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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
Co-operation, Food and Consumer
Protection Department, Chennai.

HIGH COURT OF
JUDICATURE, MADRAS

Applications are invited ONLY THROUGH ONLINE MODE (<https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in>) from Indian Citizens, in the prescribed format, from qualified and eligible candidates for filling up of the following posts sanctioned to the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the State of Tamil Nadu:-

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of Vacancies	Salary
1.	President	30*	As per Rule 3 of the Tamil Nadu Consumer Protection (Salary, Allowances and Conditions of Service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2021.
2.	Member	55*	

*Distribution of vacancies provided in the Annexure.

The candidate who is selected as President/Member may be posted in any District within the State of Tamil Nadu.

Note:- Before filling in the application, the candidates are advised to go through the 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 **AND** the Tamil Nadu Consumer Protection (Salary, Allowances and Conditions of Service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2021.

2. Age:- (as on 01.07.2021)

A Candidate (applying for the post of Member) must have attained the age of 35 years.

Explanation:-

Applicants should not have been born on or after 02.07.1986.

3. Minimum Eligibility :

(a) The candidate applying for the post/s notified above, must necessarily know to read, write and speak Tamil.

(b) **President:-** The Candidate is, or has been, or is qualified to be a District Judge.

(c) **Member:-** The candidate should possess a Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University and 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.

Note:-

(i) As per Rule 4(3) of 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, atleast one member or the President of the District Commission shall be a woman.

(ii) In case of serving officials, they can submit their on-line applications directly, after duly informing their Head of Department / Appointing Authority in writing.

(d) Physically Handicapped candidates who can perform the physical activities mentioned in proviso to Rule 10 of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, alone are eligible to apply.

3. Term of Office:-

The selected President / Member of the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the State of Tamil Nadu shall hold office for a term of four years or upto the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term of four years subject to the age limit of sixty five years, and such reappointment is made on the basis of the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

4. Fees:-

Rs.1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only) for each post.

5. Scheme of Examination:-

The selection of candidates will be based on:

(a) Written Examination (75 marks):

MODE OF EXAMINATION	DURATION	MAXIMUM MARKS	MINIMUM QUALIFYING MARKS
Written Examination (Objective Type – OMR)	2 hours	75	30

The written Examination consists of 75 multiple choice objective type questions. **The question papers will be in bi-lingual i.e, in English and Tamil. In case of any inconsistency between English and Tamil versions of the questions, the English version will prevail over the Tamil version.** The candidates will be called upon for viva-voce test based on the marks secured in the written examination and the marks obtained in the Written Examination shall be taken into account for determining the order of merit for final selection of the candidates.

Syllabus for Written Examination for the post of President:

1. The Constitution of India
2. Civil Procedure Code, 1908
3. The Indian Evidence Act, 1872
4. The Consumer Protection Act, 2019
5. Sale of Goods Act, 1930.
6. Indian Contract Act, 1872
7. Current Affairs / General Knowledge

8. Aptitude test (Abstract Reasoning / Spatial Reasoning / Verbal Ability / Logical and Critical Reasoning / Visual Reasoning / Problem – solving abilities / Decision making and Judgment etc.)

Syllabus for Written Examination for the post of Member:

1. The Consumer Protection Act, 2019
2. Current Affairs / General Knowledge
3. Aptitude test (Abstract Reasoning / Spatial Reasoning / Verbal Ability / Logical and Critical Reasoning / Visual Reasoning / Problem – solving abilities / Decision making and Judgment etc.)

(b) **Viva-voce. (for 25 marks) (minimum qualifying marks 8)**

The candidates for viva-voce will be shortlisted based on the marks secured in the Written Examination in the ratio of 1:5 or such other ratio as may be determined by the Selection Committee. Such shortlisting will be done based on the marks obtained in the written examination, fulfillment of eligibility criteria, experience and achievements of the candidates, as stated by them, with proof, in their applications. The decision of the Selection Committee in this regard shall be final and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

The object of the viva-voce test is to assess the suitability of the candidate, for judging their mental alertness, general knowledge, clear and logical exposition, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character, intellectual depth, his/her tact and ability to handle various situations in the Court / Administrative / Management Skills.

- (c) Hall Ticket for written examination / viva – voce will not be sent by post. The candidates should download the Hall Tickets only from the website <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in>.
- (d) The Government reserves the right either to postpone or cancel this notification at any point of time without assigning any reason.
- (e) No TA / DA / Accommodation / Conveyance will be provided to the Candidates who are required to attend the Written Examination / Oral Test.

6. Certificate of Physical Fitness:-

The candidates selected for appointment to the above posts, will be required to produce a Certificate of Physical Fitness as indicated in the Annexure-B.

7. General Instructions:-

- (a) Any application, even under the Right to Information Act, seeking any information will not be entertained till the completion of the entire Recruitment Process.
- (b) The decision of the Selection Committee in respect of all matters pertaining to this Recruitment Process would be final and binding on all Candidates.
- (c) The information regarding the details of marks awarded to the candidates, heading wise, if any, in the Viva-voce will not be furnished to any one even under RTI.

8. Disqualifications:-

A person shall be disqualified for appointment to the posts notified above, if he –

- (1) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which involved moral turpitude; or
- (2) has been adjudged to be an insolvent; or
- (3) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (4) 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
- (5) has, in the opinion of the State Government, such financial or other interest as is likely to prejudicially affect his functions.

9. Oath of Office and Secrecy:-

Every person appointed as President / Member in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the State of Tamil Nadu shall, before entering upon the office, make and subscribe an oath of office in Form- I and Oath of secrecy in Form-II as annexed to the Tamil Nadu Consumer Protection (Salary, Allowances and Conditions of Service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2021.

The applications are liable to be summarily rejected, without any intimation, if found not conforming to the instructions given herein.

Member-Convener,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection
Department, Chennai – 600 009.

ANNEXURE - A

Sl.No	Name of the District commission	Vacancies for the posts of	
		President	Member
1	Namakkal	1	2
2	Ariyalur	1	2
3	Tiruppur	1	2
4	Krishnagiri	1	2
5	The Nilgris	1	2
6	Chennai (North)	1	2
7	Thanjavur & Pudukottai	1 Thanjavur & Pudukottai	2 (Pudukottai)
8	Tiruvallur	1	2
9	Villupuram	1	2
10	Tuticorin	1	2
11	Tiruvannamalai	1	2
12	Chennai (south)	1	2
13	Trichirapalli	1	2
14	Nagapattinam	1	2
15	Salem	1*	1
16	Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram	1 Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram	2 (Ramanathapuram)
17	Srivilliputhur	1	2
18	Dindugal	1	2
19	Theni	1	2
20	Tiruvarur	1	2
21	Vellore	1	1 + 1*
22	Nagercoil	1	1
23	Madurai	1	2
24	Erode	1	2
25	Perambalur	1	2
26	Karur	1	1
27	Cuddalore	1*	2
28	Coimbatore	1	2
29	Tirunelveli	1	0
30	Chengalpattu	1*	2
	TOTAL	30	55

Note: * Ensuing vacancies [one post of president in Salem, Cuddalore & Chengalpattu District and one post of member in Vellore District] will be filled up as and when vacancy arises.

ANNEXURE – B

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS

I hereby certify that I have examined Shri./Smt./Ms..... and I have not discovered that he/she has any disease (communicable or otherwise), constitutional weakness or bodily infirmity, except I do not consider this a disqualification for his / her for employment as member in the State / District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for a period of four years or up to the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier.

Date:.....

Signature of candidate.

Signature.
Designation.
(Civil Surgeon / District Medical Officer).

COMMON INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
APPLYING FOR THE POSTS OF ‘PRESIDENT’ AND ‘MEMBER’
IN THE DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION
IN THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

(Notification No.03/2021 dated 19.12.2021)

1. **FOR REGISTRATION:** The applicants are required to visit <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> and enter the following details in the ‘Register yourself’ Column:-

1. Email – ID
2. Mobile No
3. Name (As in the School Certificate or Govt. Gazette, if name changed)
4. Create New Password (password should be in alphanumeric, i.e., alphabetic and numeric)
5. Confirm Password
6. Captcha Code

After the applicants have successfully entered all the details, a message will appear in the screen as “You have successfully registered” and activation link will be sent to the Registered e-mail – I.D of the applicants.

The applicants should activate the link sent to their registered e-mail I.D. by clicking the same. The applicants can login to the website by using their registered e-mail id as their user id and created password.

NOTE:

- (i) Applicants are advised to have a valid Mobile Number / valid personal E-mail ID. In case the applicants do not have a valid email ID/Mobile Number, they should create their own email ID and obtain mobile number before applying online and must keep the email account/mobile number active throughout the selection process.
- (ii) The Government / Judicial Recruitment Cell, High Court, Madras will not be responsible in any manner, for non delivery of SMS/email at any stage either due to non-lifting of the mobile phone or if the same is out of coverage area or is out of order due to some technical fault on the part of the candidate or service provider.
- (iii) The Government / Judicial Recruitment Cell, High Court, Madras

	will not be responsible in case of any communication not reaching the applicant due to defect in given address, email ID, mobile number, etc.
2.	<p><u>(i) STEP ONE (PERSONAL INFORMATION):</u> The applicants shall fill their personal information as required in the application form. They shall upload their scanned copy of passport size photograph of high contrast and their full signature in Tamil or English. After submitting the personal information, the candidate shall select ‘SAVE/NEXT STEP’ button to complete step-1 and proceed to step-2.</p> <p><u>Note:-</u> (For photograph, the size of the file should be between 20 KB and 50 KB with dimensions of 230 pixels height and 200 pixels width. For signature, it should be between 10 KB and 20 KB with dimensions of 60 pixels height and 140 pixels width)</p>
	<p><u>(ii) STEP TWO (EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION DETAILS):</u> The applicants shall fill the educational particulars as required in the application form. After submitting the educational particulars and uploading the necessary educational, professional documents, service particulars, experience certificate in the enlisted fields / experience in bar and any other accomplishments/information, they shall select “SAVE/NEXT STEP” button to complete step -2 and proceed to step-3.</p>
	<p><u>(iii) STEP THREE (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION):</u> The applicants shall fill the Additional information as required in the application form. After submitting the requisite particulars, they shall select “SAVE/NEXT STEP” button to complete step -3 and proceed to step-4</p>
	<p><u>(iv) STEP FOUR (DECLARATION):</u> The applicants shall fill the declarations as required in the application form. After completing the declaration form, they shall select “NEXT STEP” button to complete step -4.</p>
	<p><u>(v) STEP FIVE (CONFIRM YOUR DETAILS):</u></p> <p>(i) On completion of step-4, the details furnished by the applicants in steps 1 to 4 appear on the screen as preview. The applicants shall carefully peruse the details furnished and confirm the same by selecting “SUBMIT” button.</p> <p>(ii) Before proceeding to next step, if the applicant intends to make any correction or modification in the details furnished in the previous step, they can select “PREVIOUS STEP” and make necessary modification.</p> <p>(iii) When the applicants choose “SUBMIT” button, a pop up dialogue box will appear and indicate to the applicants that if they choose to select “OK” option, they will not be permitted to make any alterations/changes or edit the details provided by them and if the applicants want to edit the information provided by them, they shall select the “CLOSE” option to cancel and go back to previous steps.</p>

For payment of examination fee, a dialogue box with three options namely, **1.View, 2. Download Challan, 3. Upload challan** will appear and under the status column, “application is submitted, payment pending” will appear.

The applicants shall select the “**download**” challan option. A challan containing the required details of the applicant will be generated automatically. The applicant shall take the printout of the challan and shall make the payment, following the procedure mentioned in ‘**Mode of Payment of examination fees**’ below.

MODE OF PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES:-

After submission of application, the applicant shall take printout of 'Challan' that is generated and remit the requisite fees along with service charges levied by the “**Indian Bank**” before the last date prescribed for remittance of fee, at any branch of Indian Bank. The branch concerned will retain the Bank Copy of the 'Challan' and return the “Applicant Copy and High Court’s Copy” to the applicant, which shall be retained by the applicant and cited for all future references/disputes regarding the payment of fee and produce the same as and when required.

- (iv) After making payment, the applicants shall select the Upload challan option and fill the particulars of the challan and upload the copy of the same (in JPEG picture format)(**size:below 150kb**) to complete the process. On completion, a message that “**the application has been successfully submitted**” will appear on the screen.
- (v) The applicants who wish to peruse and take printout of their filled-in application form shall select the view option and download their application in PDF form.
- (vi) The applicants need not send the print out of the application form to the undersigned or to the Judicial Recruitment Cell, High Court, Madras.

NOTE:

All the particulars mentioned in the online application including name of the applicant, post applied for, educational qualifications, date of birth, address, e-mail ID etc. will be considered as final and no modification will be allowed after submission of the online application. Since certain fields are mandatory and cannot be edited, applicants are requested to fill the online application form with utmost care and caution as no correspondence regarding change of details will be entertained.

3. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(a) The candidate will be supplied with Question Booklet 10 minutes before commencement of the Examination. Before writing or shading the answer, candidate should ensure that all the questions are there in seriatim without any omission and there are no blank pages in Question Booklet. Correct Booklet Series number which is used by the applicant should be written in OMR Answer Sheet. If any defect is noticed in the Question Booklet or OMR Sheet after the commencement of Examination, it will not be replaced.

(b) Candidates should carry only Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black) and Hall Ticket inside the examination Hall. Other materials are not allowed into the examination hall.

(c) Candidates must write their Register Number in the space provided in the Question Booklet.

(d) Candidates should not remove or tear off any sheet from the Question Booklet and they are not allowed to take the Question Booklet and the Answer Sheet out of the Examination Hall during the time of examination. Candidates would be permitted to take the Question Booklet only after the Examination is completed.

(e) Personalized OMR Answer Sheet of the Candidates will be supplied by the Room Invigilator for answering the Questions. Candidate must shade their Question Booklet number and question booklet series in the space provided, without fail, with Blue or Black ink Ball point pen only.

(f) The Optical Mark Reader (OMR) Answer sheet should be handled carefully by the candidates. They are advised not to fold, wrinkle, damage or tear OMR sheet under any circumstances. Further, the candidates are advised not to scribble or make any marks in the OMR sheet except for marking the answers at the appropriate place. Moreover, candidates are advised to fill up information and darken all the Relevant Bubbles on the OMR Answer sheet carefully. They will not be given a second blank Optical Mark Reader (OMR) answer sheet under any circumstances. Any violation of these instructions will automatically lead to the invalidation of the OMR Answer sheet.

(g) If any wrong entry is made while filling up/darkening the Question Booklet Numbers/Series, Penalty will be awarded as the Judicial Recruitment Cell, High Court, Madras as deems fit.

(h) Candidate must affix his/her signature in the box provided in the OMR Answer Sheet.

(i) Please ensure that you have returned the OMR Answer Sheet to the Invigilator before leaving the Examination Hall after examination.

(j) In case of any ambiguity with respect to darkening of bubbles, the decision of the Judicial Recruitment Cell, High Court, Madras is final.

(k) Candidates are advised to mark only one bubble for each question in the OMR Sheet and shall not use tick mark or cross mark (✓ or X) in the bubble. Multiple marking will be treated as invalid, even if one of such shaded answer is correct.

(l) Applicants should shade the answer field (answer bubble) of OMR answer sheet completely, otherwise the answer will not be validated.

(m) If the question booklet number shaded by the candidate is not read by the OMR scanner, which may be due to improper or absence of shading of Question Booklet Number by the candidates, such answer sheets cannot be subjected to evaluation. Therefore, the said answer sheets will be invalidated.

(n) The answer sheet will be invalidated if the box for 'Question Booklet Series' is not shaded or incorrectly shaded in the OMR answer sheet and could not be identified even by physical verification of the answer sheet.

(o) Borrowing of any material, instruments from other candidates during the Exam session is strictly prohibited.

(p) Candidates are strictly prohibited from involving in any indiscipline or irregular practices like, consulting with other candidates, copying, allowing the other candidates to copy from their answer paper, carrying notes, seeking the help of an Invigilator / any outsider, etc. Any violation would lead to the candidates being expelled from the Examination Hall and invalidation of their Answer sheets. They will also be debarred from the present and future examinations.

(q) No candidate except physically handicapped candidate will be allowed to exceed the time limit allotted for answering the paper and no candidates will be allowed to leave the Examination hall before the closing time of the examination.

(r) At the end of the examination, OMR Answer Sheet should be returned to the Invigilator. Candidates are prohibited from taking with them, from the examination hall, any used / unused answer sheet / answer book supplied to them.

(s) It is cautioned that the candidates are required to write their Register No. only in the space provided for that purpose at the first cover-page. Writing of, his/her own name or roll no. or any mark of identification in any form or any Number or name or mark, by which the OMR answer sheet/ answer-book of a candidate may be distinguished/ identified from others, in any space other than the one provided for, is strictly prohibited and shall, in addition to other grounds, entail cancellation of

his/her candidature and withholding of his/her result, without assigning any reason. Any correspondence, in this regard, will not be entertained.

(t) Using Whitener / Blade / Eraser or any kind of tampering to change the answers in the OMR answer sheet will lead to invalidation.

4. INFORMATION UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT AND CLAIM FOR REVALUATION / RE-TOTALLING

(a)	No information will be furnished to anybody with regard to the recruitment, until the completion of the entire selection process.
(b)	Information regarding the details of the Evaluators / officers who scrutinized the application/certificates of the candidates /appeared for the viva voce will not be provided.
(c)	No candidate will be permitted to peruse/obtain copies of the answer sheets of the Written Examination (OMR Answer sheets) till finalization of the recruitment process.
(d)	Request for Re-valuation and Re-totalling of marks in the Written Examination will not be entertained.
(e)	Marks secured by the candidates in Viva-voce under various heads of assessment, if any, will not be furnished.

5 INSTRUCTIONS TO PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CANDIDATES

(a)	Physically challenged candidates have to appear for the Written Examination, Viva-voce on their own and no scribe is provided / permitted
(b)	In the Written Examination, additional time of 40 minutes (i.e., 20 minutes per hour) is allowed to candidates with benchmark disability to complete the Written Examination. However, no additional time is permitted for Viva-voce.
