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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF LAW, LEGISLATIVE AND JUSTICE
CIVIL SECRETARIAT
ITANAGAR

NOTIFICATION

The 8th July, 2025.

No. LLJ-13015(11)/1/2025(E-221823)/307.— **WHEREAS**, the Medical Facilities for the Retired Judges of Itanagar Permanent Bench of the Gauhati High Court and their Families Rules, 2014 was notified vide notification No. JUD-71/2009 dated 24th January, 2014.

AND WHEREAS, a scheme providing reimbursement of engagement of services of driver, security guard and secretarial assistance and provision of free telephone calls for the retired Chief Justice and Judges were notified vide JUD-SC/107/2015 dated 15th February, 2016.

AND WHEREAS, cashless facilities for medical treatment was extended to the retired Judges of the Itanagar Permanent Bench of the Gauhati High Court along with their family members vide Notification No. JUD-SC-97/2018 dated 12th July, 2019.

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 18th February, 2025 in Contempt Petition(C) No. 425-426/2015 in WP(C) No. 523/2002 (Justice V.S. Dave President, the Association of Retired Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts Vrs. Kusumjit Sidhu and Ors) in Para 10 had directed all the State Governments and UTs to modify the earlier orders/notifications/Circulars and fresh orders in relation to the matters pertaining to providing medical facilities of retired Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts including their spouses at par with the sitting judges, reimbursement for medical treatment in private hospitals without prior approval of the Government reimbursement to be provided for treatment outside the State and Cashless Facilities etc.

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court further held in Para 14 of the aforementioned order that the Domestic Help, Telephone bill reimbursement and other benefits available to the Retired Judges in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall be extended to all the retired Chief Justice and Judges in all other State and Union Territories.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, in pursuance of the Order dated 18th February, 2025 in Contempt Petition(C) No. 425-426/2015 in WP(C) No.523/2002 (Justice V.S. Dave President, the Association of Retired Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts Vrs. Kusumjit Sidhu and Ors) passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in consultation with the Gauhati High Court, is pleased to consolidate all previous Schemes and Rules and notify the following rules to provide for extending medical facilities, Domestic helps and other benefits to the retired Chief Justices and Judges of the Itanagar Bench, Gauhati High Court:

The Arunachal Pradesh Retired Chief Justice and Judges Medical facilities, Domestic Help(s) and other Benefits Rule, 2025.

- These Rules shall be called “ **the Arunachal Pradesh Retired Chief Justice and Judges Medical facilities, Domestic Help(s) and other Benefits Rule, 2025**”.
- The Rules shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

2. Applicability.

These Rules shall apply to a person who has held Office as a Chief Justice or as a Judge of the Itanagar Permanent Bench of the Gauhati High Court and their spouses and who had been drawing pension and other benefits from the said Itanagar Bench of the Gauhati High Court.

3. Definitions.

- (i) "High Court" means the Itanagar Permanent Bench of the Gauhati High Court.
- (ii) "Retired Judge" means a person who has held Office of a Chief Justice or a Judge of the High Court and/or drawing pension and other benefits from the Itanagar Bench of the Gauhati High Court
- (iii) "Spouse" means the wife or, as the case may be, the husband surviving a former Chief Justice or a former Judge upon his or her death while in office or after retirement.
- (iv) "Domestic Help" means the assistance of personnel to be provided to a retired Chief Justice or a retired Judge of the High Court, or to his or her spouse with expense to be borne by the High Court.

4. Entitlements :

A retired Chief Justice or a Judge of the High Court, Itanagar Bench of the Gauhati High Court or their spouse, as the case may be, shall be entitled to avail the services of Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Assistance, Security and Telephone facility at the expense of the Itanagar Bench of the Gauhati High Court subject to the following conditions :

- (i) The facility of Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Assistance, Security and Telephone facility shall be provided to the retired Chief Justice or a Judge or their spouse by the State Government if he/she is not availing such or similar facility from any other High Court.
- (ii) The retired Chief Justice or a Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, on his/her appointment to any Office, post or assignments shall not be entitled to the facility of Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Service and other benefits during the tenure of such appointment/assignment except where such appointment/assignment does not provide the facility of any Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Service and other benefits, respectively.

5. Selection of Domestic Help(s) :

The retired Chief Justice or a Judge of the Itanagar Bench or their spouse, as the case may be, may at her or his discretion select persons to be engaged as Domestic Help(s), Driver(s).

6. Reimbursement :

The State Government shall provide the retired Chief Justice of the Itanagar Bench, Gauhati High Court to engage Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), an amount of ₹ 50,000 per month to be drawn by the High Court. Similarly, the retired Judge or their spouse shall be provided a consolidated amount of ₹ 45, 000 per month for engaging Domestic Helps, Drivers etc.

7. Engagement of a permanent employee of High Court as Domestic Help :

- (i) The retired Chief Justice or a Judge or their spouse may request to avail the services of maximum of two employees working in Group-D services of the High Court, one of whom may be a Driver.
- (ii) If any employee working in Group-D of the High Court furnishes to the Registrar General/Registrar of the High Court Bench, a request in writing to serve a retired Chief Justice or the Judge or their spouse, as the case may be and the services of such employees(s) is/are acceptable to the retired Chief Justice or Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, they may be allowed to work with the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse until the employees(s) attain(s) the age of superannuation and/or so long as the retired Judge or their spouse is entitled to this facility.

Provided that if two employees of the High Court are provided, no reimbursement shall be allowed under Rule-6. In Case, only one employee of the High Court is provided, 50% of the reimbursement shall be payable.

Provided further that the said proviso shall be at the discretion of the Hone'ble Chief Justice of the High Court and subject to availability of staff.

8. Reimburement of cell phone/landline expenses, internet charges, secretarial services and security services :

- (i) The State Government shall provide that retired Chief Justice or Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, an amount of ₹ 15,000 per month towards expense of rental and calls of Mobiles and/or Landline, Internet Service, secretarial services and security service.

Provided that this facility shall not be available if the retired Chief Justice Judge or their spouse, as the case be, has accepted some assignment and has been provided the same facilities under that assignment.

- (ii) The amounts mentioned in Rule-6 and Rule-8 shall be increased by 5% every Second year.
- (iii) These Rules shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other benefits, which are available to retired Judge(s) or their spouse(s)

9. Medical facilities :

- (i) A retired Chief Justice or a Judge and his family shall be entitled to the same medical benefits as are applicable to a sitting judge of the Gauhati High Court and his family or by any rules, orders or notification issued by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh or the Gauhati High court from time to time.
- (ii) A retired Chief Justice or a Judge shall be entitled to take medical treatment in any Hospital/Nursing Home in the country on the basis of a referral by the District Medical Officer or Sub-Divisional Medical Officer or a Doctor having MD degree who has been a medical practitioner for more than 10(ten) years in the place of stay of a retired Judge or the place where the need for medical treatment arises.
- (iii) The medical treatment shall be normally taken in hospital(s) which is empanelled by the State or the Central Government for the City or Town or Village where the retired Chief Justice or a Judge is staying. However, in the event, the category of medical treatment which the retired Chief Justice or a Judge needs, is not available in any empanelled hospital in the Town, City or Village where the retired Judge is staying, the treatment may be taken in any hospital empanelled or not empanelled. In these cases, the retired Chief Justice or a Judge will be entitled to reimbursement, subject to post-facto sanction by the Registrar General/Registrar of the High Court from where such Judge has retired.
- (iv) In case of emergency and in cases where empanelled hospitals are not available in the City or Town or Village where the retired Judge resides, treatment may be taken in any nearest hospital not necessarily Government notified hospital.
- (v) The retired Judge along with their family members shall be extended cashless facilities for medical treatment in all the accredited State Government hospitals/Referrals/Private Institutes in any part of India.
- (vi) Where, a retired Chief Justice or a Judge has been re-employed, the medical facility specified under these rules shall not apply during the period, he or she receives or is entitled to receive any emolument or benefits by virtue of such re-employment.
- (vii) In case, a Judge pre-deceases his or her spouse before or after his or her retirement, the medical facility shall continue to be made available to the spouse and his or her family during his or her life time.
- (viii) The reimbursement in respect of medical entitlements shall be made by the Registrar General or the Registrar of the High Court. For this purpose, the State Government shall provide adequate funds to the High Court.

10. Repeal.

The Government order Vide Memo No. JUD-71/2009 dated 24th January, 2014 providing Medical Facilities for the Retired Judges of Itanagar Permanent Bench of the Gauhati High Court and their Families Rules, 2014; JUD-SC/107/2015 dated 15th February, 2016 extending benefits of driver, security guard and secretarial assistance and Government Notification No. JUD-SC-97/2018 dated 12th July, 2019 extending cashless facilities is hereby repealed.

Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.