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**NOTICE FOR FILLING UP OF VACANCIES OF MEMBERS IN THE  
ADJUDICATORY BOARD TO BE CONSTITUTED IN PURSUANCE OF  
THE MAJOR PORT AUTHORITIES ACT 2021**

The Major Port Authorities (MPA) Act 2021 was notified by the Ministry of Law & Justice on 18.02.2021 and has come into force with effect from 03.11.2021.

2. In pursuance of Chapter VI (Constitution of Adjudicatory Board) Section 54 of the Act, the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) will stand abolished, and an Adjudicatory Board will be constituted. The office of Adjudicatory Board shall be based at Mumbai.

3. Section 55 of the Act lays down that the Adjudicatory Board shall consist of Presiding Officer and two other members, as may be appointed by the Central Government. The eligibility conditions, term of office, salary, allowances and other benefits payable to Presiding Officers and Members, leave and encashment of leave, traveling allowance, leave travel concession and other conditions of service shall be in accordance with the Major Ports Adjudicatory Board Rules, 2023, notified on 17.01.2023.

4. **Eligibility conditions for Members of Adjudicatory Board**

The eligibility for appointment as Member of the Adjudicating Board is as follows:-

“A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a member of the Adjudicatory Board unless he is –

(a) a retired Chief Secretary of a State Government or equivalent; or

(b) a retired Secretary of the Government of India or equivalent,

and has an experience of not less than twenty years in the field of finance, commerce, administration, maritime, shipping or port related matters.”

5. **Number of Posts/Vacancies**

There are total two (2) vacancies for members of the Adjudicatory Board.

**6. Term of Office**

The Members of the Adjudicatory Board shall hold office for a term not exceeding five (5) years from the date on which they enter upon their office or until they attain the age of seventy (70) years, whichever is earlier.

**7. Salary, allowances and other benefits payable to Members**

When a retired Secretary of the Government of India or equivalent or a retired Chief Secretary of the State Government or equivalent is appointed as the member of the Adjudicatory Board, he shall be entitled to salary, allowances and other perquisites as are admissible to a serving Secretary to the Government of India.

Provided that if any such person is in receipt of, or has received or has become entitled to receive any retirement benefits by way of pension, gratuity, employer's contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund or other forms of retirement benefits, the pay of such person shall be reduced by the gross amount of pension or employer's contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund or any other form of retirement benefits, if any (except pension equivalent of retirement gratuity), drawn or to be drawn by him.

**8. Leave and encashment of leave**

(i) The Members of the Adjudicatory Board shall be entitled to a leave as follows:

(a) Earned Leave at the rate of thirty (30) days for every completed calendar year of service:

Provided that the leave account shall be credited with earned leave in advance in two installments of fifteen (15) days each from the first day of January and July of every calendar year;

Provided further that the earned leave at the credit at the close of previous half year shall be carried forward to the next half year, subject to the condition that the leave so carried forward plus credited for half year do not exceed three hundred (300) days.

(b) Half pay leave on medical certificate or on private affairs at the rate of twenty (20) days in respect of each completed year of service to be credited in advance in two installments of ten (10) days each on 1st January and 1st July of every calendar year and leave salary for half pay leave shall be equivalent to half of the leave salary admissible during he earned leave;

(c) Leave on half pay may be commuted to full pay leave at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, if it is taken on medical grounds and is supported by a medical certificate by a competent medical authority;

(d) Causal Leave at the rate of eight (8) days and restricted holidays at the rate of two (2) days in a calendar year;