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NOTIFICATION

The 1st October 2026

No.-L/STA/FA/02/2026-2298/GS(I).—Whereas, the appointment of Financial Adviser in the Universities governed by the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Patna University Act, 1976 is a subject of common interest for all the Universities governed by the aforesaid two Acts in view of the provisions of Section-36 (7) of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Section-36 (7) of the Patna University Act, 1976;

And whereas, a Committee of four Vice Chancellors constituted by the Hon'ble Chancellor, prepared a **Draft Statute for the Bihar Universities Financial Adviser (Appointment, Service Conditions, Powers and Duties) Statute, 2026;**

And whereas, the Draft Statute for the Bihar Universities Financial Adviser (Appointment, Service Conditions, Powers and Duties) Statute, 2026, was circulated to all the Vice Chancellors of the Universities governed by the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Patna University Act, 1976 for their respective opinions in accordance with the provisions of Section-36 (7) of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Section-36 (7) of the Patna University Act, 1976, as also to the Bihar State Higher Education Council in accordance with the provisions of Section-11 (2) (v) of the Bihar State Higher Education Council Act, 2018;

And whereas, the Vice Chancellors of the Universities governed by the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Patna University Act, 1976 and the Bihar State Higher Education Council have sent their respective opinions.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in the Hon'ble Chancellor by Section-36 (7) of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 read with Section-36 (7) of the Patna University Act, 1976 and all other enabling provisions obtaining in this behalf, and after due consideration of the opinions of the Vice Chancellors of the Universities governed by the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and the Patna University Act, 1976 and the Bihar State Higher Education Council, the Hon'ble Chancellor is pleased to **ASSENT** to the Bihar Universities Financial Adviser (Appointment, Service Conditions, Powers and Duties) Statute, 2026 **WITH EFFECT FROM 30th SEPTEMBER, 2026.**

The **PREVIOUS STATUTES** regarding Terms & Conditions for Appointment of Financial Advisers in the Universities of Bihar (notified vide notification no.-BSU (Statute)-03/2010-861/G.S. (I) dated-27.05.2025) **STANDS REPEALED** from the date of assent by the Hon'ble Chancellor to the Statute for the Bihar Universities Financial Adviser (Appointment, Service Conditions, Powers and Duties) Statute, 2026.

By the order of the Hon'ble Chancellor,
DIPAK KUMAR SINGH,
Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor.

THE BIHAR UNIVERSITIES FINANCIAL ADVISER (APPOINTMENT, SERVICE CONDITIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES) STATUTE, 2026

1. *Short Title, Extent and Commencement.*—

- (1) This Statute may be called the “The Bihar Universities Financial Adviser (Appointment, Service Conditions, Powers and Duties) Statute, 2026.”.
- (2) It shall apply to every State University established or deemed to have been established under the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and the Patna University Act, 1976.
- (3) It shall govern the appointment of the Financial Adviser and the terms and conditions of the Financial Adviser in the Universities and shall be read in conjunction with Section 12-A of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Section 14-A of the Patna University Act, 1976.
- (4) It shall supersede all previous statutes, orders and provisions insofar as they relate to the appointment and service conditions of Financial Adviser in the Universities.
- (5) It shall come into force with effect from the date the Chancellor assents to it.

2. *Eligibility.*—

- (1) The Financial Adviser shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor on deputation from amongst the serving officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Services or from any other Accounts Services of Government of India, through the selection process prescribed under these Statutes.
- (2) The Officers who are serving in Pay Level-12 or above under the 7th Central Pay Commission Pay Matrix, or the corresponding replacement level under any subsequent pay revision, shall be eligible to apply for appointment to this post on deputation basis.
- (3) The maximum age limit for applicants shall be 55 years as on the last date of submission of application.

3. *Initiation of selection.*—

- (1) The process of the appointment of Financial Adviser in accordance with the provisions of this Statute shall be initiated within 30 days of the approval/notification of this Statute. Where the tenure of a Financial Adviser, appointed under this statute, is due to expire, the process for filling the post shall ordinarily be initiated at least six months before the expiry of the tenure.

- (2) Where a vacancy arises otherwise than by expiry of tenure, the selection process shall be initiated as expeditiously as possible.
- (3) The Chancellor shall seek a requisition from the concerned university to be sent to the Bihar Public Service Commission for advertisement of the post and selection of candidates in accordance with this Statute.

4. Advertisement—

- (1) The Bihar Public Service Commission shall advertise the post on an all-India basis in such manner as may be prescribed, specifying the eligibility conditions, mode of appointment and other relevant particulars.
- (2) In the interest of wider circulation, the Chancellor shall also cause the advertisement to be forwarded to the cadre-controlling authorities of the eligible Accounts Services of the Government of India.

5. Selection by the Commission—

- (1) The Bihar Public Service Commission shall, in consultation with the Chancellor, determine the procedure for selection and conduct the selection in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.
- (2) The Commission may conduct an interview/interaction or such other assessment as it considers appropriate for assessing the suitability of the candidates.
- (3) The Commission shall prepare and recommend a panel of three suitable candidates for each concerned university in order of merit.
- (4) Where fewer than three candidates for each concerned university are found suitable, the Commission may recommend such number of candidates as are found suitable in order of merit.

6. Appointment by Chancellor—The Chancellor shall appoint one candidate from the panel recommended by the Bihar Public Service Commission as the Financial Adviser for the university concerned, for a tenure of 03 years from the date of Joining, which may be extended for two more years after evaluation of their performance by the Chancellor at the end of two years.

7. Tenure –

- (1) The Financial Adviser shall ordinarily hold office for a period of 03 years from the date of assumption of charge, or further two years if found suitable in the evaluation as per Section 6 above or until attaining the age of 60 years, whichever is earlier.
- (2) The tenure shall not be extended beyond the period prescribed under this Statute.
- (3) A person who has completed a tenure as Financial Adviser may be considered for appointment for another term only through a fresh selection process under these Statutes, subject to fulfilment of all eligibility conditions.

- (4) The Financial Adviser shall work directly under the administrative control and supervision of the Vice-Chancellor.

8. *Performance evaluation.*—

- (1) The performance of the Financial Adviser shall be evaluated annually by the Vice-Chancellor in the prescribed format to be issued by the Chancellor's Secretariat.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall send the annual performance report to the Chancellor.

9. *Cessation of Tenure before Expiry of Financial Adviser.*—

- (1) The Chancellor may, on the basis of a report received from the Vice-Chancellor or otherwise, curtail the tenure of a Financial Adviser if he/she is found to have failed to discharge his/her duties in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations, or is otherwise found unsuitable to continue in office.
- (2) No order under sub-section (1) shall be passed unless the Financial Adviser has been served with a notice specifying the grounds on which the proposed action is based and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of representing against such action.

10. *Pay and Allowances.*—

- (1) A Financial Adviser appointed on deputation shall be entitled to pay protection in accordance with the applicable deputation rules.
- (2) The officer shall be entitled to the pay admissible in the parent service together with deputation allowance and other admissible benefits in accordance with the rules/orders of the Government of Bihar applicable from time to time.
- (3) The terms of deputation shall be governed by the applicable Government rules, unless specifically provided otherwise in the appointment order.

11. *Other allowances and leave.*—Other entitlements including leave entitlement, available to the Financial Adviser, shall be as determined by the State Government from time to time.

12. *Powers and Duties of the Financial Adviser— The Financial Adviser shall—*

- (a) advise the Vice-Chancellor, the Syndicate and all other authorities of the University on matters having financial implications;
- (b) examine every proposal involving expenditure, revenue, investment, borrowing, procurement, contract, construction/infrastructural project or any other financial commitment before the same is placed before the competent authority;
- (c) ensure that every financial proposal is supported by budgetary provision, financial justification and conformity with the applicable rules;

- (d) prepare the Annual Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and other financial statements of the University;
- (e) supervise maintenance of the accounts of the University in accordance with prescribed accounting standards and applicable financial rules;
- (f) ensure timely receipt, accounting and proper utilization of grants received from the Government of Bihar, the University Grants Commission and other funding agencies;
- (g) supervise and ensure timely submission of Utilization Certificates, financial statements, expenditure reports and grant compliance reports in the prescribed form;
- (h) supervise internal audit, statutory audit and other financial inspections and ensure timely compliance of audit observations;
- (i) establish systems for financial planning, internal financial controls, risk management and fiscal accountability;
- (j) monitor investments, deposits and management of university funds in accordance with law;
- (k) ensure that in procurement and contract management, the Bihar Financial Rules, the Bihar Public Procurement Rules and other applicable instructions are followed;
- (l) oversee implementation of digital financial management systems including PFMS, e-billing, e-procurement, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Treasury Integration and such other digital platforms as may be adopted;
- (m) ensure compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations, the Bihar Financial Rules, the Bihar Treasury Code, the Bihar Budget Manual and all applicable Government orders;
- (n) advise on financial sustainability, resource mobilization, endowment management and long-term financial planning;
- (o) submit periodic financial reports to the Vice-Chancellor;
- (p) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor.

13. *Mandatory Financial Concurrence.*—

- (1) In accordance with Section 12 A of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Section 14 A of the Patna University Act, 1976, the advice of the Financial Adviser shall be **mandatory** in every proposal involving any financial implication.
- (2) No proposal involving expenditure, creation of financial liability, budget re-appropriation, procurement, investment, borrowing, execution of works or any other matter having financial implications shall ordinarily be placed before the Senate, Syndicate, the Finance

Committee or any other authority unless it has been examined by the Financial Adviser.

- (3) It shall be the responsibility of the Registrar to obtain the advice of the Financial Adviser as per the provisions laid down in the Act.

14. *Decision Contrary to the Advice of the Financial Adviser.*—

- (1) Where the Vice-Chancellor, the Syndicate or any other authority proposes to take a decision contrary to the advice of the Financial Adviser in a matter involving financial implications, such decision shall not be implemented.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall forthwith refer the matter, together with the advice of the Financial Adviser and the reasons for disagreement, to the Chancellor.
- (3) The decision of the Chancellor thereon shall be final and binding upon all authorities of the University.

15. *Acting Financial Adviser.*—

- (1) Whenever the office of the Financial Adviser falls vacant or the Financial Adviser is unable to discharge the duties of the office due to leave, suspension, illness or any other reason, the Vice-Chancellor may make temporary arrangements for discharge of the functions of the Financial Adviser, until regular arrangements are made, and report to the Chancellor for obtaining his approval within 30 days.
- (2) The officer so appointed shall exercise only such powers as may be specifically authorized by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (3) Such arrangement shall not confer any right to regular appointment.

16. *Singular Posts.*—The posts of Financial Adviser shall be singular post for a particular University.

17. *Joining.*—

- (1) A person appointed under this Statute shall join duty within the period specified in the appointment order which shall ordinarily be 30 days.
- (2) The Chancellor may, if satisfied that sufficient cause exists, extend the period prescribed for joining.
- (3) Where a selected candidate fails to join within the stipulated period without sufficient cause communicated in writing to the Appointing Authority, the appointment shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

18. *Repeal and Savings.*—

- (1) On and from the commencement of this Statute, every existing Statute, Ordinance, Regulation, executive instruction or order governing the recruitment, appointment, service conditions, powers and duties of the Financial Adviser covered under this Statute shall, to the extent of inconsistency, stand superseded.
- (2) Notwithstanding such supersession, anything done, any action taken, any appointment made, any order issued, any proceeding initiated or

any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired or incurred under the provisions so superseded shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Statute.

- (3) All proceedings pending immediately before the commencement of these Statutes shall continue and be disposed of as if this Statute had not been made, unless the Chancellor otherwise directs.

19. *Pending Recruitment.*—

- (1) Any recruitment process commenced prior to the commencement of these Statutes shall be brought into conformity with these Statutes or be started afresh.
- (2) No candidate shall acquire any vested right merely because a recruitment process had commenced before the commencement of the Statute.

20. *Continuance of Existing Financial Adviser.*—

- (1) The process for appointment of the Financial Adviser under this Statute shall be initiated within one month from the date of commencement of this Statute
- (2) Until a Financial Adviser is appointed under these Statutes and assumes charge of the office, or until the expiry of the tenure of the existing Financial Adviser, whichever is earlier, the person holding the office of Financial Adviser immediately before the commencement of these Statutes shall continue to discharge the duties and functions of the office.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Statute, the Chancellor may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, curtail the tenure of such existing Financial Adviser and make such interim arrangements as may be considered necessary for the discharge of the functions of the office.

21. *Resignation.*—

- (1) A Financial Adviser appointed under this Statute may resign from service by giving three months' notice in writing to the Chancellor through the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) The resignation shall take effect only upon its acceptance by the Chancellor.
- (3) The Chancellor may waive or reduce the notice period for reasons to be recorded in writing.
- (4) Acceptance of resignation shall not affect any disciplinary or legal proceedings or Finance recovery arising out of acts committed during the period of service.

22. Overriding Effect.—

- (1) Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Act, the provisions contained in these Statutes shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in—
 - (a) any existing University Statute;
 - (b) any Ordinance;
 - (c) any Regulation;
 - (d) any Executive Order;
 - (e) any Administrative Instruction;
 - (f) any Resolution of any authority of the University; or
 - (g) any rule, guideline or practice in force immediately before the commencement of these Statutes.
- (2) In the event of any inconsistency between these Statutes and any Statute, Ordinance, Regulation or administrative order made by any University, the provisions of these Statutes shall prevail.
- (3) Where any matter relating to recruitment or service conditions is not specifically provided under these Statutes, the Chancellor may issue such directions as may be necessary, consistent with the provisions of the Act and these Statutes.

23. Removal of Difficulties.—If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Statutes, the Chancellor may, by order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the Act and these Statutes as may appear necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

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