

LEGAL_AWARENESS FROM 2020 IN AUGUST 2022 29 EMAIL DATED 03 03 2021 TO CM ODISHA REGARDING ALL COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS TO BE APOLITICAL IN THE STATE OF ODISHA

To

Hon'ble Chief Minister Odisha

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Hon'ble Chief Justice of India

Hon'ble Chief Justice of Odisha High Court

Hon'ble Prime Minister

Respected Sir

With due respect I want to bring to your kind notice about certain weaknesses existing in current selection process of the members/decision making authorities in all Commissions/Tribunals operational in the state of Odisha.

It is pertinent to mention that all commissions/Tribunals formed by the state government needs to be apolitical and no political inference is to be allowed in the decision making process.

There should be a cooling period of five years for the candidates aspiring for becoming chairperson/ member of the commission/Tribunals to prevent any political loyalty during their tenure.

The candidates aspiring for becoming chairperson/ member of the commissions/Tribunals should not have accepted any favour in any form from any political party by violating Hon'ble Supreme Court guidelines and AIS rule for the cadre officers.

No advocate having political affiliation like membership , spokesperson or in any other official position of a political party should be allowed to become chairperson/ member of the commissions/Tribunals.

The chairperson/ member of the Commissions/Tribunals should draw salary from the Consolidated Fund of India as Hon'ble Judges are drawing their salary to maintain independence of the institution because if selection for the post and salary, perk, tenure, extension of tenure is decided by state govt then there is no independence assured of the commissions/tribunals to take drastic decisions in the interest of justice for the benefit of the people of the state for whom the Commissions/Tribunals are formed whose cost is borne from the taxpayer's money.

The websites of all the commissions/tribunals should update about their every hearing/order and other details like cause list as it is done in case of Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court in the interest of justice.

I request you to consider the above matter and take appropriate step for the benefit of people of Odisha as they deserve justice at any cost in a very transparent and independent manner.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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