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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS**

**Notification
New Delhi, the, 2006**

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 41 read with clause (h) of sub-section (2) of section 60 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :-

- 1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Annual Report) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Definitions.** - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -
 - (a) "Act" means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006;
 - (b) "Appendix" means an Appendix annexed to these rules;
 - (c) All other words and expressions used in these rules and not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act.
- 3. Form, manner and the time of furnishing of returns, statements and Annual Report.** -
 - (1) The Board shall prepare and furnish to the Central Government an annual report giving a true and full account of its activities including proceedings and policies during the previous financial year in the form and manner prescribed in the Appendix.
 - (2) The Annual Report of the previous financial year referred to in sub-rule (1) above shall be submitted by the Board to the Central Government after adoption at a meeting of the Board and being signed by the members and authenticated by affixing the common seal of the Board within nine months after the close of each financial year.

APPENDIX
[see rule 3]

Form of Annual Report of The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board comprising inter-alia of following items:-

Part I

General

- (a) Review of General Economic Environment ;
- (b) Global Oil and Gas Scenario ;
- (c) Domestic Oil and Gas Scenario ;
- (d) Best international Oil and Gas regulatory practices and adoption thereof in the Indian context.

Part II

Review of working and operations of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board in respect of the following activities :-

- (i) Registration and Authorization of entities;
- (ii) Protection of interest of consumers by fostering fair trade and competition amongst the entities;
- (iii) Monitoring of uninterrupted and adequate supply of petroleum and petroleum products in all parts of the Country;
- (iv) Declaring, laying, building and operating or expanding the pipelines as common carrier or contract carrier;
- (v) Declaring, laying, building and operating or expanding the City gas distribution networks;
- (vi) Regulation of transportation rates for common carriers and contract carriers;

- (vii) Monitoring of prices and transportation rates in respect of notified petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas and corrective measures taken to prevent restrictive trade practice by the entities;
- (viii) Enforcing of retail service obligations for retail outlets and marketing service obligations for entities;
- (ix) Technical standards and specifications including safety standards in construction and operation of pipeline and infrastructure projects related to downstream petroleum and natural gas sector;
- (x) Gist of important dispute resolutions, directions/orders, appeals and court orders;
- (xi) Gist of powers and functions delegated by the Board;
- (xii) New regulations, if any, framed during the year.

Part III

Statement of Annual Accounts of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board.

Part IV

Organisational matters of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

Notification

New Delhi, the, 2006

G.S.R. (E). – In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 read with clause (b) of sub-section 2 of section 60 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

- 1. Short title and commencement.** – (1) These rules may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Procedure for Appointment of a Person or Constitution of an Authority for Conducting Inquiry against Chairperson or a Member) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Definitions.** – In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) “Act” means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006;
 - (b) “Judge” means a Judge of the Supreme Court appointed for conducting an inquiry under Rule 3;
 - (c) All other words and expressions used in these rules and not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act.
- 3. The Judge to conduct inquiry.**- (1) Whenever the Central Government is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for making an inquiry against Chairperson or a Member under Section 7 of the Act, into truth of any imputation of acquisition of such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a Chairperson or member or abuse of his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the interest of public, it may, after consulting the Chief Justice of India, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint a Judge for the purpose of conducting such inquiry.

(2) Notice of appointment of a judge under sub-rule (1) shall also be given to such Chairperson or Member.

4. Procedure for conducting inquiry. - The Judge shall not be bound by the procedure laid down by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), but shall be guided by the principles of natural justice such as informing the Chairperson or Member concerned of the charges against him and giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard in respect of such charges and shall have power to regulate his own procedure including the fixing of place and time of his enquiry.

5. Powers of the Judge. - The Judge may summon such witness or records as he may consider necessary for the purpose of discharging his functions under these rules.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**Notification
New Delhi, the....., 2006**

G.S.R. (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 3 of section 43 read with clause (i) of sub-section 2 of section 60 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) These rules may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Payment of Compensation) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions. - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "Act" means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006;

(b) "collector" shall mean the collector of the revenue district in which the property referred to in the notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 43 of the Act is situated;

(c) "person interested" includes all persons claiming an interest in compensation to be made on account of the taking over of control and management of facilities and business premises of any entity and retail outlets or entrusting to any Agency of the Central or State Government to manage it under the Act;

(d) All other words and expressions used in these rules and not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Principles and method of determining compensation. - (1) Wherever control and management of facilities and business premises of any entity and retail outlets are to be taken over or entrusted to any Agency of the Central or State Government to manage it in the manner directed by the Central Government, the amount of compensation payable shall be determined by the Collector in the manner and in accordance with the principles hereinafter set out, that is to say-

- (a) where the amount of compensation can be fixed by an agreement, it shall be paid in accordance with such agreement;
- (b) where no such agreement can be reached, the collector shall ask the persons interested to make application before him stating therein the amount of compensation claimed by him under each heads separately and he shall, after receiving such evidence as may be adduced before him and after making such enquiries as he may deem fit, and after giving to the parties to the dispute a reasonable opportunity of being heard, shall determine the compensation payable, and shall also apportion such compensation among the persons interested in the entity or retail outlet and such determination shall be communicated by the collector to the person or persons in whose favour the determination has been made:

Provided that the collector may also consult any person of eminence and take their advice for determining the compensation payable;

- (c) that collector shall complete the compensation determination proceedings and determine the compensation within four months of the receipt of application by him from the persons interested:

Provided that the Central Government may, if it thinks fit, extend the period for determining the compensation either before or after the expiry of such period;

- (d) the collector shall pass his order in writing setting forth therein the grounds for his determination and sign such order;
- (e) the collector shall thereafter deliver and / or send by registered post to all the parties to the dispute a copy of the order.

- (2) The matters to be considered in determining the amount of compensation payable, -

- a) a recurring payment in respect of the period of taking over control and management of facilities and business premises of any entity and retail outlet or entrusting to any Agency of the Central or State Government to manage it, of a sum equal to the rent which would have been payable for the use and occupation of the entity or retail outlet, if it had been taken on Lease for that period;

- b) the profit and loss made by the entity or retail outlet in the previous financial year; and
 - c) such sum or sums, if any, as may be found necessary to compensate the person interested for all or any of the following matters, namely,-
 - i) pecuniary loss due to taking over control and management of facilities and business premises of any entity and retail outlet or entrusting to any Agency of the Central or State Government to manage it;
 - ii) expenses on account of vacating the premises;
 - iii) expenses on account of re-occupying the premises upon release.
4. **Powers of Collector and Procedure to be followed.** - The Collector may summon such witness or record as he may consider necessary for the purpose of discharging his functions under these rules.
5. **Payment of compensation.** - Compensation as determined shall be paid by the collector quarterly in arrears for the period for which control and management of facilities and business premises of any entity and retail outlets have been taken over or have been entrusted to any Agency of the Central or State Government to manage it. The compensation shall be paid either in cash or by cheque at the discretion of the collector.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the, 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 3 of section 10 read with clause (c) of sub-section 2 of section 60 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :-

- 1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Salary, Allowances and other Conditions of Service of Secretary) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Definitions.** --- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -
 - (a) "Act" means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006;
 - (b) "Board" means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board established under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Act;
 - (c) "Schedule" means the Schedule annexed to these rules;
 - (d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Board;
 - (e) All other words and expressions used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively as assigned to them in the Act.
- 3. Pay scale of secretary.**- The secretary shall be entitled to a monthly salary in the pay scale of Rs.18,400-500-22,400.
- 4. Conditions of service.**- (1) The conditions of service of the secretary in the matter of pay, allowances, leave, joining time, joining time pay, age of superannuation and other conditions of service, shall be regulated in accordance with such rules and regulations as are, from time to time, applicable to officers and employees of the Central Government belonging to Group 'A' and drawing the corresponding scale of pay:

Provided that -

(a) the secretary who is a Government employee on deputation to the Board and has been allotted residential accommodation under General Pool shall be eligible to retain the facility of Government residential accommodation in terms of Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, Directorate of Estates, OM No. 11013/D/7/94-Pol. IV/I, dated 26.4.1999, and as amended from time to time; and in case Government residential accommodation has not been allotted or availed, he shall be eligible for House Rent Allowance at par with Central Government servant drawing equivalent pay. The secretary who is not appointed on deputation from the Government shall be entitled to House Rent Allowance at par with those applicable to Central Government servant drawing equivalent pay.

(b) the secretary shall be entitled to medical facilities as specified in Schedule-I.

(c) (i) in case the secretary is not on deputation from the Government, he shall be entitled to subscribe to Contributory Provident Fund and shall be regulated by the Contributory Provident Fund Rules made by the Central Government for the Board :

Provided that such secretary shall not be entitled to get pension;

(ii) in case the secretary is appointed on deputation, he shall continue to be governed by Provident Fund Scheme as is applicable to him in his parent Ministry/Department/organisation and the Board shall recover contribution towards provident fund from the officer and remit the amount immediately to the lending Ministry/Department/organisation. Any loss of interest on account of late remittance shall be borne by the Board.

(d) the secretary while on official foreign tours, shall be entitled to allowances as specified in Schedule-II.

(e) in case the secretary is not on deputation, he shall be eligible for payment of gratuity as per the Gratuity Act, 1976.

(f) in case the secretary is not on deputation, he shall be entitled to Group Insurance benefit as per the scheme to be formulated by the Board in consultation with the Central Government.

- (g) the secretary on deputation from organization other than the Central Government shall be eligible for pension and retirement benefits, if any, as are available to him in his parent organisation:

Provided that in case the secretary is not on deputation, he shall not be eligible for pension.

Schedule - I

[See rule 4(b)]

MEDICAL FACILITIES

1 Outdoor Medical expenses- (i) The Secretary shall be eligible to get medical reimbursement for self and declared members of family.

Explanation - For the purpose of this clause, the expression "family" has the same meaning as assigned to it in the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944.

- (ii) The reimbursement of outdoor medical expenses shall be limited to the actual expenses or one month's pay on 1st January of the year (Basic pay + Dearness Allowance) whichever is less. The claim should be supported by Doctor's prescription and the original cash memos/bills for treatment by the Doctor and purchase of medicines. Release of increment or promotion during the year shall not affect the limit as on 1st January of the year. In case secretary joins the Board during the year, the annual entitlement shall be restricted on pro-rata basis.
- (iii) The outdoor treatment shall be taken from the Authorised Medical Attendants from the panel to be maintained by the Board.

2 Indoor treatment-

- (i) For the purpose of indoor treatment the secretary shall be entitled for medical treatment at hospitals authorised by the Board in this behalf, and for this purpose cost of treatment including hospital accommodation, nursing home facility, etc shall be as per the provisions of the Central Services (Medical Attendants) Rules, 1944 as applicable to the Central Government employees drawing equivalent pay.
- (ii) The authorised hospitals for the purpose of (i) above shall be the same as are available to the Central Government employees regulated by Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rule 1944.

- (iii) Treatment at authorised hospitals may be taken on the advice of the Authorised Medical attendants except in emergency.

Schedule - II
[See rule 4(d)]

Traveling Allowance in respect of foreign tours

- (1) Deputation of secretary abroad.- Deputation of the secretary abroad shall be decided by the Chairperson.
- (2) Entitlement for travel by Air.- The secretary shall be entitled to travel abroad by Air at par with facilities available from time to time to Central Government employees drawing equivalent pay.
- (3) Per diem halting allowance.- While on foreign tour, the secretary shall be entitled to draw per diem allowances at the rate of US \$ 350 per day. But, for travel to Nepal, the rate shall be US \$ 250 per day (to be paid in Indian currency).

Provided that –

- (a) the proposed per diem would be a consolidated amount limited to actual subject to production of vouchers covering room rent, taxi charges, entertainment if any, official telephone calls, daily allowance at the rate available from time to time to Central Government employees drawing equivalent pay and other contingent expenditure.
- (b) if full hospitality (i.e. lodging and boarding) is provided by the host organization or official agencies, Indian Missions, the incidental expenses would be US \$ 100 per-diem for the entire period of stay. In case of Nepal, the same would be US \$ 50 per diem. In such a case, economy cut if any, as applicable to the Central Government officers shall also apply at the rate of US \$ 100 or US \$ 50, as the case may be.
- (c) in case only free lodging is provided, cash allowance at the rate of 50% of the per-diem at normal rate would be applicable.
- (d) in case of stay beyond seven consecutive days, the per diem from the 8th to 28th days shall be US \$ 250 and the rate of per diem for stay beyond twenty eight days consecutively shall be decided on case to case basis keeping in view the facilities provided.

(e) in case the lodging and transport arrangements are made through the concerned Indian Mission abroad, only daily allowance at the rate available from time to time to Central Government employees drawing equivalent pay and other contingent expenditure shall be admissible.

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Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the, 2006

G.S.R. – E. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section 4 of Section 5 read with clause (a) of sub-section (2) of Section 60 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Salaries, Allowances and other Conditions of Service of Chairperson and Members) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Definitions.** - In these rules, unless the context other wise requires, -

(a) “Act”, means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006;

(b) “Board”, means the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board established under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Act;

(c) “Chairperson”, means the Chairperson of the Board appointed under Section 4 of the Act;

(d) “Member”, means a whole-time Member of the Board appointed under Section 4 of the Act;

(e) All other words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act, shall have the same meanings respectively as assigned to them in the Act.

3. **Salaries and allowances.** -

(a) The Chairperson shall be entitled to a monthly salary of Rs.26,000 (fixed).

(b) The Member shall be entitled to a monthly salary in the pay scale of Rs.22,400-525-24,500.

(c) The Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to draw dearness allowance and city compensatory allowance at the rate applicable to a Group 'A' officer of the Central Government drawing an equivalent pay:

Provided that in case of appointment of a person as the Chairperson or a Member who has retired from the service under Central Government or State Government and who is in receipt of, or has received or has become entitled to receive any retirement benefits by way of pension, gratuity, employers contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund or other forms of retirement benefits, the pay of such Chairperson or Member, shall be reduced by the gross amount of pension or employers contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund or any other form of retirement benefits, if any (except pension equivalent of gratuity), drawn or to be drawn by him:

Provided further that if a person who has retired from any service including service under Central Government or State Government, Public Sector Undertakings and/or Autonomous Bodies is appointed as the Chairperson or a Member, he shall be entitled to receive dearness allowance at the same rate as applicable to a Group 'A' officer of the Central Government drawing an equivalent pay, but he shall not be entitled to receive dearness relief on pension during the period he holds office as such Chairperson or a Member.

4. Leave. - The Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to thirty days of earned leave for every year of service. The payment of leave salary during leave shall be governed by rule 40 of the Central Civil Service (Leave) Rules, 1972. The Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to encashment of fifty percent of earned leave to his credit at any time.

5. GPF or CPF, Pension and Gratuity. - The Chairperson and Members would be governed by contributory Provident Fund Rules and no option to subscribe under GPF Rules will be available. Additional Pension and Gratuity will not be admissible for service rendered in the Regulatory Authority.

6. Leave Travel Concession, Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance. - The Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to travelling allowance and Daily allowance on tour as applicable to Government Servants drawing that basic pay and they shall also be entitled to facility of temporary Government accommodation in Guest Houses or Inspection Bungalows under the control of the Central Government, wherever applicable, on

payment of normal rent at out-stations, of the class to which Government Servants of equivalent pay are eligible.

7. Medical Treatment. - The Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to Medical treatment and Hospital facilities as provided in the Central Government Health Service Scheme for retired Government servants and at places where the CGHS Scheme is not in operation, the Chairperson and Members who are not Government servants shall be entitled to the facilities as provided in the Central Service (Medical Attendance) Rules.

8. Official Visits Abroad.- The Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to undertake official visits abroad with the prior approval of the Minister-in-charge of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and after political clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs. The daily allowance and the provision for hotel accommodation during the period of tour abroad shall be regulated in accordance with the Government instructions as applicable from time to time to officers of equivalent pay in the Government of India and Indian Missions abroad shall take care of arrangements and extend facilities as applicable to Group "A" officers of the Central Government drawing an equivalent pay.

9. Transport allowance. - The Chairperson and a Member shall be eligible for fixed reimbursement of transport allowance between Rs.3,000/- and Rs.5,000/- per month as laid down by the Department of Personnel and Training from time to time for the use and maintenance of his personal car for transportation between residence and office and it shall include the salary of a driver who would not be a Government servant.

10. Accommodation. - The Chairperson and a Member shall be given the option of claiming House Rent Allowance @ 30% of the basic pay drawn if they stay at Delhi but no house shall be hired by the Board or allotted by the Government and in case of a satellite town surrounding the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Chairperson and a Member shall be entitled to rented unfurnished accommodation with built-up area measuring around 350 square meters for Chairperson and 300 square meters for a Member with suitable open land area appurtenant as permissible under the regulations of the concerned municipal bodies.

11. Oath of Officer and Secrecy. - The Chairperson and Members shall, before entering upon their office, make and subscribe an Oath of Office and Secrecy, in the forms I and II annexed to these rules.

12. Telephone facility, official meetings and entertainment expenses. - The Chairperson and a Member shall be eligible for telephone facilities, official meetings and entertainment expenses as admissible to a Group "A" officer of the Central Government drawing an equivalent pay.

13. Residuary matters. - Matters relating to the terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson or a Member with respect to which no express provision has been made in these rules, shall be such as are admissible to a Group "A" officer of the Central Government drawing an equivalent pay.

14. Power to relax. - The Central Government shall have power to relax, after recording in writing the reasons thereof, any provision of these rules in respect of Chairperson or any Member.

15. Interpretation. - If any question arises relating to the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Central Government there-upon shall be final.

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Ajay Tyagi, Joint Secretary

FORM - 1
(see rule 13)

**Form of Oath of Office for the Chairperson and Members of the
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board**

I, _____, having been appointed as the
Chairperson or Member *(cross out portion not applicable)* solemnly affirm
and do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully and conscientiously
discharge my duties as the Chairperson or Member *(cross out portion not
applicable)*, of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, to the
best of my ability, knowledge and judgement, without fear or favour,
affection or ill-will.

Dated: _____ (Name of the Chairperson or Member)
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD

FORM - II
(see rule 13)

**Form of Oath of Secrecy for the Chairperson or Members of the
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board**

I, _____, having been appointed as the Chairperson or Member *(cross out portion not applicable)* do solemnly affirm and swear in the name of God that I will directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as the Chairperson or Member *(cross out portion not applicable)*, of the said Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as the Chairperson or Member *(cross out portion not applicable)*.

Dated: _____ (Name of the Chairperson/Member)
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD