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1. Short title and commencement.

(1) These rules may be called the Orissa Panchayati Raj Election Commission (Appointment, Condition of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Rules, 1994. (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definition.

- Unless the context otherwise requires- (a) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Orissa Public Service Commission; (b) "Commissioner" means the State Election Commissioner, appointed under Article 243-K of the Constitution; (c) "Civil Servant" means and includes a member of the All-India Service or State Civil Service.

3. Qualification for appointment as the Election Commissioner.

(1) No person shall be qualified for being appointed as the Commissioner; if he is not-(a) a retired Judge of the High Court; or (b) a retired District Judge; or (c) a retired Civil Servant; or (d) a Serving Civil Servant. (2) If a person, immediately before his appointment, was under employment as a Civil Servant under the State or Central Government, he shall be deemed to have demitted his office as such with effect from the date of his appointment as Commissioner.

4. Term of office.

(1) The tenure of the office of the Commissioner shall be three years till the Commissioner attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-rule (1), the Commissioner may, by writing under his hand, addressed to the Governor, resign from his office at any time.

5. Oath of allegiance.

- The Commissioner shall, before entering upon his office, make an oath or affirmation of his allegiance to the Constitution in the following form, namely: "Ihaving been appointed as the State Election Commissioner, swear in the name of God solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter."

6. Salary and allowances.

(1) The Commissioner shall be entitled to a consolidated salary of Rs. 8,000 (Rupees eight thousand) per month minus pension if any including the commuted amount. (2) Perquisites of the office of the Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Chairman. (3) The Commissioner shall be entitled to Travelling Allowances or Daily Allowances for his journeys on tour at par with the Chairman. (4) The Commissioner shall be entitled to leave and pension at the same scale, rate and in the same manner as that of the Chairman.

7. Filling of casual vacancy.

- The casual vacancy in the office of the Commissioner due to death, resignation, removal or otherwise shall be filled up by the Governor by fresh appointment in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

8. Interim period to be within the term of office.

- The term of office of the Commissioner shall be deemed to include any period which may elapse between the date on which the Commissioner ceases to be in office and the date from which the succeeding Commissioner enters upon office.

9. Power to remove difficulties.

(1) If any doubt or difficulty arises in implementing these rules the Governor may, subject to the proviso of Clause (2) of Article 243-K, by order, published in the Official Gazette, make orders, as may be necessary, for removing the doubt or difficulty. (2) Every order made under this rule shall be laid before the State Legislature as soon as may be after it is made.