

# THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

## NOTIFICATION

No. *RG/1611/27/2024*

### Read :-

1. Judgment dated 04.01.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(C) No. 643 of 2015 (All India Judges' Association Vs. Union of India and Ors.),
2. Government Resolution No. HCT 1222/1065/P.NO. 163(PART-2)/DESK-3, dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
3. High Court Notification NO. A/Spl.Cell/Gen./321/2024 dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

Pursuant to the directions given in the Judgment dated 04.01.2024 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(C) No. 643 of 2015 (All India Judges' Association Vs. Union of India and Ors.), the Committee for Service Conditions of the District Judiciary (in short 'CSCDJ') is constituted by the Hon'ble The Chief Justice, Bombay High Court. Accordingly, the State Government of Maharashtra has issued the Government Resolution dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, whereas the High Court has also issued the Notification dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

In view of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the aforesaid judgment (**paragraph No. 86**), the CSCDJ has formulated following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for proper implementation of the recommendations of the SNJPC, including pay, pension, allowances and all allied matters and to facilitate settlement of claims and disbursal of allowances as approved by the Hon'ble Apex Court, including the payment of arrears of salary and pension to Judicial Officers, pensioners and family pensioners of the State of Maharashtra:-

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## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

1. The Law and Judiciary Department, Finance Department, Director of Accounts and Treasury of the State of Maharashtra shall take the immediate steps to facilitate settlement of claims and disbursement of allowances as approved by the Hon'ble Apex Court, including the payment of arrears of salary and pension to judicial officers, pensioners and family pensioners on or before 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
2. As per the directions of Hon'ble Apex Court, Committee for service conditions for district judiciary CSCDJ is formed for monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the SNJPC, including pay, pension, allowances and all allied matters as approved by the Hon'ble Apex Court. As per the directions of Hon'ble Apex Court, The CSCDJ is a single point Nodal Agency for the redressal of the grievances of the judicial officers, both serving and retired.
3. For drawing the arrears of salary / allowances / retirement & pensionary benefits within the time stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Law and Judiciary Department / Home Department in consultation with Finance Department, Government of Maharashtra shall timely place sufficient funds at the disposal of respective Heads of Department / DDO in appropriate heads of accounts.
4. Respective Heads of Department/DDOs shall be ready with all the details like arrears of salary / allowances / retirement and pensionary benefits of judicial officers working on their establishments or who have retired when they were on their establishments well in advance so as to disburse the same immediately.

5. Directions are issued from time to time to all the heads of Establishments and DDOs from 17.01.2024 onwards by various letters issued under the directions of the Hon'ble Committee, for implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Also, oral directions are issued in this regard in the meetings held with DDOs and Administrative Heads throughout the State *via* Video Conferencing.

6. In reference to all the communication and having regard to the Government Resolution dated 06.02.2024 and the High Court Notification dated 17.02.2024, necessary corrections/modifications be made in the Non-Drawal/ Drawal Certificates and all necessary compliance be done forthwith.

7. If the arrears of salary / retirement & pensionary benefits to any serving judicial officer / pensioner / family pensioner has yet not been disbursed by the respective Heads of Department / DDOs as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it shall be paid forthwith and compliance reports be submitted to the Registrar General of the High Court for submission before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

8. For smooth disbursement of salary, allowances, arrears and other service and retirement benefits, following Government Authorities are hereby declared as Nodal Agencies:-

- i. Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra
- ii. Principal Accountant General (A & E), Mumbai,
- iii. Accountant General (A & E), Nagpur,
- iv. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of Maharashtra,
- v. Principal Secretary & RLA, Law & Judiciary, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- vi. Registrar General, High Court of Bombay
- vii. Registrar (Inspection-I & II), High Court of Bombay
- viii. Registrar (Finance & Budget) High Court of Bombay
- ix. Registrar (Administration), High Court of Judicature at

- Bombay, Benches at Nagpur & Aurangabad.
- x. Principal Secretary, Public Health Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai,
  - xi. Director of Treasury, State of Maharashtra
  - xii. (xii) Principal District Judges of all the districts of State of Maharashtra.
  - xiii. Principal District Judges of the Union Territory of Diu, Daman, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Silvassa.
  - xiv. Heads of the establishment of all the Courts/ Tribunals of the State of Maharashtra, where the judicial officers are working or have worked on deputation.

Contact details of the Nodal Officers are annexed with the S.O.P. at **Annexure- A**.

**9.** The above authorities shall monitor and see that the disbursement on account of arrears of salary, pension and allowances due and payable to Judicial Officers, Retired Judicial Officers and Family Pensioners shall be computed and paid on or before 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(C) No. 643 of 2015.

**10.** Permanent Grievance Redressal Cells (PGRC) for the Judicial Officers / Pensioners / Family Pensioners shall function at every District Court establishment, with such number of Staff as may be decided by the CSCDJ, to exclusively receive and process the grievances / issues in the matters of pay, pension, retirement benefits and arrears thereof of the Judicial Officers/ Pensioners/ Family Pensioners.

**11.** If a Judicial Officer / Pensioner / Family Pensioner, has any grievance / issues with regard to release of arrears of salary /allowances/ retirement & pensionary benefits from the side of the concerned Heads of the Department / DDO / Treasury, he / she shall bring such fact to the notice of Permanent Grievance Redressal Cell, in writing. The PGRC constituted as above may, if found necessary, further submit the

grievance of the judicial officers / pensioners / family pensioners to the CSCDJ through the Nodal Officer for timely redressal of the same.

12. The Permanent Grievance Redressal Cell shall prepare and maintain a database of Retired Judicial Officers and family pensioners of the District Judiciary with a provision for updating, on quarterly basis, and the same be submitted to the High Court. The consolidated data be uploaded on the official website of High Court. The Central Project Coordinator (CPC) of the High Court shall provide all technical and IT related support to the PGRC.

13. This SOP shall be communicated to all the concerned for their information, appropriate action and future guidance.

14. This SOP be published on the Official Website of the Bombay High Court along with **Annexure-A**.

Bombay High Court  
23.02.2024

*W. S. Sawant*  
23.02.24  
I/c. Registrar General

## ANNEXURE A

i.	Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra	22025042 2202876
ii.	Principal Accountant General (A & E)	22190519
iii.	Accountant General (A & E), Nagpur	0712-2564506 to 2564510
iv.	Addl. Chief Secretary, Home Department,	22048130
v.	Principal Secretary & RLA, L & D	22027272
vi.	Registrar General, High Court, Bombay	22617534
vii.	a. Registrar Inspection (I)	22673675
	b. Registrar Inspection (II)	22670866
viii.	Registrar (Finance & Budget)	22672031
ix.	a. Registrar (Administration), High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Bench at Nagpur	2562892
	b. Registrar (Administration), High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Bench at Aurangabad	2486028
x.	Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Department	22873848
xi.	Director of Treasury, State of Maharashtra	22880111
<b>xii. Principal District &amp; Sessions Judges</b>		
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Contact No. (Office)</b>
1	Ahmednagar	(0241) 2321766
2	Akola	(0724) 2410753
3	Amravati	(0721)2660241
4	Aurangabad	(0240) 2328555
5	Beed	(02442)233327
6	Bhandara	(07184)254473
7	Buldana	(07262) 246745
8	Chandrapur	(07172)256202, 270813
9	Dhule	(02562) 288788
10	Gadchiroli	(07132) 222667
11	Gondia	(07182) 230192, 233410
12	Jalgaon	(0257) 2240860
13	Jalna	(02482) 224625
14	Kolhapur	(0231) 2545991
15	Latur	(02382) 256796

16	Nagpur	(0712) 2551611
17	Nanded	(02462) 234122
18	Nandurbar	(02564) 210163
19	Nashik	(0253) 2576154
20	Osmanabad	(02472) 24733, 225967
21	Parbhani	(2452) 222858
22	Pune	(020) 25536500
23	Raigad-ALibag	(02141) 228817
24	Ratnagiri	(02352) 22708 1
25	Sangli	(0233) 2600900
26	Satara	(02162) 236340
27	Sindhudurg	(02362) 228649
28	Solapur	(0217) 2628601
29	Thane	(022) 25470607
30	Wardha	(07152) 242880
31	Washim	(07252) 232193
32	Yavatmal	(07232) 242261
33	North Goa (Panaji)	(0832) 2730656, 2730495
34	South Goa (Margao)	(0832) 2730656, 2730495
xiii.	a. Principal District Judge, Diu (U.T.)	(02875) 254636
	b. Principal District Judge, Silvassa (U.T)	(0260) 2641337
xiv.	Heads of the Establishment of all the Courts/ Tribunals in the State of Maharashtra, where the Judicial Officers are working or have worked on deputation	
1.	Presiding Office, University & College Tribunal, Mumbai	22633085
2.	Chairperson, Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Mumbai	22662528
3.	Charity Commissioner	24935474
4.	Chairman, Motor Accident Claim Tribunal	22073848
5.	President, Maharashtra Revenue Tribunal	22843121 22844634
6.	President, Maharashtra State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	22821810 22072097 22057409