

J-18/47/2023-CPU [E-33312]
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
26th August, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Civil Supplies, Food & Consumer Affairs Department,
All the State Governments/UT Administrations

Subject: Appointments to the office of the Presidents & members in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC) and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) in the wake of the Judgment dated 21.05.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 9982 of 2024 [@SLP(C) No. 25612 of 2023] in the matter of the Ganeshkumar Rajeshwarrao Selukar Vs. Mahendra Bhaskar Limaye & Ors. - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that this Department has been receiving the references from several State Governments/UT Administrations seeking clarifications regarding the process of appointment to the office of the Presidents and members in the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC) and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) in the wake of the Judgment dated 21.05.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 9982 of 2024 [@SLP(C) No. 25612 of 2023] in the matter of the Ganeshkumar Rajeshwarrao Selukar Vs. Mahendra Bhaskar Limaye & Ors.

2. In this regard, the attention is invited to the **DIRECTIONS** as contained in **Para 102. 4)** of the said Judgment dated 21.05.2025 in the Civil Appeal under reference. The Hon'ble Apex Court in exercise of the powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India *inter alia* directed that President and Members of the State and District Commissions who

have been appointed and serving prior to *Limaye - I* (Civil Appeal No. 831-833 of 2023) shall be allowed to complete their tenure in entirety and in the event of their tenure ending before the completion of the recruitment process under the new Rules to be notified, their appointment shall be allowed to continue until the completion of the said recruitment process.

3. As such, the ratio laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court as contained in **Para 102. 4) SUMMARY OF RELIEFS** of the aforesaid judgment itself shall prevail, till the suitable amendments are made in the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2020 in terms of the directions of the Hon'ble Apex Court.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


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