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PART-III

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
(CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 9th September, 2026

No.G.S.R.54/C.A.35/2019/S.102/Amd.(1)/2026.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 102 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (Central Act No. 35 of 2019), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Punjab Consumer Protection (Salary, allowances and conditions of service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2021, namely: -

RULES

1. (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Consumer Protection (Salary, allowances and conditions of service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) (Amendment) Rules, 2026.
(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Punjab Consumer Protection (Salary, allowances and conditions of service of President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), for rule 5, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-
“5. Salaries and allowances payable and leave admissible to the President and members of District Commission.- (1) The President of the District Commission shall be entitled to receive the pay and allowances as admissible to a District Judge in Super-time scale of pay.
(2) A member of the District Commission shall be entitled to receive the pay and allowances as admissible to a District Judge in Selection Grade at entry level.
(3) The ‘last pay drawn’ by the Presidents or members, as the case may be, of the District Commission shall be protected, in the event it is higher than the pay and allowances prescribed under these rules.

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- (4) The Presidents or members, as the case may be, of the District Commission shall be entitled to draw the pay minus pension, if any, admissible to them.
- (5) There shall be an annual upward revision of the pay of the President and member of the District Commission at the rate of three percent.
- (6) The President of the District Commission shall be entitled to leaves as admissible to the District Judge in Super-time scale of pay.
- (7) A member of the District Commission shall be entitled to leaves as admissible to the District Judge in Selection Grade at entry level.”
3. In the said rules, for rule 6, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-
- “6. Salaries and allowances payable and leave admissible to President and members of the State Commission.- (1) The President of the State Commission shall be entitled to receive the salary, allowances and other perquisites as are admissible to a sitting judge of the High Court of the State.
- (2) A member of the State Commission shall be entitled to receive the pay and allowances as admissible to a District Judge in Super-time scale of pay.
- (3) The ‘last pay drawn’ by the President or members, as the case may be, of the State Commission shall be protected, in the event it is higher than the pay and allowances prescribed under these rules.
- (4) The President or members, as the case may be, of the State Commission shall be entitled to draw the pay minus pension, if any, admissible to them.
- (5) There shall be an annual upward revision of the pay of the member of the State Commission at the rate of three percent.
- (6) A member of the State Commission shall be entitled to leaves as admissible to the District Judge in Super-time scale of pay.”
4. In the said rules, rules 9, 10, 11 and 12 shall be omitted.

Sd/-

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PART-III

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS
(HOME-6 BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 11th September, 2026

No.S.O.43/C.A.18/2016/S.4/2026.- Whereas the use of Aadhaar number to establish identity enables individuals to receive Saanjh services in a convenient and seamless manner, obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency;

And whereas, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, after consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), has allowed vide its letter eF. No. 13(4)/2020-EG-II (Vol-X), dated the 17th March, 2026 to the Department of Home Affairs, Government of Punjab (hereinafter referred to as the said Department), for the purposes prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), to perform Aadhaar authentication on a voluntary basis for establishing the identity of residents availing services of Punjab Police and officials of the Government of Punjab for administrative purposes;

And whereas, the Aadhaar authentication shall be performed for identity verification of residents of State of Punjab availing police services through Punjab Police Saanjh Platforms (hereinafter referred to as the said purpose) and the performance of Aadhaar authentication for the said purpose shall be on voluntary basis and the said Department shall perform authentication only for the following use cases:

- Tenant Verification
- Passport Verification
- Arms License Verification (new and renewal)
- Employee Verification
- Servant/Domestic Help Verification
- Service Verification for Government Employees
- Police Clearance Certificate (PCC)
- Character Certificate
- Reporting of Loss of Articles
- No Objection Certificate (NOC)
- FIR Registration

Now, therefore, in pursuance of rule 5 of the said rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 18 of 2016) the said Department hereby notifies the following, namely:-

1. (1) The said Department shall obtain the consent of the Aadhaar number holder before performing authentication.
(2) Aadhaar authentication shall be voluntary. The said Department shall inform individuals of alternate and viable means of identification, and no service shall be denied for refusal or inability to undergo Aadhaar authentication. The alternate identification documents include:
 - (a) Voter Identity Card
 - (b) Passport
 - (c) Driving License
 - (d) Any Government-issued valid photo identity document
2. The said Department shall ensure compliance with all provisions of the said Aadhaar Act, Rules, Regulations, and directions issued by UIDAI.
3. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Sd/-

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Department of Home Affairs.