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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 1st August, 2023

S.R.O. No.515/2023— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) read with clauses (h), (i) and (j) of sub-section (2) of Section 57 and read with Section 34 of the Odisha Lokayukta Act, 2014 (Odisha Act 12 of 2018) and in supersession of the Odisha Lokayukta (Financial and Administrative Power) Rules, 2019 except as respects things done or omitted to have been done before such supersession, the State Government do hereby make the following rules, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Lokayukta (Financial and Administrative Power) Rules, 2023.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. Definitions.— (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Act” means the Odisha Lokayukta Act, 2014 (Odisha Act 12 of 2018,); and

(b) “section” means a section of the Act.

(2) All other words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meaning, respectively, assigned to them in the Act.

3. Budget Estimates of the Lokayukta.— (1). The Budget Estimate of the Lokayukta for every financial year shall be prepared and forwarded to the State Government in accordance with the instructions and circulars issued by the State Government, from time to time, after due approval of such Budget Estimate by the Lokayukta.

(2) If during any financial year, for any reason, substantial modification of Budget Estimate as finally approved by the State Government is likely to occur, the Lokayukta shall submit for approval of the State Government supplementary estimate in such form and on such date as the State Government may, from time to time, direct.

4. Applicability of the Financial Rules and Administrative Rules, etc.— (1) The provisions of the Delegation of the Financial Power Rules, 1978, the Odisha General Financial Rules, 1959, the General Provident Fund (Odisha) Rules, 1938, the Odisha Travelling Allowance Rules, 1938, Odisha Budget Manual, 1963, the Odisha Records Manual, 1964 and the Odisha Treasury Code and Administrative Rules, as amended, from time to time, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the establishment of the Lokayukta and the powers shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of Section 34.

Explanation.— For the purpose of this rules, the expression “Administrative Rules” means the Odisha Service Code, 1936, the Odisha Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1962 and the Odisha Government Servants’ Conduct Rules, 1959 and any other rules as applicable to State Government employees from time to time.

(2) The Lokayukta shall have the same powers as are conferred on Heads of Departments under the rules and manual referred to in sub-rule (1).

5. Maintenance of Accounts.— (1) The Secretary or any officer of the Lokayukta, as may be authorized by the Chairperson, shall maintain proper accounts, Books of accounts, Vouchers, other documents and papers of the Lokayukta regularly in accordance with the rules, instructions and circulars issued by the State Government from time to time.

6. Information on Receipt and Expenditure.— Adhering to the provisions of the Odisha General Financial Rules, the Lokayukta shall furnish information on receipt and expenditure to the State Government in each financial year towards maintaining progressive expenditure & receipts of the organisation for reconciliation of the accounts by the Accountant General and Administrative Department concerned.

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By Order of the Governor

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