

**16.\*THE PUNJAB LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS) RULES,1957**

*\*[Rules framed under section 5 of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, (Salaries and Allowances of Members) Act,1942].*

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Definitions.

**1.** These rules may be called the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Rules, 1957, and shall come into force at once.

**2.** (1) In these Rules—

(a) “The Act” means the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Salaries and Allowances of Members) Act, 1942, as adapted and amended from time to time;

(b) “Chief Public Office” means:-

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| (i) At the headquarters of a district | — The Court of the Deputy Commissioner—,  |
| (ii) At a Cantonment                  | — The Station Church;   |
| (iii) At an out-post or tehsil        | — The Court of the Officer-Incharge of the out-post or Tehsil; and  |
| (iv) At all other places              | — The Police Station or if there be no Police Station the Post-Office, or if there be no Post Office, the point so declared for the purposes of these rules by the Speaker; |

(c) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

<sup>1</sup>[(d) “Controlling Officer” means the Secretary or such officer not below the rank of an Under Secretary as may be designated by Secretary to perform all or any of the functions of the Controlling Officer subject to such directions as may be given by him from time to time.]

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<sup>1</sup> Added,—vide Notification No.PLA-8115, dated 29th January, 1981.

(2) Words and Expressions used in these Rules and not defined therein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.

3. The Speaker shall be entitled to travelling allowance for journeys mentioned below on the same scale as is admissible to a Minister:-

Travelling Allowance to the Speaker.

- (a) from his place of residence to the venue of the Assembly when proceeding to join office and back to his normal place of residence after relinquishment of office;
- (b) (i) from Chandigarh to his constituency (headquarters) at the end of each session of the Assembly and for the return journey to Chandigarh at the beginning of the next session;  
(ii) from Chandigarh to his constituency (headquarters) when the Assembly is adjourned for two or more days and for the return journey after the period of break and from Chandigarh to his constituency (headquarters) and back once a month in off-session periods;
- (c) to attend a Conference or a Committee of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India or for a visit to the venue of some other Legislative Bodies to study its procedure, working and organization;

Provided that for tours undertaken by him outside India in the discharge of his official duties, he shall be entitled to such travelling and daily allowances as the State Government may in each case determine;

- (d) to attend or participate in any public function or any function arranged by the State or Central Government or any local or statutory authority or to receive a civic address or for attending meeting connected with, or for visiting sites or places of developmental or constructive activities, undertaken by the State or Central Government or by any body financed partly or wholly by the State or Central Government;

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- (e) in the event of a change of the headquarters of the Assembly a journey from his home, or from the old headquarters of the Assembly in case he is residing there at the time of the move, to the new headquarters of the Assembly; and
- (f) such other journeys as may be certified by the Speaker to have been performed in the discharge of duty.

Halting Allowance to the Speaker.

4. The Speaker shall be entitled to halting allowance at the same rates and on the same conditions as daily allowance to a Minister. .

Payment of advance of Travelling Allowance and Halting Allowance.

4-A. There may be paid to the Speaker an advance of Travelling Allowance and Halting Allowance admissible to him under these rules.

Travelling Allowance/ Halting Allowance to Deputy Speaker.

5. (1) The Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to Travelling Allowance for journeys mentioned below on the same scale as is admissible to a <sup>1</sup>[Minister of State]—

(a) from his place of residence to the venue of the Assembly when proceeding to join office and back to his normal place of residence after relinquishment of office;

(b) (i) from Chandigarh to the constituency (headquarters) at the end of each session of the Assembly and for the return journey to Chandigarh at the beginning of the next session;

(ii) from Chandigarh to his constituency (headquarters) when the Assembly is adjourned for two or more days and for the return journey after the period of break and from Chandigarh to his constituency (headquarters) and back once a month in off-session periods;

(c) for journeys performed by him under the orders of the Speaker;

(i) to attend the Conference of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India; and

(ii) for the purpose of attending to any other business connected with his duties as Deputy Speaker.

<sup>1</sup>Amended,—vide Notification No.PLA-76/90, dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1976—Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1976.

(2) The Speaker may also allow the Deputy Speaker to travel by air to save time, in which case he shall be entitled to travelling allowance for journey by air on the same scale as is admissible to a Government Servant of first grade entitled to travel by air.

(3) The Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to Halting allowance at the same rates and on the same conditions as daily allowance to a <sup>1</sup>[Minister of State].

(4) The Speaker shall be the Controlling Officer for the purpose of countersigning the Travelling Allowance Bills of the Deputy Speaker.

**5-A.** A Chairman of a Committee constituted under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly shall be entitled to travelling allowance at the same rate as prescribed in sub-rule (i) of rules 6 for journey performed by him under orders of the Speaker for attending a Conference of Chairmen of the corresponding Committees of Legislative Bodies in India.

Travelling Allowance to Chairmen of Committees.

**6.** (i) Subject to the proviso to section 4 of the Act, there shall be paid Travelling Allowance to each member in respect of every journey performed by him for the purpose of attending a Session of the Assembly or a meeting of a Committee or for the purpose of attending to any other business under orders of the Speaker connected with his duties as a member, from his usual place of residence to the place where the session or the meeting is held or other business is to be transacted and for the return journey from such place to his usual place of residence:—

Travelling Allowance to Members.

(a) If the journey is performed by rail, an amount equal to one first class fare, inclusive of tax on passengers' fares; any, plus one-half first class railway fare, exclusive of tax on passengers' fares, for each such journey;

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