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## PART-IIB

### THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA

#### SHILLONG

#### NOTIFICATION

The 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**No.HCM.II/22/2021-Estt/131.** - Subject to admissibility of leave to be certified by the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong, Smti. Swapna G. Momin, Special Judge (POCSO), West Garo Hills District, Tura is granted earned leave on private affairs for a period of 5 (five) days w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, *prefixing* 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 and *suffixing* 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2026 being holidays as admissible under the Rules.

The Officer would have continued to hold the post but for her proceeding on leave and there is every likelihood of her returning to the same or a similar post on expiry of the leave.

During her absence, urgent matters shall be taken up by Smti. N.M. Sangma, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, West Garo Hills District, Tura or Judicial Officers authorized by her in addition to their own duties.

By Order,

Registrar (Judicial Service)

The 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026.

**HCM.II/85/2016/Estt/Pt.II/19.** - With the approval of the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya, the 'Scheme for Engaging of Legal Research Assistants in the High Court of Meghalaya' (amended as on 22.05.2026) is hereby notified and shall come into force with immediate effect.

By Order,

REGISTRAR GENERAL

**SCHEME FOR ENGAGING LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTS IN  
THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA  
(Amended as on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026)**

WHEREAS Legal Research Assistants are required to be attached to the Hon'ble Judges in the High Court to assist in day to day work e.g., searching out case law, articles, papers; taking down notes of arguments and preparing notes on facts of the case; preparing of speech/ articles etc. as also in some of the administrative matters, which add to and enrich the knowledge and experience of concerned Legal Research Assistant also;

AND WHEREAS sanction of a total number of **6 (six)** posts of Legal Research Assistants on fixed honorarium basis, for their attachment with Hon'ble the Chief Justice and with the Hon'ble Judges, has been issued by the Government of Meghalaya under Notification No. **LJ(A)19/2005/273 dated Shillong, the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016** and Notification No. **LJ(A) 19/2005/613 dated Shillong, the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021**;

THEREFORE, to obtain the services of best candidates, and with a view to keep transparency in the mode, and modality of engaging such Legal Research Assistants; and for providing qualification/method of selection, brief job chart, general condition of service etc., Hon'ble the Chief Justice, while exercising powers conferred under Article 229 of the Constitution of India, hereby issues the following Guidelines: -

**1. Title -**

These Guidelines may be called the “**Scheme for engaging Legal Research Assistants in the High Court of Meghalaya.**”

**2. Definitions:**

In these Guidelines, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context thereof,-

- a. **Chief Justice** means Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Meghalaya;
- b. **Judge** means Hon'ble Judge of High Court of Meghalaya;
- c. **Legal Research Assistant** means Legal Research Assistant in the High Court of Meghalaya;
- d. **Schedule** means the Schedule appended to these Guidelines;
- e. **Website** means the official website of the High Court of Meghalaya as may be uploaded from time to time. (At present it is <http://meghalayahighcourt.nic.in>);
- f. **Universities / Colleges/ Institutions** shall mean the Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions established by law in India and recognized by the Bar Council of India.

**3. Term and nature of engagement:**

- (1) A Legal Research Assistant will be engaged, subject to such assistant's continued satisfactory performance, for a maximum period of two years, renewable for subsequent periods of each year as may be mutually decided by the relevant Judge and the Legal Research Assistant.
- (2) The engagement of Legal Research Assistant would be on a purely contractual basis at a fixed consolidated remuneration per month, as may be fixed from time to time, without the engaged person having any claim as an employee of the Court.
- (3) The period of assignment can be terminated by the relevant Judge without any notice.
- (4) A Legal Research Assistant intending to leave the engagement pre-maturely shall be required to give prior notice, at least of a period of three months.
- (5) A Legal Research Assistant will have such leave of absence as may be approved by the relevant Judge, subject to a maximum of 15 days per year during the period of assignment.

- (6) Proportionate reduction of honorarium shall be made for unauthorized absence, so also for absence beyond permissible period of leave.
- (7) A Legal Research Assistant will have to execute an undertaking in the appended form as acceptance of the assignment.

#### **4. Method of Selection:**

- (1) Selection for engaging Legal Research Assistants shall be made by inviting applications from willing candidates by way of the abridged advertisement as prescribed in Schedule I, which shall be published in such manner as may be prescribed by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice from time to time.
- (2) Such application shall be made in the form as prescribed in Schedule- II which can be downloaded from the website, and shall be accompanied by the copies of documents, as enumerated in that form.
- (3) Simultaneous to publication of abridged advertisement, the concerned Universities/Colleges/ Institutions may also be intimated about the requirement, requesting them to persuade, and forward the applications, of willing candidates, along with their recommendation.
- (4) An Interview Board shall be constituted by Hon'ble the Chief Justice comprising such number of Hon'ble Judges, as considered appropriate, from time to time, to assess the suitability of candidate for engagement as Legal Research Assistant, on the basis of academic career, extra-curricular achievements and performance in personal interview;
- (5) Selection shall be made in the order of merit as recommended by the Interview Board constituted by Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

#### **5. Examination Fee:**

Every candidate shall pay non-refundable examination fee of Rs. 100/- (One hundred rupees), through Demand Draft or Postal Order, to be drawn in the name of Registrar General of the High Court of Meghalaya.

#### **6. Nationality and Age:**

The candidate must be an Indian national, not less than 23 years of age and not more than 33 years of age as on the date of the advertisement inviting applications.

#### **7. Qualifications:**

- (1) The candidate must have obtained a LL.B degree from any recognized universities in India, whether enrolled or not as an advocate with Bar Council of India or with any Bar Council of any States.
- (2) A candidate studying in the final year of any accredited law course will also be eligible to apply subject to furnishing proof of acquiring Law qualification at the time of interview.
- (3) A candidate must have basic knowledge of computer including retrieval of desired information from various search engines/ processes such as Manupatra, SCC Online, Lexis Nexis, Westlaw etc.

#### **8. Disqualifications:**

- (1) A Legal Research Assistant cannot be a practicing advocate or engaged/appointed elsewhere, on honorarium/payment basis. If enrolled as an advocate or engaged elsewhere, the candidate shall disclose the facts in the application and shall undertake to seek the suspension of enrolment, or to give up other engagement, as the case may be.
- (2) A candidate should not be involved in any criminal case, whether convicted or pending trial.

**9. Character:**

A candidate seeking engagement as Legal Research Assistant must be a person of integrity, honesty and good moral character, for which the candidate will submit certificate of two responsible persons, at the time of submitting the application.

**10. Undertaking:**

Before taking over assignment, the Legal Research Assistant shall submit an undertaking in the format prescribed in Schedule IV, before Registrar General of the High Court of Meghalaya.

**11. Attendance and Leave:**

(1) A Legal Research Assistant will have such leave of absence as may be approved by the relevant Judge, subject to a maximum of 15 days per year during the period of assignment.

(2) The Hon'ble Judge with whom the Legal Research Assistant is attached shall be the competent authority to sanction his/her leave.

(3) The Private Secretary of Hon'ble Judge to whom such Legal Research Assistant is attached shall maintain an account of attendance, and casual leave, of the Legal Research Assistant; and will send its intimation on the last working day of each calendar month to the Bill Section, for preparing the bill of honorarium.

**12. Duties of Legal Research Assistant:**

Without adversely affecting generality of the job, i.e., to assist the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice/Judge, the Legal Research Assistant shall perform the following duties, under direct control of the Hon'ble Judge with whom he/she is attached:

- (a) To read the case files, and prepare the case, i.e., case summary and notes and chronology of events in a comprehensive manner, including the legal questions involved, and the relevant case-law having bearing on the case.
- (b) To search and research legal points and principles under the control and guidance of the Hon'ble Judge.
- (c) To search out case law, articles, papers and other relevant material required in discharge of judicial/administrative functions.
- (d) To take down notes of arguments and to prepare notes of cases.
- (e) To identify facts, issues and questions that may arise in the course of arguments, or as may be relevant for judgment.
- (f) To maintain record of judgments by the Hon'ble Judge alongwith the point of law decided in that particular case, and to maintain it in such a manner, as to be very conveniently retrievable.
- (g) To maintain the record of administrative correspondence, administrative files, and, if specifically entrusted, of particular judicial file(s),
- (h) To assist the Hon'ble Judge in preparing any speech/academic paper.

**14. Confidentiality:**

- (1) A Legal Research Assistant shall ensure that utmost confidentiality is maintained in respect of the matters assigned to the Legal Research Assistant or matters pertaining to pending and disposed of Court cases that may come to the Legal Research Assistant's knowledge in connection with the work.

- (2) Such confidentiality has to be maintained both during the duration of the clerkship and thereafter.
- (3) Matters relating to Court cases, reports and statistics which come to the knowledge of a Legal Research Assistant in course of the clerkship shall not be used or divulged for any purpose without the express previous leave of the concerned Judge or, upon the retirement of the concerned Judge, the Registrar General of the High Court.

#### **15. Duty Hours:**

It is a full time job, and Legal Research Assistant may be required to attend the residential office of the concerned Hon'ble Judge, in addition to normal duty during office hours. The Legal Research Assistant may be required to attend office/residential office even on gazetted/local holidays. However, the time schedule shall be as adjusted by the Hon'ble Judge concerned.

#### **16. Conduct during and after term of assignment:**

- (1) A Legal Research Assistant shall maintain devotion to duty, and high moral standards, during the term of engagement. A Legal Research Assistant will not disclose any fact which comes to his/her knowledge on account of such official engagement, during or after completion of term of engagement, unless such disclosure is legally required in discharge of lawful duties.
- (2) The Legal Research Assistant will not accept any other assignment during the term of engagement as Legal Research Assistant.
- (3) After completion of the term, the Legal Research Assistant will not practice for a period of six months in the High Court of Meghalaya, and for a period of 1 year before the Hon'ble Judge, with whom he/she was attached, nor will ever handle a case, with relation to which, he/she had discharged any duty, in any manner, as Legal Research Assistant.
- (4) The Legal Research Assistant will not leave headquarter without seeking permission from the Hon'ble Judge concerned.
- (5) The Legal Research Assistant will not avail leave without getting it sanctioned. In any case of emergency, the Legal Research Assistant will immediately contact and convey to the Private Secretary of the Hon'ble Judge concerned, of his/her inability to attend office.

#### **17. Certificate:**

1. Upon successful completion of the term of engagement of the Legal Research Assistant, a certificate shall be issued by the Registrar General, in the form as is prescribed in Schedule V.
2. If the engagement is terminated before completion of the original term due to premature discharge by High Court, or due to voluntarily giving up of assignment by person concerned, no such certificate shall be issued.

#### **18. Publication of the Guidelines:**

This **Scheme for engaging Legal Research Assistants in the High Court of Meghalaya** shall be uploaded on the website. However, the Chief Justice may direct its publication in any other manner also.

## SCHEDULE -1

## ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT

Applications for Contractual engagement of \_\_\_\_\_ (required no.) persons as Legal Research Assistant for a period of 2 (two) Years under terms and conditions mentioned in Scheme for engaging Legal Research Assistants in the High Court of Meghalaya, which is available on the website <http://meghalayahighcourt.nic.in>, are invited from eligible candidates having essential qualifications. The candidate must be an Indian national, not less than 23 years of age and not more than 33 years of age as on the date of the advertisement inviting applications. The application (duly filled up and complete in every manner), must reach the office of Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong on or before \_\_\_\_\_ during office hours. Form of Application is available on and can be downloaded from the website <http://meghalayahighcourt.nic.in>

Date

REGISTRAR GENERAL  
High Court of Meghalaya

**SCHEDULE - II**  
**HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA**

Affix passport sized coloured photograph duly signed and attested
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Adv. No.\_\_\_\_\_/LRA/...../

- 1) Name of Post: Legal Research Assistant
- 2) Name:
- 3) Mother's Name:
- 4) Father's Name:
- 5) Date of Birth:
- 6) Present Address:
- 7) Permanent Address:
- 8) Contact Number:
- 9) Email Address:
- 10) Whether SC/ST/OBC? If so, a certificate to that effect to be enclosed.
- 11) Educational Qualifications with the year of passing, division or class secured in different examination from H.S.L.C./ H.S.S.L.C. onwards (Copy of the relevant LL.B. certificate or degree should be furnished).
- 12) Whether enrolled as advocate or engaged/appointed elsewhere? If so, furnish the particulars.
- 13) Whether any Civil or Criminal proceeding is pending by or against you? If so, furnish the details of the case.
- 14) Do you have knowledge of Computer Operations? (Yes/No).
- 15) Whether you have undergone any certificate/diploma course in computer operation from a recognized Institute? If so, please give the particulars.

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16) Number and Date of Bank Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque /Postal Order and Value:

Number:\_\_\_\_\_Amount:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bank/ Post Office:

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Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**(Signature of Applicant)**

NB: Please see the notes below:

**Notes**

1. The candidate should affix a latest taken coloured photograph in passport size with his/her own signatures thereon and duly attested by some Gazetted Officer at the place provided in the application.
2. The envelope containing application should be marked “**APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT**”.
3. One envelope shall contain only one application form. If an envelope contains more than one application form, all such applications shall stand rejected.
4. The candidate must attach with the application form, certified copies of the certificates in support of his/her age and educational qualifications, extra curricular activities and computer knowledge.
5. An application may be sent either by Speed Post, Registered Post A.D. Post, or through Courier; it can also be deposited in the office of the Registrar General of the High Court of Meghalaya during office hours.
6. The defective application, which is not complete in any respect, will be rejected out-right.
7. Any application received after the last date will not be entertained and the High Court will not be responsible for any postal delay.
8. The candidate is required to furnish a checklist along with application form mentioning therein details about the certificates and the testimonials enclosed with the form.
9. Information regarding format of application and other information available on the website of the High Court of Meghalaya at <http://meghalayahighcourt.nic.in> must be read carefully before filling up the application.

**SCHEDULE III****OFFER FOR ENGAGEMENT  
AS LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Under the Scheme for engaging Legal Research Assistants in High Court of Meghalaya, offer to join within seven days from the date of receipt of this letter is being made broadly on the following terms & conditions: -

1. It is a purely temporary contractual engagement for a period of two years which shall not entail you to claim any regular appointment.
2. Premature discharge from the engagement without notice may be ordered if the concerned Hon'ble Judge makes written recommendation, which is accepted by the Hon'ble Chief Justice.
3. A fixed honorarium per month (as applicable) without any dearness or other allowance/perquisite, shall be paid to you. However, proportionate reduction shall be made on account of unauthorized absence so also, for absence beyond the permissible period of leave.
4. You shall be entitled to such leave of absence as may be approved by the relevant Judge, subject to a maximum of 15 days per year during the period of assignment.
5. The provisions contained in the Scheme for engaging Legal Research Assistants in High Court of Meghalaya are binding upon you.
6. On successful completion of term of engagement, a certificate shall be issued to you by the Registrar General.
7. You will maintain devotion to duty, and high moral standards during the term of engagement. You will not disclose any fact which comes to your knowledge on account of such official engagement, during or after completion of term of engagement, unless such disclosure is legally required in discharge of lawful duties.
8. Your principal duties are as follows:
  - (a) To read the case files, and prepare the case, i.e. case summary and notes and chronology of events in a comprehensive manner, including the legal questions involved, and the relevant case-law having bearing on the case.
  - (b) To search and research legal points and principles under the control and guidance of Hon'ble Judge.
  - (c) To search out case law, articles, papers and other relevant material required in discharge of judicial/administrative functions.
  - (d) To take down notes of arguments and to prepare notes of cases.
  - (e) To identify facts, issues and questions that may arise in the course of arguments, or as may be relevant for judgment.
  - (f) To maintain record of judgments by the Hon'ble Judge along with the point of law decided in that particular case, and to maintain it in such a manner, as to be very conveniently retrievable.
  - (g) To maintain record of administrative corresponding, administrative files, and, if specifically entrusted, of particular judicial file(s).
  - (h) To assist the Hon'ble Judge in preparing any speech/academic paper.

9. During the engagement as Legal Research Assistant, you shall not practice in any court of law nor engage yourself in any other professional pursuit. If already enrolled, you will intimate the Bar Council for suspension of Enrollment. If engaged in any other professional pursuit, you shall disengage.
10. That you shall wear a black coat (and in case of male, tie also) during court hours.
11. That you will carry a photo affixed identity card with you so that free access to Court Room, Computer Cell and Library can be given.
12. That after completion of the term, you will not practice for a period of six months in the High Court of Meghalaya, and for a period of 1 year before the Hon'ble Judge, with whom you were attached, nor will ever handle a case, with relation to which you had discharged any duty, in any manner, as a Legal Research Assistant.
13. Breach of any term / condition or any act of indiscipline by you shall attract termination of engagement without notice.

REGISTRAR GENERAL

**SCHEDULE- IV**  
**UNDERTAKING**

I \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter of \_\_\_\_\_  
resident of \_\_\_\_\_ having been  
assigned the job of Legal Research Assistant to get practical training and to assist the Hon'ble Judges in  
discharge of Judicial/ Administrative functions, do hereby submit my undertaking and affirm as under: -

That I have carefully read the **SCHEME FOR ENGAGING LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTS IN HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA** and have fully understood the provisions contained therein. I understand and do undertake that I am bound by the provisions contained in the above said Scheme and by the terms of my engagement; and that I will abide by the same.

Date

Signature

(Name of Legal Research Assistant)

Verified

(Registrar General)

**SCHEDULE V****CERTIFICATE**

To whomsoever it may concern

This is to Certify that Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully participated in training as Legal Research Assistant with Hon'ble Mr. Justice \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Justice/Judge of the High Court of Meghalaya from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and his / her performance was found to be Satisfactory/ Good/ Outstanding.

DATE

REGISTRAR GENERAL

The 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026.

**HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA (DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE)  
RULES, 2026**

**No.HCM.II/112/2017-Estt/19. -**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 227(2)(b) of the Constitution of India and sub-section (1) of Section 34 read with sub-section (2) of Section 16 of the Advocates Act, 1961 and in pursuance of the Judgment dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal No. 865 of 2025 titled Jitender @Kalla vs. State (Govt. of NCT of Delhi) and another with Writ Petition (Civil) No. 454 of 2015 and I.A. No. 36111 of 2023 in M.A. No.262 of 2023 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 454 of 2015 and I.A. No. 45959 of 2022 (in I.A Diary No. 145730- 31/2021 in M.A. No. 1502 of 2020 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 454 of 2015), the High Court of Meghalaya frames the following rules for Designation of Senior Advocate and the matters incidental thereto.

**1. Short title, extent and commencement -**

- (1) These Rules shall be called 'High Court of Meghalaya (Designation of Senior Advocate) Rules, 2026'.
- (2) These Rules shall extend to the whole jurisdiction of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (3) These Rules shall come into force immediately.

**2. Definitions.- In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires -**

- (a) "Advocate" means an Advocate entered in any roll under the provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961.
- (b) "Bar Council" means the Meghalaya State Bar Council constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961.
- (c) "Committee" means the Permanent Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates as constituted under sub-rule (1) of Rule 5 of these Rules.
- (d) "Court" means the Courts established within the territorial jurisdiction and functioning under the supervisory control of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (e) "Chief Justice" means the Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya and includes a Judge appointed under the Constitution of India to perform the duties of the Chief Justice.
- (f) "District Court" means the Courts established within the territorial jurisdiction and functioning under the supervisory control of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (g) "Full Court" means the Full Court of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (h) "High Court" means the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (i) "Judge" means a Judge of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (j) "Registrar General" means Registrar General of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (k) "Registry" means the Registry of the High Court of Meghalaya.
- (l) "Roll" means the roll of Advocates prepared and maintained under the Advocates Act, 1961.

- (m) "Secretariat" means the Secretariat established by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya under sub-rule (2) of Rule 5 of these Rules.
- (n) "Specialized Tribunals" means the Tribunals established and functioning within the territorial jurisdiction and/or under the supervisory control of the High Court.

**3. Designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate.-** (1) The High Court of Meghalaya may designate an Advocate as Senior Advocate, if in its opinion, by virtue of his ability, standing at the Bar and special knowledge of law, the said Advocate is deserving of such distinction.

**Explanation:** (i) Ability: It will include very sound knowledge of law and especially the branches of law in which the Advocate is practicing. The ability will also include, apart from sound knowledge of law, skills of advocacy, which are required to effectively conduct a case. Writing articles and commentaries on law will be part of ability. Capacity to rationally critique judicial decisions will be a facet of ability.

(ii) Standing at the Bar: Some of the qualities which give an advocate a standing at the Bar are as follows:-

- (a) He/She is always fair while conducting cases before the Courts.
- (b) His/Her behaviour with the Judges and other members of the Bar is respectful.
- (c) He/She maintains decorum while conducting cases before the Court.
- (d) He/She follows the highest standards of professional etiquette and ethics.
- (e) He/She act as a mentor to the junior advocates.
- (f) He/She does *pro bono* work.
- (g) He/She carries respect in the legal fraternity.
- (h) He/She does possess honesty and integrity.

The above list is only illustrative in nature, and not exhaustive.

(iii) Special Knowledge of Law: An Advocate may be said to be having special knowledge or experience in law if in a particular branch of law, he/she has acquired expertise; for example, Arbitration, Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Company Law, Intellectual Property Law, Tax Laws etc.

(2) No person shall be eligible to be designated as Senior Advocate unless he:

- (i) Has a minimum of ten years of practice as an Advocate in the High Court of Meghalaya (or in the erstwhile Shillong Bench of the Gauhati High Court) or in the District Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Meghalaya; or Specialized Tribunals.
- (ii) Ten years combined standing as an Advocate and as a District and Sessions Judge or as a Judicial Member of any Tribunal in the State of Meghalaya.
- (iii) Has appeared and actually argued in reported cases, save, if the applicant seeking to be designated as a Senior Advocate is practicing primarily in any District Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Meghalaya, the requirement as specified in this sub-clause may be relaxed.

#### **4. Motion for designation as Senior Advocate.-**

(1) Designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate by the High Court of Meghalaya may be considered on the written application of the Advocate concerned that shall be made in the Form appended at **Annexure-A** to these Rules.

(2) The Advocate concerned shall append to his/her application form the declaration certificate as at **Annexure- B.**

(3) Notwithstanding the afore-stated procedure for designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate, the Full Court may, by consensus, confer the designation of Senior Advocate, *suo motu*, on any Advocate, otherwise eligible, if in the opinion of the Full Court, he/she by virtue of his/her ability or standing at the bar, is an Advocate of exceptional quality, eminence and has special expertise in any field of law.

**5. Permanent Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates.-** (1) All the matters relating to designation of Senior Advocate in the High Court of Meghalaya shall be dealt with by a Permanent Committee (to be known as "Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates") which will be headed by the Chief Justice and consist of: (i) two senior-most sitting Judges of the High Court of Meghalaya; (ii) the Advocate General of the State of Meghalaya; and (iii) a member of the High Court of Meghalaya Bar Association, to be nominated by other members in the first meeting of the Committee.

(2) The Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) above shall have a Secretariat, the composition of which will be decided by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya in consultation with the other members of the Committee.

(3) The Committee may issue such directions from time to time as deemed necessary as regards functioning of the Secretariat, including the manner in which, and the source(s) from which, the necessary data and information are to be collected, compiled and presented.

**6. Notice.-** A notice inviting applications from Advocates shall be published in the official websites of the High Court. In addition, intimation may also be given to the Bar Council; Bar Associations of the High Court; the Bar Associations in the State.

**7. Procedure for designation.-** (1) All the applications for designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate shall be submitted to the Secretariat as per Form at Annexure~A and specified in the notice issued by the High Court under Rule 6.

(2) On receipt of any application for designation of an Advocate as Senior Advocate, the Secretariat shall compile the relevant data and information with regard to the reputation, conduct, integrity of the Advocate concerned, from such source(s), as may be decided by the Committee; verify the details regarding the applicants participation in *pro-bono* work, if any, and reported judgments in which the concerned Advocate has appeared and actually argued.

(3) The Secretariat will publish the application for designation of a particular Advocate as Senior Advocate in the official website of the High Court of Meghalaya, inviting the suggestions/views of the members of the Bar and other stakeholders in the matter within such time as may be directed by the Committee. The Committee can call for suggestions/views of the District Judge or Head of the Tribunal on the applicant Advocates who are practicing in the District Court or the Tribunal.

(4) After the data-base in terms of the above is compiled and all such information as may be specifically directed by the Committee to be obtained in respect of any particular applicant is collected; and the suggestions/views of the member of the Bar and other stakeholders have been received, the Secretariat shall put up the valid applications before the Committee.

(5) Upon submission of the matter by the Secretariat, the Committee shall examine the same in the light of the data provided and submit the list of recommended applicants before the Full Court for consideration.

(6) The Full Court will examine each application in the light of the data provided by the Secretariat and make its overall assessment on the basis of ability, standing at the Bar or special knowledge or experience in law of the candidates as per sub-rule (1) of Rule 3.

- (7) The decision-making on designation of Advocates will be by consensus. However, if that is not possible, the decision will be made on the basis of majority view. Voting by secret ballot will be resorted to in an exceptional situation, for reasons to be recorded.
- (8) On the approval of the Full Court, an Advocate shall be designated as Senior Advocate and the final decision taken by the Full Court shall be individually communicated to all the applicants.
- (9) All cases which are not favourably considered by the Full Court shall be reviewed/reconsidered after the expiry of two years from the date of the decisions of the Full Court by following the procedure applicable at that time.
- (10) All cases deferred by the Full Court for being designated as Senior Advocate shall not be considered until the expiry of one year from the date of the decision of the Full Court.
- (11) In the cases which are not favourably considered or deferred by the Full Court, the Advocate may apply afresh in terms of the procedure applicable on the date of the fresh application.
- 8. Records relating to designation/revocation/recalling/withdrawal.-** The records of all decisions relating to designation/revocation/recalling/withdrawal, received from the Full Court, shall be maintained by the Permanent Secretariat of the High Court for further reference.
- 9. Restrictions on the designated Senior Advocate.-** An Advocate on being designated as Senior Advocate shall be subject to such restrictions as the High Court of Meghalaya, the Bar Council of India, or the Bar Council of the State of Meghalaya may prescribe.
- 10. Rights and Privileges of the Senior Advocate.-** (1) The Senior Advocate shall have a preferential right of audience, at the time of hearing a matter, in all Courts according to his/her seniority as such Advocate.
- (ii) The Senior Advocate shall be entitled to wear special robes meant for Senior Advocates.
- (iii) The Senior Advocate shall be entitled to such other rights and privileges conferred by the practice of Senior Advocates under the Advocates Act, 1961.
- 11. Canvassing.-** Canvassing in any manner by an applicant for designation as Senior Advocate shall disqualify him/her from being so considered or designated for the next two years.
- 12. Review and recall.-** In the event of a Senior Advocate being guilty of any such conduct which according to the Full Court disentitles him to be worthy of designation as Senior Advocate, the Full Court may review and recall its decision to designate the concerned person as Senior Advocate after such notice as may be directed by the Chief Justice.
- 13. Notification of designation/recall.-** In the event of designation of an Advocate as a Senior Advocate, or on recalling of any such designation, the notification to that effect shall be issued and published in such manner as may be directed by the Chief Justice.
- 14. Interpretation.-** All the questions relating to the interpretation of these rules shall be referred to the Chief Justice of the High Court whose decision shall be final. The Chief Justice may issue directions for the removal of difficulties either in general terms or in a particular instance as the exigencies may require.
- 15. Repeal and Saving.-** (1) All the previous Rules in respect to the subject matter covered by these Rules, including the Guidelines for Designating an Advocate as Senior Advocate, as made by the High Court of Meghalaya on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 and High Court of Meghalaya (Designation of Senior Advocate) Rules, 2017 dated 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 with all its amendments/modifications, shall stand repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the rules referred to in sub-rule (1) above, it shall not effect-

- (a) Any action taken, notification published, designation conferred under the rules so repealed.
- (b) Any inquiry, legal proceedings or remedy in respect of any such rights, privilege, obligation & forfeiture conferred under the rules so repealed.

By Order,

REGISTRAR GENERAL

**ANNEXURE-A****APPLICATION FORM FOR DESIGNATION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE**

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1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Permanent Residential Address  
and mobile number of the Applicant :
3. Email Address :
4. Educational Qualification :
5. Date of Birth :
6. Date of enrolment as an Advocate  
and where enrolled :
7. Enrolment Number :
8. Submission of five best synopses  
by the Advocate :

**[Explanation:** The term "Synopses" means summary of legal case, outlining essential facts, procedural history, legal issues, arguments etc. required for Court filing and review.]

9. Courts/Tribunals where the applicant is  
practicing/has practiced :
10. Nature of practice-  
(Civil, Criminal, Constitutional, Taxation, Labour, Company, Service etc.) :
11. Field of Law-domain expertise  
(Such as, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law, Family Law, Law relating to Women, Human Rights, Public Interest Litigation, Arbitration law, Corporate law, International Law etc.,) :
12. Whether any FIR has ever been lodged against the applicant, if so, detailed current status thereof may be indicated.
13. Whether the applicant is a party to any criminal case, if so, detailed current status thereof may be indicated.

14. Whether any proceedings were initiated or are pending against the applicant before Bar Council of India or any State Bar Council, if so, detailed current status thereof may be indicated.
15. For applicants practicing in the High Court:
  - (i) Number of reported judgments in cases the applicant has appeared (copies of any 5 (five) such judgments may be submitted).
  - (ii) Number of unreported judgments in cases the applicant has appeared (copies of any 5 (five) such judgments may be submitted).
16. For applicants practicing in the trial courts/Specialized tribunals:
  - (i) Number of judgments in which the applicant has appeared (copies of any 10 (ten) judgments may be submitted).
17. Numbers of Junior Advocates the applicant has mentored till the date of the Application.
18. Other information: Work performed as Legal Aid Counsel/Pro bono/Amicus Curiae/any articles/publications relating to legal matters/participation in Seminar or Conference/Association with any Faculty of Law etc.
19. General state of health of the applicant.

**I, the undersigned Advocate, practicing in the State of Meghalaya, submit my application for being designated as Senior Advocate and state my consent to be so designated by the High Court of Meghalaya.**

Date:

Place:

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT

**ANNEXURE-B**  
**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Advocate, practicing in the \_\_\_\_\_ (mention the court where the applicant is practicing) do hereby declare that the information furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

- (i) No material information is concealed or suppressed.
- (ii) No recommendation/application to designate me as a Senior Advocate has been rejected by the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Meghalaya and any other High Court of India, within two years immediately preceding the date of submission of this application.
- (iii) No recommendation/application to designate me as a Senior Advocate has been deferred by the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Meghalaya and any other High Court of India within one year immediately preceding the date of submission of the application.
- (iv) I am aware that furnishing false information or suppressing false information would be a ground for withholding the designation of Senior Advocate by the High Court.
- (v) On conferring the designation of Senior Advocate, I shall abide by the High Court of Meghalaya (Designation of Senior Advocate) Rules, 2026.

Date:

Place:

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT

The 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026.

**No. HCM.II/22/2021-Estt/133.** - The earned leave in respect of Smti. Swapna G. Momin, Special Judge (POCSO), West Garo Hills District, Tura which was granted *vide* this Registry's earlier Notification No. HCM.II/22/2021-Estt/131 dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 may be treated as cancelled.

By Order,

Registrar (Judicial Service)

The 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**No. HCM.II/188/2018-Estt/50.** - In terms of the O.M. No. F(PR)-76/2017/21 dated 08.12.2017, Smti. Darihun Thabah, Stenographer Grade-I, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong is hereby granted Commuted Leave in continuation to her Combined Leave granted *vide* this Registry's Office Order No. HCM.11/188/2018-Estt/48 dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, for a **period of 30 (thirty) days with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026** as admissible under the Rules.

Certified that on expiry of leave, there is every likelihood of Smti. Darihun Thabah, Stenographer Grade-I, returning to the post/duty from which she has proceeded on leave.

By Order,

Registrar (Admn)

The 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026.

**No. HCM.II/199/2016/Estt/68.** - In pursuance of the Full Court Resolution dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, the following Judicial Officers are hereby confirmed in their respective Services/Cadres as indicated below:-

**Grade-I**

(Meghalaya Higher Judicial Service)

1. Smti. Rithelda Rymbai, MHJS
2. Shri Kerbor Jinson Lyngdoh, MHJS
3. Smti. Anjeline Matti Pariat, MHJS
4. Smti. Monica K. Lyngdoh, MHJS

**Grade-II**

(Meghalaya Judicial Service)

1. Smti. Daphira Sohtun, MJS
2. Shri. Albert W. Lanong, MJS
3. Shri. Temsu Trevor M. Sangma, MJS
4. Smti. Nathe M. Momin, MJS
5. Smti. Nausica. M. Sangma, MJS
6. Smti. Natalie lone Dkhar, MJS
7. Smti. Desiree Mariette Koksi Sangma Shadap, MJS
8. Smti. Dany Gretta Kharshiing, MJS
9. Smti. Sneha Pangkimie D. Sangma, MJS
10. Smti. Bandarisha Kharlukhi, MJS
11. Smti. Imarbakordor Lyngkhoi, MJS
12. Shri Jeremy Ashley Marak, MJS
13. Smti. Ishana Rangsa Marak, MJS
14. Smti. Benietta Majaw, MJS
15. Smti. Basukshisha Kharbithai, MJS
16. Smti. Rikchame Dachi K. Sangma, MJS
17. Shri Balkim Manda Sangma, MJS

**Grade-III**

(Meghalaya Judicial Service)

1. Shri Don Kitbor Koshy Mihsil, MJS
2. Shri Flavian R. Marak, MJS
3. Smti. Indakerri M. Mairom, MJS
4. Shri L. Mac Mewan Ammiel Rymbai, MJS
5. Smti. K. Evangeline Rymbai, MJS
6. Smti. Vanessa Negminza Sangma, MJS
7. Smti. Gabriella Simre D. Sangma, MJS
8. Smti. Steffi Michelle Wanniang, MJS
9. Smti. Larinia Jana, MJS
10. Shri Banmankhraw Lyngdoh, MJS
11. Shri Ian Russel Manshuwa Doonai Rane, MJS
12. Shri Michael Gare Momin, MJS
13. Shri Temberson Raksam Marak, MJS
14. Shri Abner Ingty Watre, MJS

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