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विधि और विधायी कार्य विभाग

Bhopal the 12th December 2025

File No. 5050/21-B(I)/2025, Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh has directed the formulation of uniform, transparent, and equitable rules for the allotment, use, and management of lawyers' chambers and sitting spaces in the court halls of all District and Tehsil Courts across the State;

And Whereas, such chambers and facilities are constructed and maintained from public funds under the administrative control of the Principal District and Sessions Judges for the exclusive professional use of advocates practicing in the respective courts;

And Whereas, it is expedient to ensure that the limited infrastructure is allocated strictly on the principles of seniority, eligibility, merit, and need, while preventing misuse, subletting, or creation of vested interests;

And Whereas, the involvement of the Bar Associations in the allotment process through a joint committee is essential to maintain harmony, fairness, and mutual trust between the Bench and the Bar;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the administrative directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh and in supersession of all earlier guidelines, circulars, or local practices or policies on the subject, the following rules are hereby framed for the systematic allotment, regulation, and governance of lawyers' chambers and sitting arrangements in court halls in all District and Tehsil Courts of Madhya Pradesh.

RULES

PART A-(GENERAL PROVISIONS)

1. **Short, title and commencement**.-
   (1) These rules may be called the "Madhya Pradesh District and Tehsil Courts Lawyers' Chambers Allotment and Hall Sitting Arrangement Rules, 2025".
   (2) These rules shall come into force on the date as approved by the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh.
2. **Extent of Application**.-
   These rules shall apply to all lawyers' chambers constructed in District and Tehsil Court complexes in Madhya Pradesh and govern their allotment, occupancy, licence terms, and sitting arrangements in court halls.
3. **Ownership and Control**.-
   The chambers shall remain the property of the Government of Madhya Pradesh and shall be under the exclusive supervision and control of the Principal District and Sessions Judge of the concerned district.
4. **Applicability to Bar Associations**.-
   These rules shall apply mutatis mutandis to District Bar Associations and Tehsil Bar Associations. References to "District Bar Association" shall be construed as including Tehsil Bar Associations unless the context otherwise requires.
5. **Definitions**.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
   (a) Advocate: An advocate means a person entered on the roll of Advocates prepared and maintained by Bar Council of the State under the provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961 (25 of 1961) and Bar Association of the respective District or Tehsil.
   (b) Allottee: means the Advocate to whom a Chamber is allotted under these Rules.
   (c) Allotment Committee: means the allotment Committee constituted under Rule 6 of these Rules.

(d) Bar Association: A Bar Association is a professional body or voluntary association of enrolled advocates in a specific jurisdiction (e.g., District, High Court, or Supreme Court level), aimed at regulating professional conduct, providing welfare, and representing members' interests. It operates alongside statutory Bar Councils and may include elected office-bearers for governance.

(e) Chairman: means Chairman of the Allotment Committee.

(f) Chamber: A chamber for advocates refers to the dedicated office or practice space allotted to lawyers (advocates) within or near court complexes, such as District or High Courts.

(g) District: A civil district established by the State Government, comprising defined territorial limits within Madhya Pradesh, where the Principal District Judge exercises original and appellate jurisdiction over subordinate civil courts (e.g., Civil Judges Senior/Junior Division) and holds administrative control for case distribution, supervision, and disposal in that district.

(h) Escrow Account: A neutral third-party account holding funds or assets until specified conditions are fulfilled, with release requiring prior approval (e.g., from the Principal District and Sessions Judge).

(i) Family members: means advocate's father/mother, son(s) and daughter(s) or spouse.

(j) Practice: An Advocate, who is regularly, diligently, and actively engaged in professional legal work before district courts or any other court in their respective district, including daily court appearances, case filing, arguing matters as verified by the President or Secretary of District Bar Association and endorsed by Principal District and Sessions Judge.

(k) Principal District and Sessions Judge: The Principal District and Sessions Judge is the highest judicial officer in a district, serving as the head of the district judiciary with both civil and

criminal jurisdiction and exercise administrative control over judicial matters in the district.

(l) President: The President of a Bar Association is the elected head responsible for leading the executive committee, representing the association in legal and policy matters, and presiding over meetings.

(m) Secretary: The Secretary (often Honorary) manages administrative duties, including record-keeping, correspondence, and organizing events/committees, supporting the President's leadership.

(n) Space in Hall: An allocated area reserved for practising advocate within the hall in the district or tehsil courts complex, but shall not include Bar Room/Common Space".

(o) Tehsil: A tehsil (also tahsil, taluk, or taluka) is a sub-district administrative division within a district in the State of Madhya Pradesh established by the State Government, comprising defined territorial limits within the district, where the Principal District Judge/District Judge/Civil Judge (Senior Division) exercises original or appellate jurisdiction over subordinate civil courts (e.g., Civil Judges Senior/Junior Division) and holds administrative control for case distribution, supervision, and disposal in that tehsil.

PART-B (ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE)

6. **Constitution of the Committee:**

The Allotment Committee shall consist of-

(i) Chairperson: Principal District and Sessions Judge
Members

(ii) Senior-most Additional District and Sessions Judge

(iii) Any other Judicial Officer(s) nominated by the Chairperson

(iv) President, District Bar Association

(v) Secretary, District Bar Association

(vi) The Chairperson may co-opt any person, representative of an institution, or agency as a special invitee for a specific purpose.

7. **Decision Making.-**

The decision of Allotment Committee shall be taken by way of general consensus or by common majority but in case of any difference of opinion, the decision of the Principal District and Sessions Judge shall be final.

PART-C (AVAILABILITY OF CHAMBERS)

8. **Basis of Initial Allotment.-**

The initial allotment shall be in respect of existing chambers on single occupancy, double occupancy or multiple occupancy basis as decided by the Allotment Committee, depending upon the sizes of the Chambers, subject to availability of chambers, in accordance with the seniority list of eligible Advocates as per rules.

PART-D (ELIGIBILITY OF ADVOCATES)

9. **Eligibility Conditions.-**

An advocate shall be eligible for chamber allotment only if all the following conditions are satisfied-

(i) enrolled with the State Bar Council of Madhya Pradesh and a member in good standing of the concerned District/Tehsil Bar Association on the date of application;

(ii) primarily practicing in the concerned District/Tehsil Court, at least for last 3 years;

(iii) one Person, One Chamber, One Court Complex: No advocate already allotted or owning a chamber (whether constructed or allotted) in any court complex within the same judicial station (e.g., Jabalpur, Indore, Gwalior, Bhopal, etc., having multiple forums) shall be eligible for another chamber in that station;

(iv) an advocate possessing a chamber in one court complex may apply for a chamber in another complex only upon surrendering physical possession of the earlier chamber. An

affidavit confirming surrender and waiving all financial claims (excluding licence fee/security refund) must be submitted;

(v) no allotment shall be made if the advocate's spouse, son, daughter, father or mother already holds a chamber in any court complex;

(vi) succession on Death/Permanent Disability: Upon death/ Permanent disability of an allottee, the Committee may allot the chamber to the father/mother/spouse/son/daughter if the application is made within six months of such eventuality and the applicant is otherwise eligible;

(vii) advocates with pending criminal cases or convicted by any court are ineligible;

(viii) advocates convicted under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 (70 of 1971) or against whom contempt proceedings are pending, are ineligible;

(ix) no allotment shall be made to an advocate who has been adjudged or declared insolvent under any law relating to insolvency for the time being in force and the insolvency still continues.

PART-E (PROCEDURE FOR ALLOTMENT)

10. **Application and Scrutiny.-**

(1) Allotment of chambers shall be made by the Principal District and Sessions Judge on the receipt of application of an eligible Advocate on prescribed format along with copies of necessary documents and on the recommendation of the Allotment Committee in the given format (Annexure A, B, and C).

(2) The High Court of Madhya Pradesh shall prescribe the format of the application form, requirement of documents and license agreement as well as the terms and conditions to be incorporated therein besides other formalities to be completed at the time of submitting application.

(3) Security deposit of Rs. 10,000/- (Refundable) at the time of surrender. D. D. in favour of Principal District Judge towards security deposit.

11. **Seniority List.-**

The allotment shall be made by the Allotment Committee to the eligible Advocates as per the seniority list duly prepared and authenticated by President and Secretary and submitted by the District Bar Association to the office of Principal District and Sessions Judge in the following manner, namely:-

(i) The list of successful allottees duly approved by the Allotment Committee shall be handed over to the District Bar Association;

(ii) District Bar Association shall submit, within ten days, the list of preferences of co-sharers of chambers, if any, for consideration of allotment of the chambers, on sharing basis.

(iii) After completion of all necessary formalities, the Allotment Committee would allot specific chamber numbers against each successful allottee.

12. **Submission of List of Member Advocates by District Bar Association.-**

(1) The list of members Advocates duly signed by President and Secretary and submitted by District Bar Association shall contain complete details as under:

(i) Date of enrolment with State Bar Council

(ii) Date of birth

(iii) Date of membership in the Bar Association

(iv) Family members holding chambers

(v) Existing chamber holdings in other court complexes

(vi) Other details required by the Committee.

(2) The seniority list of all eligible Advocates shall be prepared by District Bar Association according to the date of becoming member of the District Bar Association.

13. **Allotment Process.-**

(1) The Committee shall approve the list of successful allottees and forward it to the Bar Association.

(2) Within 10 days, the Bar Association, shall submit preferences for co-sharers.

(3) After verification, the Committee shall issue specific chamber numbers via allotment order.

PART F- SITTING ARRANGEMENT IN COURT HALL

14. **Hall Sitting Space.-**

(1) Sitting space of 4 x 6 sq. ft. per person shall be allotted in the designate Court Hall to individual advocate or two joint occupants on application, subject to availability.

(2) Allotment shall be made by the Committee on the basis of eligibility and seniority principles.

PART G- GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

15. **Licence Fee and Charges.-**

(1) Every allottee shall pay licence fee as fixed from time to time, including during court vacations and holidays.

(2) Electricity charges shall be paid by the allottee at its own to the Electricity Department or to the Bar Association, as the case may be, as per the scheduled time.

(3) Water, scavenging, maintenance, and common service charges shall be payable at rates fixed by the Principal District and Sessions Judge.

(4) No suspension or waiver of licence fee or other charges shall be claimed under any circumstances.

(5) The security deposit shall be held in an 'Escrow Account' opened exclusively in the name of the District/Tehsil Bar Association of the respective district/tehsil, as the case may be. Any withdrawal of the security deposit or any other amount from the escrow account shall be permitted only upon obtaining prior written permission from the Principal District and Sessions Judge of the respective district.

16. **Permitted Use and Restrictions.-**

(1) Chambers shall be used only as lawyers' offices. No other use is permitted.

(2) No sub-letting, transfer, or parting with possession (whole or part) is allowed.

(3) No structural alterations, changes to doors/windows, or external appearance without written permission of the Principal District and Sessions Judge.

(4) Allottees shall maintain the chamber, fixtures, and common areas in good condition and keep passages free from obstruction.

17. **Timings.-**

Chambers may be used between 9:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., subject to change by the Principal District and Sessions Judge.

18. **Nuisance and Compliance.-**

No allottee shall cause or permit nuisance, annoyance, or damage to other allottees, chambers, government properties or common facilities.

19. **Access for Maintenance.-**

The allottee shall not obstruct in any way the officers, servants, or agents of the High Court or the Principal District and Sessions Judge in the exercise of their rights of possession and control over the chambers. The allottee shall provide reasonable assistance for the general upkeep and maintenance of the lawyers' chambers building.

20. **Nature of Allotment.-**

The allotment shall in no event create, nor shall be construed so as to create, confer or grant any lease or sub-lease, tenancy or sub-tenancy or any right, title or interest in respect of the Chamber in favour of the allottee.

21. **Effective Date and Vacation**.-

(1) Allotment becomes effective when the chamber is handed over.

(2) If not occupied within one month of allotment, it shall stand cancelled automatically.

22. **Termination of Allotment**.-

The licence shall terminate upon-

(a) cancellation by the Principal District and Sessions Judge for the reasons to be recorded;

(b) voluntary surrender by the allottee;

(c) cessation of membership in the Bar Association;

(d) removal from the State Bar Council roll;

(e) death of the allottee (subject to succession under clause (vi) of Rule 9;

(f) non-use for more than 3 continuous months without intimation (except certified medical grounds);

(g) non-payment of rent or electricity bills continuously for 3 months;

(h) conviction of advocate with any proceedings;

(i) three consecutive acts of nuisance shall lead to automatic cancel;

(j) use of alcoholic drinks, narcotic substances in allotted space/ chamber.

23. **Eviction for Breach**.-

On breach of any rule, the Principal District and Sessions Judge may, after 15 days' written notice and consultation with the Committee, terminate the licence and recover vacant possession without compensation.

24. **Recovery of Dues**.-

Arrears of licence fee or electricity charges shall be made from security deposit and thereafter be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

25. **Amendments and additions of Rules**.-

The High Court of Madhya Pradesh, may from time to time make such amendments and additions to these rules, as may be necessary and expedient.

26. **Interpretation**.-

If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, shall be final and shall not be called in question by any allottee.

27. **Repeal and Saving**.-

On coming into force of these Rules, "the Madhya Pradesh District and Tehsil Courts Lawyers' Allotment of Chambers and Sitting Arrangement in Hall Rules, 2025" all previous rules, guidelines, policy, criteria with respect to allotment of chambers made by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh or District Courts with all amendments or modifications are hereby repealed, however, this shall not by itself, invalidate the actions taken under the superseded/repealed rules, guidelines, policy, criteria and all those action are saved under these rules.

ANNEXURE – A

APPLICATION FORM FOR ALLOTMENT OF CHAMBER

PART – I: TYPE OF APPLICATION

Recent Passport size coloured photograph (original) to be affixed

A	New Allotment – Chamber	
B	New allotment – Hall Sitting Space (4X6 sq.ft.)	
C	Renewal of Existing Allotment (Chamber No. / Seat No. _____)	
D	Transfer on Death / Surrender (Attach proof)	

PART – II: PERSONAL DETAILS OF APPLICANT

1	Full Name (in BLOCK letters)	
2	Father's / Husband's Name	
3	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
4	Gender:- Male / Female / Transgender	
5	Aadhaar Number	
6	Mobile Number (WhatsApp enabled)	
7	Email ID	
8	Permanent Residential Address	
9	Present Address (if different)	

PART – III: PROFESSIONAL DETAILS

10	State Bar Council Enrolment No. | MP //	
11	Date of Enrollment (DD/MM/YYYY)	

12	District / Tehsil Bar Association Membership No.	
13	Date of Becoming Member of DBA /TBA(DD/MM/YYYY)	
14	Primary Place of Practice	
15	Total Appearances in last 3 years in this Court (as per e-Courts) _____ (Attach Reader's Certificate)	
16	Are you a Senior Advocate? Yes / No	
17	Are you Physically Challenged? (≥ 40%) Yes (Attach CMO Certificate) No	
18	Are you a Woman Advocate of Maternity Leave? Yes (Attach proof) No	

PART – IV: EXISTING CHAMBER / SPACE DETAILS (IF ANY)

19	Do you currently hold any chamber / seat in any court complex in Madhya Pradesh? Yes / No	
20	If Yes Court complex Name	
21	Chamber / Seat No.	
22	Date of Allotment	
23	Are you surrendering it for this application:- Yes (Attach Annexure-C) No	

PART – V: FAMILY ALLOTMENT DECLARATION

24	Does your Spouse / Son / Daughter/ father/mother hold a chamber / seat in this court complex? Yes / No	
25	If Yes name & Relation	
26	Chamber / Seat No.	

PART–VI: PREFERENCE FOR CHAMBER (ONLY FOR CHAMBER APPLICATION)

27	Preferred Type :- Single / Shared (Twin)/ Multiple
28	Preferred Floor : - Ground / First / Any
29	Co-sharer Preference (for Shared) : - Name & Enr. No.
30	Accessibility Requirement (Ramp / Grab Bar) : - Yes / No

PART–VII: DECLARATION & UNDERTAKING

I, _____ , son/daughter/wife of _____ , do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that:

1. I fulfill all eligibility conditions as laid down in Madhya Pradesh District & Tehsil Court Lawyers' Chambers Allotment & Hall Sitting Arrangement Rules, 2025.
2. I have not suppressed any fact regarding criminal cases, contempt, or multiple allotments.
3. I undertake to surrender any existing chamber before taking possession of the new one.
4. I agree to pay license fee, electricity, and maintenance charges regularly.
5. I shall use the chamber only for professional purpose and vacate immediately on termination.
6. All information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place : _____ Signature of Applicant

Date: _____ Name : _____

PART–VIII: DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED

(self-attested documents)

Sr.	List of Document	Annexures
1	State Bar Council Enrollment Certificate	
2	DBA / TBA	
3	Aadhaar Card	
4	Reader/s Certificate of Appearances (last 3 year)	
5	Annexure-B: Affidavit (Notarized)	
6	Annexure–C: Surrender Declaration (if applicable)	
7	Disability Certificate (CMO)	
8	Death Certificate + Legal heir (if succession)	
9	Security Deposit Receipt (₹10,000)-Challan No. ___	

PART–IX: FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received on ____	
Scrutiny completed on _____	
Eligible / Not Eligible :- Eligible / Rejected (Reason: _____)	
Seniority Rank _____	
Allotment Chamber / Seat No. _____	
Allotment Letter Issued on _____ / Remarks	

Signature of Concerned Officer

(Name & Designation):

Date:_____

ANNEXURE – B

AFFIDAVIT

(ON ₹ 50 NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER – NOTARIZED)

I, _____, aged _____ years, son / daughter / wife of _____, resident of _____, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as under:

1. That I am enrolled with State Bar Council of Madhya Pradesh Vide Enr. No. MP// dated _____.
2. That, I am a member of [Name] Bar Association since _____.
3. That I primarily practice at [name of Court] and have appeared in ____case in the last 3 years.
4. That I do not hold / have surrendered any court complex in Madhya Pradesh as declared.
5. That I have not been convicted under any law.
6. That I will not sub-let or misuse the chamber.
7. That I shall abide by all rules under the MP Lawyers' Chambers Rules, 2025
8. That, I will regularly deposit the maintenance and electricity charges and will maintain the chamber.
9. That in case of any false statement, I shall be liable for cancellation, fine and legal action.

Deponent

Verification:

Verified that all the contents hereinabove mentioned are true and correct to my knowledge and nothing has been concealed therein.

Deponent

ANNEXURE – C

SURRENDER DECLARATION FOR EXISTING CHAMBER / SEAT

(To be verified by Nazir / PDJ)

Court Complex _____ **Chamber / Seat No. :**_____

Allottee Name _____**Enrollment No.:MP//**_____

I, _____ _____ , **hereby voluntarily surrender the above chamber / seat with** effect from _____

- **I have removed all belongings.**
- **I have cleared all dues upto** _____
- **No claim for refund of security (except after adjustment).**
- **Photographs of vacant chamber attached (4 angles).**
- **Date & No. of NOC** _____

Signature of Allottee

Date:

Verified & Accepted :

Nazir / In-Charge PDJ
Seal & signature

Date:

By order of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh,
DHARMINDER SINGH, Registrar General

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