

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSTS OF CHIEF EDITOR, EDITOR, DEPUTY
EDITOR AND ASSISTANT EDITOR FOR THE EDITORIAL SECTION OF
BOMBAY DIGITAL LAW REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE BOMBAY HIGH
COURT**

Recruitment on Contract Basis

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for 01 post of Chief Editor, 2 posts of Editor (1 each for English and Marathi language), 4 posts of Deputy Editor and 6 posts of Assistant Editor at Bombay High Court on contract basis for the period of **for one year (12 months) from the date of actual contract.** **The Selected candidates will be paid a fixed/ consolidated remuneration and will not be entitled to any other Pay or Allowances and shall not be treated or deemed to be in regular employment of the Bombay High Court. It is a full-time assignment and the candidates will not be allowed to take up any other assignment during the period of the contract.** The appointment may be extended as per then existing requirement of the High Court. The candidates to be appointed for the aforesaid posts shall work as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble AI Assisted Legal Translation Committee of the Bombay High Court from time to time.

The last date for submission of the online application shall be **31st December, 2024 till 5.00 pm.**

Note: - The application submitted by Speed Post only will be accepted. Any application submitted through email or by hand or any other mode will be disqualified.

1. The Qualification and Eligibility for the posts of Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor are as under: -

[A] Educational Qualification :-

| Sr. No. | Manpower Description with Qualification and Skill set Required | No. of Posts | Remuneration to be paid per month |
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| 1. | <p><u>Chief Editor</u></p> <p>(A) must be a Retired District Judge, preferably Super-time/ Selection Scale/ Retired Secretary (Legislation).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) must hold degree in Law from a recognised University and must be a practising Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto for not less than TEN years on the date of publication of advertisement and while computing the period for practising as an Advocate, the period during which he/she has held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer shall be included.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>A Candidate must have attained the age of forty-five years and must not have attained the age of seventy years as on the date of publication of Advertisement.</p> | 01 | Rs.1,50,000/- |

OR

(C) must be an Academician having experience of active teaching in law colleges for not less than **TEN** years.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of forty-five years and must not have attained the age of seventy years as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

The preference shall be given to the candidates falling under the category (B) and (C) above, if

(i) the Candidate possesses experience to discharge the duties for the post of Editor and skills required to discharge collateral responsibilities for the said post,

(ii) the Candidate has worked in the Judicial Academies or other institutions carrying out research or work of publications relating to law;

(iii) the candidate possesses experience to work in the recognised Law Reports or other Law related publications;

(iv) the candidate has worked with the Law Commissions or having experience to work in Law Libraries.

(v) the candidate possesses experience

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| | of translation from English into Marathi and vice versa, in legal field. | | |
| 2. | <p><u>Editor (Marathi)</u></p> <p>(A) Must be a Retired District Judge/ Retired Secretary (Legislation)/ retired Principal/Professor of Law Colleges/ retired Officers of Law Commission in the pay scale equivalent to Super-time scale/ State Legal Advisor, who has retired within past 5 years on superannuation only and having no post retirement assignment. The Officers /Principal/Professors, who have taken voluntary retirement and those who are compulsorily retired/ discharged from service in probation/ review premature retired or dismissed shall not be considered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) must hold degree in Law from a recognised University and must be a practising Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto for not less than seven years on the date of publication of advertisement and while computing the period for practising as an Advocate, the period during which he/she has held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer shall be</p> | 01 | Rs. 1,00,000/- |

included.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-five years as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

OR

(C) Must hold degree in Law and who is working or who has worked as Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate for not less than **seven** years in the post.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-five as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

The preference shall be given to the candidates falling under the category (B) and (C) above, if

(i) the Candidate possesses experience to discharge the duties for the post of Editor and skills required to discharge collateral responsibilities for the said post,

(ii) the Candidate has worked in the Judicial Academies or other institutions carrying out research or work of publications relating to law;

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| <p>(iii) the candidate possesses experience to work in the recognised Law Reports or other Law related publications;</p> <p>(iv) the candidate has worked with the Law Commissions or having experience to work in Law Libraries.</p> <p>(v) the candidate possesses experience of translation from English into Marathi and vice versa, in legal field.</p> | | |
| <p>3. <u>Editor (English)</u></p> <p>(A) Must be a Retired District Judge/ Retired Secretary (Legislation)/retired Principal/Professor of Law Colleges/ retired Officer of Law Commission in the pay scale equivalent to Super time scale/ State Legal Advisor, who has retired within past 5 years on superannuation only and having no post retirement assignment. The Officers /Principal/Professors, who have taken voluntary retirement and those who are compulsorily retired/ discharged from service in probation/ review premature retired or dismissed, shall not be considered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) must hold degree in Law from a recognised University and must be a practising Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto</p> | 01 | Rs.1,00,000/- |

for not less than **seven** years on the date of publication of advertisement and while computing the period for practising as an Advocate, the period during which he/she has held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer shall be included.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-five years, as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

OR

(C) Must hold degree in Law and who is working or who has worked as Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate for not less than **seven** years in the post.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-five years as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

The preference shall be given to the candidates falling under the category (B) and (C) above, if
(i) the Candidate possesses experience

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| | <p>to discharge the duties for the post of Editor and skills required to discharge collateral responsibilities for the said post,</p> <p>(ii) the Candidate has worked in the Judicial Academies or other institutions carrying out research or work of publications relating to law;</p> <p>(iii) the candidate possesses experience to work in the recognised Law Reports or other Law related publications;</p> <p>(iv) the candidate has worked with the Law Commissions or having experience to work in Law Libraries.</p> <p>(v) the candidate possesses experience of translation from English into Marathi and vice versa, in legal field.</p> | | |
| 4 | <p><u>Deputy Editor</u></p> <p>(A) Must be a Retired Judicial Officer, who has retired within past 5 years on superannuation only and having no post retirement assignment. The retired Judicial Officers who have taken voluntary retirement and those who are compulsorily retired/ discharged from service in probation/ review premature retired or dismissed shall not be considered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) must hold degree in Law from a</p> | 04 | Rs.80,000/- |

recognised University and must be a practising Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto for not less than **five** years on the date of publication of advertisement and while computing the period for practising as an Advocate, the period during which he/she has held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer shall be included.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-five years as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

OR

(C) Must hold degree in Law and who is working or who has worked as Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate for not less than **five** years in the post.

AND

A Candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-five as on the date of publication of Advertisement.

The preference shall be given to the candidates falling under the category

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| <p>(B) and (C) above, if</p> <p>(i) the Candidate possesses experience to discharge the duties for the post of Editor and skills required to discharge collateral responsibilities for the said post,</p> <p>(ii) the Candidate has worked in the Judicial Academies or other institutions carrying out research or work of publications relating to law;</p> <p>(iii) the candidate possesses experience to work in the recognised Law Reports or other Law related publications;</p> <p>(iv) the candidate has worked with the Law Commissions or having experience to work in Law Libraries.</p> <p>(v) the candidate possesses experience of translation from English into Marathi and vice versa, in legal field.</p> | | |
| <p>5. <u>Assistant Editor</u></p> <p>(A) Must be a Retired Judicial Officer, who has retired within past 5 years on superannuation only and having no post retirement assignment. The retired Judicial Officers who have taken voluntary retirement and those who are compulsorily retired/ discharged from service in probation/ review premature retired or dismissed shall not be considered.</p> | <p>06</p> | <p>Rs.60,000/-</p> |

OR

(B) For Fresh Law Graduates :-

(i) must hold degree in Law from a recognised University and must have obtained the degree by passing each examination to be conducted for obtaining the said degree in first attempt.

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(ii) the final year of degree in law or final year of post graduation in Law (LL.M.) must be passed with minimum marks of 55% as on the date of publication of the Advertisement.

(iii) Minimum Age– 21 years

Maximum Age– 40 years

(C) For Pleader, Attorney or Advocate :

must hold degree in Law from a recognised University and must have experience as Pleader, Attorney or Advocate in the High Court at Bombay or the Courts subordinate thereto for not less than **three** years as on the date of publication of advertisement. The service in Maharashtra to the post of Public Prosecutor shall be considered as judicial profession.

(i) Minimum Age for – 21 years

Maximum Age - 40 years.

(D) For Ministerial Staff (The members

of the Ministerial staff of Bombay High Court, the members of the Ministerial Staff of the Courts subordinate to the High Court, the members of the staff working to the post of Law Assistant and the posts higher thereto, in Law and Judiciary Department, the members of the Ministerial staff in the office of the Government Pleader in High Court, City Civil Court and the District Courts)

(i) must hold degree in Law from a recognised University and it is necessary to complete the service of not less than 3 years after obtaining degree in Law, as on the date of publication of the advertisement or prior thereto.

(ii) Minimum Age – 21 years

Maximum Age - 45 years.

The preference shall be given to the candidates falling under the category (B), (C) and (D) above, if

(i) the Candidate possesses experience to discharge the duties for the post of Editor and skills required to discharge collateral responsibilities for the said post,

(ii) the Candidate has worked in the Judicial Academies or other institutions carrying out research or work of

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| <p>publications relating to law;</p> <p>(iii) the candidate possesses experience to work in the recognised Law Reports or other Law related publications;</p> <p>(iv) the candidate has worked with the Law Commissions or having experience to work in Law Libraries.</p> <p>(v) the candidate possesses experience of translation from English into Marathi and vice versa, in legal field.</p> | | |
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[B] General Criteria :-

(1) The candidates must possess certificate about computer proficiency obtained from any of the following institutions:

(a) Universities established under the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994

(b) Goa/Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education

(c) NIC

(d) DOEACC

(e) APTECH

(f) NIIT

(g) C-DAC

(h) DATAPRO

(i) SSI

(j) BOSTON

(k) CEDIT

(l) MS-CIT or any other equivalent certificate issued by the Government recognized institute.

(2) The candidate must possess minimum skills to perform work for the post using computers and technology deployed for publication and search portal.

(3) The candidates must have sufficient knowledge of English as well as Marathi language to enable him to read, write and speak and translate from English into Marathi and vice versa.

(4) As per the number of aspiring candidates, the Competent Authority may conduct the test of preparing summary of Judgments in English and/or Marathi.

2. The candidates holding grades shall provide grades converted into percentage from the concerned Educational Institutions.

3. The educational and other qualifications as well as experience acquired as on the date of publication of the advertisement shall be taken into consideration for eligibility and further selection.

4. The list of eligible candidates and the date of test/interview will be published on the official website of the Bombay High Court at <https://bombayhighcourt.nic.in>.

5. At the time of interview, the eligible candidates shall submit two passport size photographs and the copies of Original Documents along with duly attested photocopies of the documents thereof as mentioned in the online application and proof regarding conversion of grades into percentage, if applicable, for verification etc.

6. High Court may verify the documents submitted by the candidate from issuing authority.

Roles and Responsibilities

A) Chief Editor

1) The Chief Editor shall ascertain the Judgments to be reported in the BDLR and allocate the same amongst the Editors, Deputy Editors and Assistant Editors

for preparing the headnotes. The Chief Editor shall verify, edit and approve the Headnotes prepared by the Editors, Deputy Editors and Assistant Editors. The Chief Editor shall decide the chronology of Judgments to be published every month.

2) The Central Project Coordinator / Registrar with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Registrar General may prescribe the duties of the Chief Editor by general or special order, from time to time and likewise, may provide for the subordination of, and internal relativity among the staff of Bombay High Court and its Benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad.

3) The High Court may further specify, modify, add to or delete from the duties of the Chief Editor from time to time.

B) Editor (Marathi)

1) The Editor (Marathi) shall prepare the Headnotes of the Judgments in Marathi and shall also verify and edit the Headnotes prepared by the Deputy Editors and Assistant Editors. The Editor shall submit the verified headnotes to the Chief Editor for publishing the same.

2) The Central Project Coordinator / Registrar with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Registrar General may prescribe the duties of the Editor by general or special order, from time to time. and likewise, may provide for the subordination of, and internal relativity among the staff of Bombay High Court and its Benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad.

3) The High Court may further specify, modify, add to or delete from the duties of the Editor from time to time.

C) Editor (English)

1) The Editor (English) shall prepare the Headnotes of the Judgments in English and shall also verify and edit the Headnotes prepared by the Deputy Editors and Assistant Editors. The Editor shall submit the verified headnotes to the Chief Editor for publishing the same.

2) The Central Project Coordinator / Registrar with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Registrar General may prescribe the duties of the Editor by general or special order, from time to time. and likewise, may provide for the subordination of, and internal relativity among the staff of Bombay High Court and its Benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad.

3) The High Court may further specify, modify, add to or delete from the duties of the Editor from time to time.

D) Deputy Editor

1) The Deputy Editor shall assist Editor and handle responsibilities as per directions of the Editor.

2) The Central Project Coordinator / Registrar with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Registrar General may prescribe the duties of the Deputy Editor by general or special order, from time to time. and likewise, may provide for the subordination of, and internal relativity among the staff of Bombay High Court and its Benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad.

3) The High Court may further specify, modify, add to or delete from the duties of the Deputy Editor from time to time.

e) Assistant Editor

1) The Assistant Editor shall prepare the Headnotes of the Judgments. The Assistant Editor shall submit the headnotes to the Deputy Editor (Marathi/English) for verification.

2) The Central Project Coordinator / Registrar with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Registrar General may prescribe the duties of the Deputy Editor by general or special order, from time to time. and likewise, may provide for the subordination of, and internal relativity among the staff of Bombay High Court and its Benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad.

3) The High Court may further specify, modify, add to or delete from the duties of the Deputy Editor from time to time.

Other Terms and Conditions

- **Disqualification for appointment: -**

No person shall be eligible for appointment as Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor : -

(a) if he is not a citizen of India.

(b) if he has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude, or he is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it; or

(c) if he directly or indirectly influences the 'Selection Committee' by any means for his candidature; or

(d) if he is a man, has more than one wife living and if a woman has married a man already having another wife: or

(e) if he has more than two children.

Explanation - For the purpose of this clause, where a couple has only one child, any number of children born out of a single subsequent delivery shall be deemed to be one child.

- **Condition relating to suitability, fitness, and Character: -**

No person selected by the Selection Committee shall be appointed: -

(I) unless the Appointing Authority is satisfied that he is of good character and is in all respects suitable for appointment to the service.

- **Tenure: -**

(i) All appointments to the posts of Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor shall be on a contract basis.

(ii) The Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor may be appointed for a period of one year and it may be extended.

- **Remuneration: -**

Remuneration shall be as per orders prescribed from time to time.

- **Termination: -**

1) The Appointing Authority may terminate the services of Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor at any time and without assigning any reason, with one month's notice or one month's pay in lieu thereof and upon such termination the Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor shall immediately cease to hold such office.

2) The Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor may also seek termination of service with one month's notice or by depositing one month's pay in lieu thereof.

- **Transfer: -**

1) The posts of Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor shall be transferable in between Principal Seat of Bombay High Court and its Benches.

2) The appointing authority shall have the prerogative to transfer Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor at any time / at any location (i.e. Principal Seat of Bombay High Court and its Benches).

- **Training: -**

Every person appointed as a Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor shall undergo such training as may be prescribed by the High Court from time to time.

- **Leave of absence : -**

The Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor shall be entitled to such leave of absence as may be approved by the Member-Secretary, AI Assisted Legal Translation Committee, High Court at Bombay, subject to a maximum of eight days in a calendar year.

- **Residuary Provision: -**

The condition of the service of the Chief Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor for which no express provision is made shall be determined by the Committee of Judges of the Bombay High Court constituted by the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, for such purpose when need arises.

Sd/-

Date:- 10th December, 2024.

Registrar General
High Court, Bombay