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MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

### NOTIFICATION

The 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

**No.LB.6/LA/2023/62.**—The following order of the Governor of Meghalaya dated **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**, is published for general information:-

“Raj Bhavan  
Shillong  
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8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

### ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred by **Clause (1) of Article 174** of the Constitution of India, I, Chandrashekhara H. Vijayashankar, Governor of Meghalaya, hereby summon the **Autumn Session** of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly to meet at **10:00 A.M.** on Monday, the **8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025** in the **Assembly Chamber at Rilbong, Shillong.**

**CHANDRASHEKHAR H. VIJAYASHANKAR,**  
Governor of Meghalaya”.

**ANDREW SIMONS,**  
Commissioner & Secretary,  
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.



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**NOTIFICATION**

The 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

**No.LJ(A)23/85/Pt.II/178.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to article 309 read with article 233 of the Constitution of India, the Government of Meghalaya in consultation with the High Court of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Meghalaya Judicial Service Rules, 2006 hereinafter referred to as principle rules namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) These rules may be called the Meghalaya Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025.  
(2) They shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Rule 8** - (1) In column 3 of point (ii) of Sl. 1 for Grade I Officer, in between the words "*merit cum seniority*" and "*by the High Court*" the words "*and passing a suitable test*" shall be inserted.  
(2) The existing mode of recruitment as contained in column 3 and 4 against item 2 for Grade II and in column 3 and 4 for Grade III shall be substituted as follows:

Sl. No. 1	Cadre 2	Method of Recruitment 3	Qualification age limit, etc. 4
2	Grade-II	(a) By promotion from the cadre of Grade-III selected by the High Court on the basis of criteria indicated in Schedule E. (b) 10 (ten) percent of the posts by promotion strictly on the basis of merit through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LCDE) of Grade III Judicial Officers appointed under the Meghalaya Judicial Service Rules, 2006 conducted by the High Court as specified in Schedule B of these Rules.	5(a) Must have been a cadre of Grade III for a period not less than five years. (b) Must have a minimum of 3 years service as Grade III Judicial Officer.

3	Grade-III	By direct recruitment on the basis of aggregate marks obtained in a competitive examination conducted through the High Court as indicated in Schedule B of the Rules.	<p>(a) Must be a holder of degree in law granted by a recognised University established by law in India.</p> <p>(b) Must not have attained the age of 35 years.</p> <p>(c) Must not have completed, as on the last date fixed for receipt of applications 38 years of age in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes and 35 years of age in the case of others.</p> <p>(d) The candidates must have practiced for a minimum period of 3 (three) years.</p> <p><i>Explanation -</i></p> <p>(i) The number of years of practice will be calculated from the date of their provisional enrolment/ registration with the concerned State Bar Council.</p> <p>(ii) The candidate must produce a certificate duly certified either by the Principal Judicial Officer of the concerned Court in which he/she has practiced or by an advocate practicing in the concerned Court having a minimum standing of 10 years duly endorsed by the Principal Judicial Officer of such District or a Principal Judicial Officer at such station.</p> <p>(iii) Candidates who are practicing before the High Court or the Supreme Court of India shall produce a certificate duly certified by an advocate who has a minimum standing of 10 years duly endorsed by an officer designated by the concerned High Court or the Supreme Court of India.</p> <p>(iv) In the case of candidates who has worked as Law Clerks with any of the Judges or Judicial Officers in the country, the number of months/years of experience as Law Clerk will be considered while calculating the total number of years of practice.</p>
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**Amendment of Schedule B** - (1) The existing *clause 2* of Schedule B shall be re-numbered as *clause 3* and a *new clause 2* shall be inserted as follows:

"2. *The Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for recruitment to Grade II of the Service shall be held at such intervals as determined by the High Court in accordance with the following syllabus.*"

(2) In the existing clause 2 (iv.a) of Schedule B of the principle rule, the figure "100" shall be substituted with the figure "150".

(3) In clause 3, the existing first paragraph shall be omitted.

(4) In existing clause I (ii), i.e. Paper-II the subject "*Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)*" shall be included.

**Amendment of Schedule E** - (1) The existing Sl. 2 for promotion from Grade III to Grade II shall be substituted as follows:

(i) *Merit-cum-Seniority and passing a suitability test.*

(ii) *ACR's of last five years are to be considered and officers having minimum 'Two Good' Grading in ACR 's will be considered provided their integrity and character is beyond doubt or there is no doubt.*

(iii) *Inspection report of the court or the officer, made by the Portfolio/Administrative Judge during the preceding 5 (five) years.*

(iv) *Assessment of the officer made by the Selection Committee based on the following factors:*

(a) *Whether the candidate possesses updated knowledge of law.*

(b) *The quality of judgements rendered by the officer.*

(c) *Disposal rate in the preceding five years.*

(d) *General perception and awareness as also communication skills.*

(v) *Performance of the officer in viva voce.*

(2) The existing Sl. 2 for promotion from Grade II to Grade I shall be substituted as follows:

(i) *Merit-cum-Seniority and passing a suitability test.*

(ii) *ACR's of last five years are to be considered and officers having minimum 'Three Good' Grading out of five will be considered.*

(iii) *Must have completed 5 (five) years of Service in the Grade.*

(iv) *Inspection report of the court or the officer, made by the Portfolio/Administrative Judge during the preceding 5 (five) years.*

(v) *Assessment of the officer made by the Selection Committee based on the following factors:*

(a) *Whether the candidate possesses updated knowledge of law.*

(b) *The quality of judgements rendered by the officer.*

(c) *Disposal rate in the preceding five years.*

(d) *General perception and awareness as also communication skills.*

(vi) *Performance of the officer in viva-voce.*

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1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) These rules may be called the Meghalaya Higher Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025.  
  
(2) They shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Rule 7** - (1) In the existing rule 7(a) the figure and word "65 (sixty five)" shall be substituted by the figure and word "50 (fifty)" and the words "strictly on the basis of merit" shall be substituted by the words "merit cum seniority and passing a suitability test".  
  
(2) In the existing rule 7(b), the figure and word "10 (ten)" shall be substituted by the figure and word "25 (twenty five)".  
  
(3) The existing explanation for sub rule (c) of rule 7 shall be numbered as "(ii)" and a new explanation (i) for sub rule (b) of rule 7 shall be inserted as follows:  
  
*"(i) To appear in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for promotion from cadre of Civil Judge (Sr. Div) to the Higher Judicial Service, the candidate should have a minimum of 3 years' service as a Civil Judge (Sr. Div) and the total service including service rendered as Civil Judge (Jr. Div) and Civil Judge (Sr. Div) should be minimum of 7 years' service."*
3. **Amendment of Rule 8** - (1) The existing sub clause (iii) of Rule 8 shall be substituted as follows:  
  
"(iii) Assessment of the Officer shall be made by the Selection Committee based on the following factors:  
  
(a) Whether the candidate possesses the updated knowledge of law:

- (b) *The quality of judgements rendered by the officer;*
  - (c) *Disposal rate in the preceding five years;*
  - (d) *General perception and awareness as also communication skills."*
- (2) After sub clause (iii) of Rule 8, a new sub clause (iv) shall be inserted.

"(iv) *Performance of the officer in viva-voce*".

- 4. Amendment of Schedule B** - (1) In the existing clause 1 (iii.a) of Schedule B of the principle rule, the figure "100" shall be substituted with the figure "150".
- (2) In clause 2, the existing first paragraph shall be omitted.
- (3) In Schedule B, clause 1 (iii) i.e. Paper-II the subject "*Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)*, *Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)* and *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)*" shall be included.

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