarium of Rs. 20,000 (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) per mensem.

(2) The Members shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 15,000 (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) per mensem.

**4. Allowances and other conditions of service of Chairperson and Members.-** (1) The Chairperson shall be eligible for Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance at the same rates as are applicable to a Cabinet Minister.

(2) The Members shall be eligible for Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance at the same rates as are applicable to the Deputy Speaker.

(3) The Chairperson shall be eligible for medical benefit at the same rates as are applicable to a Cabinet Minister and the Members shall be eligible for the medical benefit at the rates applicable to the Deputy Speaker.

(4) The Chairperson shall be provided accommodation for functioning a camp office and the Members shall be eligible for House Rent Allowance at the rate of Rs. 2,000 (Rupees two thousand only) per mensem.

(5) The Chairperson and the Members shall be eligible for telephone facility at their residence at the headquarters.

**5. Removal of a Member from office.—** (1) If the Government are of opinion that there is sufficient grounds for removing a Member under Section 11, she shall be served with a notice requiring her to show cause, within the period specified therein, but not exceeding fourteen days, why she should not be removed from office for reasons recorded in such notice.

(2) If such explanation is received within the time limit, the Government may examine it on merits and pass appropriate orders. Before passing such orders the Government shall give an opportunity of being heard in person, if a request, in writing, for the same is made to the Government.

(3) If no explanation is received within the time limit fixed, the Government may proceed on the presumption that the Member/Chairperson has no explanation to offer.

(4) If, after examination of the entire matter under sub-rule (2), the Government have come to the conclusion that there exists a ground for removing the Member under section 11, they may pass an order for removal of the Members as such, stating the reasons therefor and serve a copy thereof to the Member concerned.

(5) An order for the removal of a Member under sub-rule (4) shall take effect from the date of such order.