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| **Draft CCPC Rules/ 11.11.2019**  In exercise  of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 101 of the Consumer Protection Act , 2019 ( 35 of 2019), Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:**1. Short title, extent and commencement.-----** (1) These rules may be called the Consumer Protection (Central Consumer Protection Council) Rules,2019. (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. **2**. **Definitions**.-ln these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-- (a)   'Act' means the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (35 of 2019);(b)   'chairman' means a chairman of the Central Consumer Protection Council        established under sub-section (1) of the section 3 of the Act;(c)    'State' includes Union territories also;(d)    Words and expressions used in the rules and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.**3. The Constitution of the Central Consumer Protection Council –** (1) The Central Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette constitute the Central Consumer Protection Council (hereinafter referred to as the Central  Council) which shall consist of the following members, not exceeding 36, namely:—(a)   the Minister in-charge of Consumer Affairs in the Central Government who shall be the Chairman of the Central Council; (b)   the Minister of State (where he is not holding independent charge) or Deputy Minister in charge of Consumer Affairs in the Central Government who shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Central Council; (c) the Minister in-charge of Consumer Affairs of two of the States from each region as mentioned in Schedule I to be changed by rotation on expiration of the term of the Council on each occasion;(d) an administrator (whether designated as administrator or Lieutenant Governor), of a Union Territory, to represent a Union Territory, as mentioned in Schedule II, to be changed by rotation on expiration of the term of the Council on each occasion; (e)   two Members of Parliament—one from the Lok Sabha and one from the Rajya Sabha; (f)     representatives of the Central Government Departments and Autonomous Organisations or Regulators concerned with consumer interests—not exceeding five; (g) The Chief Commissioner of the Central Consumer Protection Authority(h) The Registrar, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi (h) representatives of active consumer organisations not exceeding five, to be nominated by the Central Government;(i) representatives with proven expertise and experience who are capable of representing consumer interests, drawn from amongst consumer organisations, civil society organisations, consumer activists, research and training organisations, academicians, women, farmers, trade and industry – not exceeding five, one from each of the regions specified in schedule annexed to these rules; (j)    the Secretaries in-charge of Consumer Affairs in the States/UTs to be nominated by the Central Government – not exceeding three; (k)  the Secretary in-charge of Consumer Affairs in the Central Government shall be the member-secretary of the Central Council.(2) The term of the Council shall be three years.Provided that the Council shall continue to function for a further period of three months or till it is reconstituted, whichever is earlier.(3) Any member may, by writing under his hand to the Chairman of the Central Council, resign from the Council. The vacancies, so caused or otherwise, shall be filled from the same category by the Central Government and such person shall hold office so long as the member whose place he fills would have been entitled to hold office, if the vacancy had not occurred.**4. Procedure of the Central Council.**—Under sub-section (2) of section 4, the Central Council shall observe the following procedure in regard to the transaction of its business,—1. The meeting of the Central Council shall be presided over by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Central Council. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Central Council shall elect a member to preside over that meeting of the Council.
2. Each meeting of the Central Council shall be called by giving, not less than ten days from the date of issue, notice in writing to every member.
3. Every notice of a meeting of the Central Council shall specify the place and the day and hour of the meeting and shall contain statement of business to be transacted thereat.
4. No proceedings of the Central Council shall be invalid merely by reasons of existence of any vacancy in or any defect in the constitution of the Council.
5. For the purpose of performing its functions under the Act, the Central Council may constitute from amongst its members, such working groups as it may deem necessary and every working group so constituted shall perform such functions as are assigned to it by the Central Council. The findings of such working groups shall be placed before the Central Council for its consideration.
6. (a) In connection with the journey undertaken to and fro by the non-official members for attending the meeting of the Central Consumer Protection Council or its Working group, they shall be entitled to avail economy class air fare.
7. The non-official members shall be entitled to a sum of rupees five thousand per each day of the meeting as incidental charges to cover the expenditure towards their daily allowance, lodging, local conveyance from residence to the station/airport and from station/airport to the venue of meeting and vice-versa.
8. Every claim made under this sub-rule shall be subject to certifying that the member will not claim any benefit from any other Central Government Ministry, Department or Organization during his visit for attending the meeting of the Central Consumer Protection Council or any of its Working Group.
9. Local non-official members residing at the place of the venue of the meeting, shall be paid consolidated conveyance hire charges to the tune of rupees one thousand per diem irrespective of the classification of the city.
10. Members of Parliament attending meetings of the Council or its Working Group shall be entitled to travelling and daily allowances at such rates as are admissible to such Members.

   (7) The resolution passed by the Central Council shall be recommendatory in nature. **5. Interpretation.—**If any question arises relating to the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Central Government thereon shall be final. |

SCHEDULE I

[See rule 3 (1) (c)]

1. Eastern Region - to consist of the States of Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal.

2. Western Region - to consist of the States of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

3. Northern Region - to consist of the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

4. Southern Region - to consist of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana

5. North Eastern Region – to consist of the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

SCHEDULE II

[See rule 3 (1) (d)]

The Union Territories of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, the National Capital Territory of Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

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