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**NOTICE FOR FILLING UP OF VACANCY OF PRESIDING OFFICER 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. According to the 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 a 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, travelling allowance, leave travel concession and other conditions of service are mentioned in Major Ports Adjudicatory Board Rules, 2023, notified on 17.01.2023.

4. **Eligibility conditions for Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board**

The eligibility for appointment as Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board is as follows: -

A person shall not be qualified for appointment as the Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board unless he is – retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India or a retired Chief Justice of a High Court.

5. **Term of Office**

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

**6. Salary, allowances and other benefits payable to Presiding Officer**

(i) When a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India is appointed as Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board, he shall be entitled to salary, allowances and other perquisites payable to the sitting Judge of the Supreme Court, and as provided in the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Services) Act, 1958 and rules made thereunder.

(ii) When a retired Chief Justice of a High Court is appointed as Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board, he shall be entitled to salary, allowances and other perquisites as are available to the sitting Chief Justice of a High Court and as provided in the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Services), Act 1954 and rules made thereunder.

(iii) If the Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board, 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 in respect of any previous service under the Central Government or State Government, the pay of such Presiding Officer 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, drawn or availed of or to be drawn or availed except pension equivalent of retirement gratuity.

**7. Leave and encashment of leave**

(i) The Presiding Officer 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;