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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS & JUSTICE
(Judicial-1 Branch)

ORDER

The 26th May, 2017

No. S.O.08/P.A.3/2017/S.12/2017.-The Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Punjab Law Officers (Engagement) Act, 2017 makes the Punjab Law Officers (Engagement) Removal of Difficulties Order, 2017 to remove the difficulties that have arisen in giving effect to the provisions of the Act in the process of engagements of law officers for the State of Punjab, in the following terms namely:-

1. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall be in force till the engagement process under section 8 of the 2017 Act is completed, or till the expiry of six months from the date on which this Order comes into force, whichever is earlier;
2. Given, both, the large number of applications received and persons to be engaged and also given the immediate need to engage such officers, the scrutiny of applications by the Scrutiny Committee under section 6(2) of the 2017 Act and engagement of persons by the Government on the recommendation of the Selection Committee under section 7 may be done in phase wise manner;
3. The words “annual professional income” referred to in clause (c) of sub section (1) of section 9 (c) of the 2017 Act, the words “Income Tax Returns per annum (in rupees)” in fourth column of the table contained in Section 9 and such similar references made in the advertisement issued under section 6(c) and its corrigenda, to be read as “gross/total income from profession” per annum;
4. The applicants who have only submitted the Income Tax Return Acknowledgement form as per the advertisement issued under Section 6(c) and which ITRs, given the format of such form issued by the Government of India, do not separately indicate the particulars of the gross/total income from profession, such applicants be called upon to submit, not later than 30th May 2017, 5.00 p.m., the particulars of such

total income from profession, assessment/financial year wise on the letterhead of a Chartered Accountant, which would certify the figures of such gross/total income from profession. This will not apply to those applicants who did not submit the ITR forms itself or whose ITR acknowledgement forms show the gross total income itself as being less than the minimum qualifying income under section 9 of the 2017 Act;

5. The applicants who have applied for engagement as an Advocate on Record (AoR) in the Supreme Court of India, and who have not submitted any proof of having passed such exam given the language of the advertisement issued under Section 6(c) and whose passing of the AoRs examination cannot be ascertained from currently published/available lists of such AoRs, be called upon to submit, not later than 30th May 2017, 5.00 p.m., certification or proof of having passed the AoR examination;
6. The applications referred to in Para 4 and 5 above, shall not stand rejected, but be reserved for consideration in/during the subsequent phase(s) of scrutiny/selection being held in the phase wise manner, as specified in Para 2 of this order, after receipt of the information and documents stated therein.

N.S. KALSI,

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Department of Home Affairs & Justice.