



## **ABSTRACT**

Consumer Protection – State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission – Retainer fee to the Standing Counsel in State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora - Revised – Orders issued.

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### **Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection (H1) Department**

**G.O. (Ms.) No.167**

**Dated: 08.10.2013**

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**Read :**

1. G.O.(Ms.) No.182, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, dated 14.9.1998.
2. G.O.(Ms.) No.157, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, dated 9.4.2003.
3. G.O.(Ms.) No.1033, Public (Law Officers) Department, dated 1.11.2010.
4. G.O.(Ms.) No.36, Home (Courts VI A) Department, dated 12.1.2011.
5. From Thiru. T. Ravikumar, Advocate, Standing Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai, letter dated 14.9.2012.
6. From the Registrar (i/c), State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, letter Rc.No.A1/5299/2012, dated 7.1.2013.

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government order 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued appointing a separate counsel for State Government to appear in cases before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora, Chennai (North) and Chennai (South) and he shall be paid Rs.2,500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred only) per month on par with the Government Pleader, High Court, Chennai and also directed that the respective District Government Pleaders shall

appear in Government cases before the District Fora in their districts and they shall be paid the fees as prescribed by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.373, Home (Courts.I) Department, dated 9.3.1995 on par with the fees payable to the Law Officers attached to the Courts Subordinate to the High Court, Chennai.

2. In the Government order 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, among other things orders were issued revising the retainer fee to the Law Officers appearing before the State Consumer District Redressal Commission at Rs.6,000/- per month and to the Government Pleader / Additional Government Pleader appearing before the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum at Rs.1,000/- per month.

3. In the Government order 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, among other things the retainer fee to the Law Officers of the High Court of Madras and its Bench at Madurai was revised and the retainer fee to the Government Pleader of High Court of Madras and its Bench at Madurai was fixed at Rs.15,000/- per month.

4. In the Government order 4<sup>th</sup> read above, among other things, the retainer fee to the Law Officers attached to the courts subordinate to High Court was revised and the retainer fee to the Government Pleader attached to the Courts Subordinate to High Court was fixed at Rs.6,000/- per month.

5. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Thiru. T. Ravikumar, Standing Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai has requested the Government to revise the retainer fee for Standing Counsel of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora, Chennai (North and South).

6. The Registrar (i/c), State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai in his letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, has requested that the representation of Thiru.T. Ravikumar, Standing Counsel for the State Commission and the District Forum, Chennai (North and South) may be considered for the revision of the retainer fee to the Standing Counsel, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora, Chennai (North & South) on par with the Government Pleader of Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

7. The Government, after careful examination have decided to revise the retainer fee to the Standing Counsel of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai and its Circuit Bench at Madurai on par with the Government Pleaders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and to the Standing Counsel of all the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora on par with the Law Officers attached to the Courts Subordinate to the Hon'ble High Court of Madras. Accordingly, the Government prescribe the retainer fee as detailed below:-

S.No.	State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission /District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora	Existing retainer fee	Revised retainer fee
i)	Retainer fee of Standing Counsel in State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai and its Circuit Bench in Madurai	Rs.6,000/- per month	Rs.15,000/- per month
ii)	Retainer fee of Standing Counsel in District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora in Tamil Nadu	Rs.1,000/- per month	Rs.6000/- per month.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.54111/CF&CP/2013 dated 03.10.2013.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**M.P. NIRMALA  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Registrar(i/c),  
State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai – 4.  
The Presidents of all District Fora,  
**through** the Registrar (i/c), State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission,  
Chennai – 4.  
All District Collectors.  
The Accountant General, Chennai – 18/9/35.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai – 9/35/104/5.  
All Treasury Officers  
**through** the Registrar (i/c), State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission,  
Chennai – 4.  
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The Finance (CF&CP) Department, Chennai – 9.  
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