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The Commissions of Inquiry (Madhya Pradesh) Rules, 1981Published vide Notification No. 1503-1(1), dated the 22nd June, 1981, Published in M.P. Rajpatra, (Extraordinary), pages 1076-78In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 12 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (No. 60 of 1952), the State Government hereby makes the following Rules namely :-

### 1. Short title, commencement and application.

(1)These rules may be called The Commissions of Inquiry (Madhya Pradesh) Rules, 1981.(2)They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.(3)They shall apply to a Commission of Inquiry appointed by the State Government under Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (No. 60 of 1952) :-(a)after the publication of these rules in the Official Gazette;(b)before the publication of these rules in the Official Gazette and functioning on the date of such publication.[Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, a Commission may make variations for purposes of convenience or consistency with past procedure :Provided that such variations do not result in any substantial departure from these rules] [Inserted by Notification No. 1692-13-1-81-1 (i)-1876, dated 7-7-81.].

### 2. Definitions.

- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-(a)"Assessor" means an assessor appointed under these rules;(b)"Commission" means a Commission, of Inquiry appointed by the State Government under Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

### **3. Election of a Presiding officer for a meeting.**

(1)Where a Commission consists of 3 or more members, then during the temporary absence of the Chairman thereof, the members present and participating in its proceedings, may elect one member from amongst themselves, to preside, for the time being in respect of the said proceedings.(2)The member who presides temporarily under sub-rule (1) shall not be deemed to be the Chairman of the Commission.

### **4. The issue and service of summons.**

(1)A Commission may issue summons to person whose attendance before it may be required either to give evidence or to produce documents.(2)Every summons issued by a Commission shall be in duplicate and shall be signed by the Chairman thereof or by such person as he may empower in this behalf, it shall be sealed with the seal of the Commission and shall specify the time and place at which the person summoned is required to attend and also whether his attendance is required for the purpose of giving evidence or to produce a document, or for both the purposes.(3)A person may be summoned to produce a document, without being summoned to give evidence, and any person summoned merely to produce a document shall be deemed to have complied with the summons if he causes such document to be produced instead of attending personally to produce the same.(4)A summons to produce documents, may be for the production of all documents of a certain description in the possession or control of the person summoned.(5)Every summons shall be served by sending it by post to the person, for whom it is intended or in such other manner as the Commission may direct.(6)The provisions of sub-rules (1) to (5) shall apply, as far as may be, to every other process issued by a Commission.

### **5. Procedure of inquiry.**

(1)A Commission may sit in public or in private as it thinks fit :Provided that a Commission shall sit in private on a request being made by the State Government in that behalf.(2)A Commission shall, as soon as may be after its appointment,-(a)issue a notice to every person, who in its opinion should be given an opportunity of being heard in the inquiry, to furnish to the Commission a statement relating to such matters as may be specified in the notice;(b)issue a notification, to be published in such manner as it may deem fit, inviting all persons acquainted with the subject-matter of the inquiry to furnish to the Commission a statement relating to such matters as may be specified in the notification;(c)may ask the parties to file rejoinders.(3)Every statement furnished under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) shall be accompanied by an affidavit in support of the facts set out in the statement sworn by the person furnishing the statement.(4)Every person furnishing a statement under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) shall also furnish to the Commission along with the statement a list of the documents, if any, on which he proposes to rely and forward to the Commission, wherever practicable, the originals or true copies of such of the documents as may be in his possession or control and shall state name and address of the person from whom the remaining documents may be obtained.(5)[(a) The Commission shall examine all statements and rejoinders, if any, furnished to it under clauses (b) and (c) of sub-rule (2) and if, after examination, the Commission considers it necessary to record evidence, it may record the evidence,(i)produced by the State Government, if

any;(ii)of any person who has furnished a statement under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) and whose evidence the Commission, having regard, to the statement, considers relevant for the purpose of the inquiry; and(iii)of any other person whose evidence in the opinion of the Commission, is relevant to the inquiry, in such order as it may deem fit:Provided that the Commission may dispense, with the attendance of any person for the purpose of giving evidence before it, if in its opinion-(i)such attendance cannot be enforced except by causing undue hardship or inconvenience to that person;(ii)such attendance should be dispensed with for any other sufficient reason to be recorded by it in writing.](b)If, after all the evidence is recorded under clause (a), the Commission is satisfied that it is necessary for the proper determination of any relevant fact to do so, it may recall any witness already examined or examine any new witness.(c)The parties other than the one which examines a witness, and in the case of a witness of the Commission all the parties, may be allowed to cross-examine a witness unless the Commission, for reasons to be recorded, orders otherwise.(6)Travelling and other expenses as the Commission may deem reasonable shall be paid to a person who is summoned to assist the Commission at the stage of preliminary investigation or to give evidence or to produce documents before a Commission.(7)The Commission shall have the powers of a Civil Court to make local investigation, either personally or through any person duly authorised by it, into any matters falling within its terms of reference.(8)A Commission shall have the power to regulate its own procedure in respect of any matters for which no provision is made in these Rules.

## **6. Appointment of Assessors.**

(a)The State Government or with the previous approval of the State Government, a Commission, may from time to time, appoint one or more assessors to assist and advise the Commission on any matter connected with the inquiry.(b)It shall be the duty of the assessors to assist and advise the Commission on any matter on which the Commission may consult them in the course of its inquiry :Provided that the advice tendered by the assessors shall not be binding on the Commission.(c)The Commission shall have the power to regulate the manner in which it may consult the assessors.(d)The State Government or with the previous approval of the State Government, the Commission, may determine the travelling allowance, daily allowance and other incidental expenses that may be paid to such assessors.

## **7. Retention of records.**

- The report of a Commission and the papers relating to its secretariat, its establishment matters and all other matters handled by or in the Commission including the evidence tendered before the Commission shall be preserved in tact by the Commission and shall be remitted with the Report of the Commission.[Substituted by Notification No. F-14-39-85-P&A-R-EC-I, dated 1-10-1985 (w.e.f. 27-9-1985).]