

**Directorate of Consumer Protection,
Food and Consumer Protection Department,
Bihar, Patna**

Advertisement for appointment against the vacant posts of Member in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission) and Presidents and Members in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (District Commissions) as per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and 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.

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As per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 and 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 Selection Committee's decision taken in meeting dtd. 18.08.2022, Directorate of Consumer Protection, Department of Food and Consumer Protection, Bihar, Patna invites online applications from eligible candidates, who are citizens of India, for the appointment against 28 vacant posts of Member in the State Commission and President and Members in the District Commissions in the State of Bihar. Detailed guidelines for filling in the online application are displayed on the website of Department of Food and Consumer Protection at <https://state.bihar.gov.in/fcp>.

1. Vacancies:

1.1 Number of vacancies of Judicial Member in the State Commission – 01 (with effect from 29.11.2022)

1.2 Number of vacant posts of President and Members in District Commissions - 27

1.2.1 At least one Member or President in a District Commission shall be a woman.

1.2.2 Details of vacant posts of President in District Commission:

Sl.	Name of District	Number of vacant posts for President
1	Vaishali	01
2	East Champaran	01 (with effect from 31.12.2022)
3	Madhubani	01
4	Jamui	01 (with effect from 06.11.2022)
Total		04

1.2.3 Details of vacant posts of Member in District Commission:

Sl.	Name of District	Number of vacant posts for Members
1	East Champaran	01
2	Patna	01 (reserved for Female)
3	Bhojpur	01 (reserved for Female)
4	Siwan	01 (reserved for Female)
5	Gopalganj	01 (reserved for Female)
6	Darbhanga	01 (reserved for Female)
7	Madhubani	01 (reserved for Female)
8	Samastipur	01 (reserved for Female)
9	Madhepura	01 (reserved for Female)
10	Kishanganj	01 (reserved for Female)
11	Katihar	01 (reserved for Female)
12	Munger	01 (reserved for Female)
13	Khagaria	01 (reserved for Female)
14	Begusarai	01 (reserved for Female) (with effect from 31.12.2022)
15	Lakhisarai	01 (reserved for Female)
16	Sheikhpura	01 (reserved for Female)
17	Jamui	01 (reserved for Female)
18	Bhagalpur	01 (reserved for Female)
19	Banka	01 (reserved for Female)
20	Saharsa	02 (01 post reserved for Female)
21	Purnia	02 (01 post reserved for Female)
Total		23

2. Eligibility: -

2.1 Eligibility for Judicial Member of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission/ State Commission:

- (a) Age limit - As on 01.04.2022, not less than 40 years and not more than 65 years.
- (b) An experience of at least ten years as presiding officer of a district court or of any tribunal at equivalent level or combined service as such in the district court and tribunal:

Provided that not more than fifty percent of such members shall be appointed.

2.2 Eligibility for the President of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (District Commission):

- (a) Age limit: - Not to exceed 65 years as on 01.04.2022.
- (b) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as President, unless he is, or has been , or is qualified to be a District Judge.

2.3 Eligibility for Members of the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (District Commission):

- (a) Age limit - Not less than 35 years and not more than 65 years as on 01.04.2022.
- (b) Possesses a bachelor's degree from a recognized University; and
- (c) A person of ability, integrity and repute, 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 .

3. Disqualification for appointment of Members of State Commission and President and Members of District Commission:

- 3.1 A person shall be disqualified for appointment as Member of the State Commission or President or Member of District Commission, if he:
 - (a) has been prosecuted for any offense involving moral turpitude and received a sentence of imprisonment; or
 - (b) has been declared insolvent; or
 - (c) is of unsound mind and stands declared so by a competent court; or
 - (d) has been removed or dismissed from the service of the State Government or Central Government or body corporate owned or controlled by such Government; or
 - (e) has, in the opinion of the State Government, such financial or other interest as is likely to prejudicially affect his functions as the President or a Member.

4. Tenure of the Member of State Commission and Presidents and Members of the District Commission:

- 4.1 The Member of the State Commission and President and Members of the District

Commissions shall be appointed for a term of four years or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, and will be eligible for re-appointment for another term of four years subject to the age limit of 65 years.

5. Salaries and allowances payable to the Members of the State Commission and Presidents and Members of District Commission:

5.1 Payment of salary and allowances to the Members of the State Commission and Presidents and Members of the District Commissions shall be payable as per the provisions of 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.

6. Each applicant can apply against only one vacant post in the State Commission or District Commission. In case of applying against a vacant post in the District Commission, each applicant can apply for a single district only.

7. The timeline and other instructions related to filling up the online application form are as follows:-

I	Date of commencement of online application	01-09-2022
II	Last date of submission online application	15-09-2022 (Till 05:00 pm.)

7.1 Apart from qualifications mentioned in this advertisement, any other type of qualifications / exemptions shall not be admissible. The entire process of selection shall be based on online applications and attachments and verification thereof.

7.2 Representation for any kind for correction / change shall not be entertained for any kind of error in the entry made by the applicant in filling up of online application.

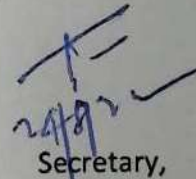
7.3 If any error is found during matching of the original certificates / mark sheets against the information provided/documents uploaded during online application, the candidature shall be cancelled.

7.4 It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to keep secure the e-mail id/ mobile number mentioned in the online application and the user name and password received. Information shall be given to applicants through online system / email / electronic message. No written correspondence shall be entertained/made.

7.5 The Selection Committee shall not be responsible for internet glitches/ disturbances of any kind. So Applicants are advised to not to wait for the last date and complete the entire process before the last date.

7.6 Applicants shall scan their recent signed photograph and signature in English and upload the same in the space specified in the online application along with scanned copies of specified self attested documents. Applicants shall satisfy themselves that the images of uploaded photograph, signature in English as well as uploaded documents are clear.

- 7.7 Only those eligibility certificates shall be valid, which the applicant has mentioned and uploaded in the original online application form. Uploading of self-attested certificates along with online application is mandatory.
- 7.8 It shall be mandatory for the applicant to produce all the required certificates in original for verification when required. If original certificates are not presented when required, the candidature shall be considered cancelled and the decision of the selection committee shall be final and binding.
- 7.9 All information related to this advertisement shall be published on the department's website <https://state.bihar.gov.in/fcp>. No separate information in newspapers shall be published.
- 7.10 No printed, typed, hand written application or any certificate/document shall be accepted by any means other than the online application prescribed for this advertisement. Also, incomplete, vague, unsigned and late applications shall be rejected.
- 7.11 Every appointment of a President or member shall be subject to submission of a certificate of physical fitness duly signed by a civil surgeon or District Medical Officer as per 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.
- 7.12 Before appointment, the selected candidate shall furnish an undertaking that he does not and will not have any such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a President or member.



Secretary,

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