## GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA LAW (B) DEPARTMENT

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No. LL(B)34/2025/17

Dated: Shillong, the 29th August, 2025

From:

The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,

Law (B) Department

To,

The Deputy Secretary

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Subject:

Revised Clarification for BRAP Reform No. 257 - Filling of Vacancies in

Specialized Commercial Courts

### Respected Sir/Madam,

In continuation of our earlier submission and with reference to the clarification sought by DPIIT regarding BRAP Reform No. 257, the State of Meghalaya is pleased to submit the following revised clarification for your kind consideration.

## 1. Existing Infrastructure and Arrangement

The State of Meghalaya presently operates the Commercial Court from the existing infrastructure of the District and Sessions Judge Court, Shillong. This arrangement was adopted keeping in view the comparatively low pendency of commercial cases in the State. Consequently, there is no separate sanctioned strength for a standalone specialized Commercial Court in Meghalaya.

# 2. Applicability of the 90% Vacancy Criterion

As the Commercial Court functions within the existing District and Sessions Court setup, the 90% vacancy-filling criterion in the context of a separate sanctioned strength does not arise. However, it is pertinent to highlight that all posts sanctioned in the current setup that also handles commercial disputes are fully staffed, thereby fulfilling the intent of the reform in ensuring adequate judicial and administrative capacity.

# 3. Current Staffing Status

For the Shillong District and Sessions Court (which hosts the Commercial Court function), the sanctioned and filled positions are as follows:

Sl. No.	Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacancy %
1	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)	1	1	0%
2	Upper Division Assistant (UDA)	14	14	0%
3	Lower Division Assistant (LDA)	26	26	0%
4	Stenographer Grade I	6	6	0%
5	Stenographer Grade II	2	2	0%
6	Assistant Librarian	1	1.	0%
7	Driver	3	3	0%
8	Duftry	2	2	0%
9	Process Server	9	9	0%
10	Peon	18	18	0%
11	Cleaner	2	2	0%
12	Sweeper	Nil	Nil	0%
13	Mali	1	1	0%
14	Record Keeper	Nil	Nil	0%

15	Chowkidar	Nil	Nil	0%
	Total	85	85	0%

#### 4. Conclusion

The above details confirm that 100% of the sanctioned posts in the existing infrastructure which is presently delivering the functions of the Commercial Court are filled. This ensures that commercial disputes are addressed promptly and efficiently, meeting the spirit and intent of the reform.

We trust this revised submission will address the observations made earlier, and kindly request that it be taken on record for compliance under BRAP Reform No. 257.

Yours faithfully,

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By order etc.,

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya Law (B) Department