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केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
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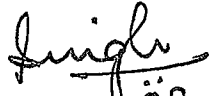
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दिनांक /Date: 03.09.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to the approval of the competent authority, DoP&T vide order No. A-11013/2/2025-AT dated 01.09.2026, has conveyed the revision of tenure of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjit Vasantrya More, Chairman Central Administrative Tribunal, on existing terms and conditions, **from 4 years to 5 years** from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till attaining the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier, in terms of section 24(2)(d) of the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2026.

Accordingly, as per revised tenure of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjit Vasantrya More, Chairman Central Administrative Tribunal the date of completion of existing tenure will be 31.07.2027

Encl: As above.


(Preeti Singh) 03.09.26
Principal Registrar

To

1. Sr. PPS/PS to Hon'ble the Chairman, CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi.
2. PPS/PS to Hon'ble HOD/ Hon'ble Members of all the Benches.
3. PS to Principal Registrar, CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi.
4. PS to Registrar/Joint Registrar/ Deputy Registrars, CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi/ HoO of all outlying Benches.
5. FA & CAO, CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi.
6. PAO/CAT, East Block-4, Level-1 (LHS), Sector-1, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
7. The Account Officer/DDO, CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi.
8. Website.


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F.No. J-18/57/2026-JUDICIAL/E. 195818

Government of India
Ministry of Law and Justice
Department of Legal Affairs

Kantawya Bhawan-2, New Delhi
Dated: 27th August, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of tenure of Chairpersons and Members of Tribunals as per section 24 of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026 -reg.

Ref: O.M. No. A-50050/270/2025-CESTAT-DOR-DOR- Part (I) dated 9th March, 2026 of the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

The Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026 has been enacted by the Parliament, and the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 has since been repealed. The Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026 has come into force on 25th August, 2026.

2. The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide the O.M. under reference, *inter alia* stated that the tenure of any Chairperson, Presiding Officer or President (by whatever name called) or any Member of any Tribunal whose current tenure was due to expire between the 9th March, 2026 and 8th September, 2026 shall stand extended until 8th September, 2026, or until they attain the maximum age prescribed under the law under which they were appointed, whichever is earlier. It further stated that any person whose tenure has already ended by reason of resignation, demitting office without extension pursuant to an interim order of the Court, or upon attaining the maximum age, shall not be granted extension and shall not be recalled to the post.

3. Attention is invited to section 24 of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026, wherein *inter alia* certain actions taken and appointments made under the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 have been saved. In this regard, the following may kindly be noted for undertaking requisite action by the respective Ministries/Departments, administering the concerned Tribunals:

(a) The appointments of the Chairperson and Members of the Tribunal made on or before the 1st October, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of the respective parent enactments, shall be governed by such enactments.

(b) The term of office of the Chairperson or Member of a Tribunal, whose appointment was made in accordance with the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021, on or after the 4th April, 2021, and before the commencement of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026, and who was holding office immediately before such commencement, shall be five years from the date of appointment, or the age of seventy years, in the case of Chairpersons or the age of sixty-seven years in the case of Members, whichever is earlier.

The extension of term may accordingly be granted in terms of section 24(2)(d) of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026 and the formal extension orders in respect of such Chairpersons and Members may be issued accordingly by the respective Ministries/Departments, administering the concerned Tribunals.

Section 24 of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2026 is also enclosed herewith as Annexure for ready reference.

4. The action taken in this regard and in terms thereof may kindly be informed to this Department at email id: avnit.singh@gov.in.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Enclosed: As stated


(Avnit Singh Anora)
Director
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To:

1. Chairman, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Raisina Road, Rajpath Area, Central Secretariat, New Delhi, 110001
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3. Secretary, Department of Revenue, Kartavya Bhawan - I, New Delhi
4. Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Kartavya Bhawan - I, New Delhi
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12. Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Kartavya Bhawan-3, New Delhi - 110001
13. Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Kartavya Bhawan-2, New Delhi - 110001

Section 24: Repeal and Savings.—

24. (1) The Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal,—

(a) anything done or any action taken under the enactments specified in column (3) of the First Schedule, shall be as valid and as effective in law as if such thing or action was done or taken under the corresponding provisions of those enactments, as amended by the Second Schedule to this Act;

(b) the salary, allowances and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and Members of a Tribunal specified in the First Schedule appointed on or after the commencement of this Act, shall be governed by the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder;

(c) the salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and Members of any Tribunal specified in the First Schedule whose appointments were made on or before the 1st October, 2021 based on the selection or recommendation of the Search cum Selection Committee made in accordance with the provisions of the respective enactments or the rules made thereunder, shall continue to be governed by such enactments or the rules made thereunder;

(d) in other cases, where any person was appointed as the Chairperson or Member of a Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021, on or after the 1st April, 2021 and before the commencement of this Act and holding office as such immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, shall continue to hold office until the completion of a term of five years from the date of such appointment, or the age of seventy years, or sixty-seven years, as the case may be, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment; and

(e) subject to the provisions of clause (d), the salary, allowances and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and Members of any Tribunal specified in the First Schedule, who were appointed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021, before the commencement of this Act, and holding office as such on the date of commencement of this Act, may not be varied to their disadvantage till the completion of their respective term.

(3) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 and anything contained in any judgment, order or decree of any Court, or in any law for the time being in force,—

(a) any Search cum Selection Committee constituted in respect of any Tribunal specified in the First Schedule, as per the provisions of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 or the rules made thereunder, prior to the establishment of the National Tribunals Commission under this Act, shall continue and complete the process of selection of Chairperson and Members of such Tribunal under the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021, and the appointment, salary, allowances and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson or Member so selected and appointed shall be governed by the provisions of this Act; and

(b) the appointment of any person as Chairperson or Chairman or President or Vice-Chairperson or Vice-Chairman or Vice-President or Presiding Officer or Member of a Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal, or as the case may be, other authority, on the basis of selection or recommendation already made by the Search cum Selection Committee in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021, before the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been made under the provisions of this Act.

(4) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (2), the provisions of section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 shall apply with regard to the effect of repeal.