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National Medical Commission

राष्ट्रीय आयुर्विज्ञान आयोग

(Establishment Section)

Pocket- 14, Sector-8,
Dwarka, Phase – 1, New Delhi-110077
Date: 30th October, 2026

Expression Of Interest (EoI) Inviting Applications For Empanelment of Advocate(S) As Standing Counsels

General Information regarding NMC

1. The National Medical Commission (NMC) has been constituted by an Act of Parliament known as the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, which came into force on 25.09.2020 by Gazette Notification dated 24.09.2020. The Commission consists of four Autonomous Boards, namely the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB), Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB), Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) and Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB). The Commission grants recognition of medical qualifications, gives accreditation to medical institutions, grants registration to medical practitioners, monitors medical practice, and assesses medical infrastructure in India.

Proposal to engage Standing Counsels

2. The National Medical Commission invites applications for engagement of Standing Counsels to represent it in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts and their Benches all over the country and at other legal fora, rendering legal advice, drafting petitions/counters/affidavits and vetting legal documents, etc. For further details, kindly refer Schedule-III appended herewith.

3. The EOI document containing detailed eligibility criteria and the format for application can be downloaded from the website of NMC at **www.nmc.org.in (What's New).**

Manner of submitting Application

4. The interested Advocate (Candidate) must apply on the format prescribed by NMC only (Annexures "A" and "B"). No other format will be entertained.

5. The last date for submission of applications is 30th November, 2026. Applications received in NMC after the due date shall not be entertained.

Selection Procedure

6. The procedure for selecting Standing Counsels shall be, as far as practicable, as follows:

a) Applications received shall be scrutinised by a Screening Committee.

b) Once approved by the Competent Authority, shortlisted candidates shall be interviewed by physical/virtual mode, at the discretion of the Competent Authority.

c) NMC reserves the right to increase or decrease the vacancies without assigning any reason.

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Note: Even shortlisting or selection by itself shall not confer any right whatsoever in favour of the Applicant.

30/10/2026

(Devinder Kumar)
Deputy Secretary (Estt)
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1. IT Division requesting for uploading on NMC Website
2. Guard File-2026

SCHEDULE – I

NUMBER OF REQUIRED POSITIONS OF STANDING COUNSELS

S. No.	Supreme Court / High Court / Bench	Counsels required
1	Supreme Court of India, New Delhi	1
2	High Court of Karnataka – Bengaluru Bench	1
	High Court of Karnataka – Dharwad Bench	1
	High Court of Karnataka – Kalburgi Bench	1
3	High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	2
4	High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital	1
5	High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla	2
6	High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh – Srinagar	1
	High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh – Jammu	1
7	High Court of Rajasthan – Jodhpur Bench	1
8	High Court of Bombay – Nagpur Bench	1
	High Court of Bombay – Goa Bench at Panaji	1
9	Gauhati High Court – Kohima Bench (State of Nagaland)	1
	Gauhati High Court – Aizawl Bench (State of Mizoram)	1
10	High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi	1
	TOTAL	17

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SCHEDULE - II

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EMPANELMENT

1. Eligibility for Empanelment:

i) The Advocate should be registered with the concerned State Bar Council.

ii) He/She must have passed the All India Bar Examination (AIBE), if applicable.

iii) He/She should not be less than 35 years and should not be more than 70 years of age as on 01.11.2026.

iv) The Advocate must have 100 appearances before the Supreme Court/High Court in the last 3 years.

v) The Advocate should possess minimum experience of 10 years in handling constitutional/civil/criminal/educational institution matters, etc., at High Court. An Advocate on Record (AoR), Supreme Court of India, having minimum experience of 10 years is required for empanelment for the Supreme Court.

Preference will be given to Advocates experienced in medical institution/medical negligence matters.

vi) Preference may be given to Advocates experienced in handling cases of Government Organisations/Institutions/Departments/PSUs.

vii) The Competent Authority may relax eligibility conditions in deserving cases.

2. Undertaking by the Selected Candidate

When selected, the candidate shall submit an undertaking that he/she shall not accept a brief against NMC in the same or any other Court. Specimen Declaration-cum-Undertaking is at Annexure "B".

3. Tenure of Empanelment/Engagement

The term of engagement/empanelment will be three (3) years or until further orders, whichever is earlier. It may be extended on the basis of performance at the discretion of the Competent Authority.

4. Fees and other conditions

i) No retainer fee will be paid to any empanelled Advocate.

ii) The fees payable to empanelled Advocates shall be governed by the revised fee structure prescribed by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, vide Office Memorandum No. J-12011/6/2025-Judicial/E.158060 dated 05.02.2026.

5. Termination

a) The Competent Authority reserves the right and discretion to remove any Standing Counsel without assigning any reason.

b) A Counsel wishing to discontinue/resign shall give two months' advance notice to the Competent Authority.

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6. Other terms and conditions

i) The Advocate will be engaged on a case-to-case basis and allocation of work will be decided by NMC. The Advocate will take necessary steps to protect NMC's interests in matters entrusted from time to time.

ii) Empanelment does not confer any right or claim that the advocate shall alone be entrusted with the work of NMC.

iii) NMC reserves the right to engage any other Advocate or Government Law Officer in case of need.

iv) The Advocate shall keep NMC informed regarding developments in entrusted matters.

v) In case of misconduct, the Competent Authority may take appropriate action, including complaint to the concerned Bar Council and recovery of financial loss caused to NMC due to misconduct/omission.

vi) In case of doubt or any matter not covered by these conditions, NMC's decision shall be final and binding.

7. Confidentiality

The engaged Advocate shall maintain absolute secrecy and confidentiality regarding NMC cases and other sensitive information acquired during the engagement.

8. Submission details

Only one application, for a particular Court/Bench where the Applicant ordinarily practises, will be accepted from an Advocate against the EOI.

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SCHEDULE - III

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The empanelled Advocate shall be responsible for providing the following services to the NMC:-

A. Represent/appear on behalf of NMC before the Court for which empanelled.

B. Brief/confer with Senior Advocates engaged in cases before Courts/Tribunals and other judicial bodies and render assistance as required.

C. Draft brief notes for Senior Law Officers, including Ld. AG, SG, Addl. SGs and DSGs.

D. Examine and draft legal documents for courts, including SLPs, writ petitions, transfer petitions, criminal complaints, replies/counter-affidavits, applications, appeals, revisions and reviews, and cure defects pointed out by the registry.

E. Draft detailed proceeding notes for cases.

F. Coordinate with other Ministries/Departments as required.

G. Conduct legal research, including research on case citations and precedents.

H. Draft, vet and settle correspondence and replies to requests from Ministries/Departments/Authorities.

I. Render legal advice or written opinions on civil, criminal, service and other matters arising in NMC administration as referred.

J. Apply for copies of orders/judgments and share judicial pronouncements promptly, excluding time taken by the Court to prepare the copy.

K. Keep NMC informed of important developments and hearing dates in entrusted cases.

L. Furnish monthly and yearly statements of cases represented and their outcomes/developments.

M. Coordinate with NMC officers.

N. Perform other legal duties assigned by NMC.

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Annexure "A"

Application for Empanelment as an Advocate/Standing Counsel

Place for Empanelment – (SC/HCs/HC Benches): .....

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the Advocate	
	Father's Name	
	Gender	
	Date of Birth (Age as on 01.11.2026)	
	Residential Address	
	Office Address	
	Contact Nos.	
	Email ID	
2	Years of experience as an Advocate (Enrolment details – enclose self-attested copy of Bar Council licence)	
3	Place of practice (Courts/Forums/Tribunals)	
4	Educational Qualifications [from Matriculation to LL.B./LL.M.] (Enclose self-attested copies of certificates)	

Sl. No.	Qualification	University/Institution	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained/Total Marks	Percentage
1	10th				
2	LL.B.				
3	LL.M.				
4	Others				

S. No.	Particulars	Details
5	Areas of specialisation (Enclose three writ petitions, counter-affidavits and rejoinders filed in different cases)	
6	Names, addresses and experience details: (i) Sr. Associate(s); (ii) Associate(s)	

S. No.	Particulars	Details
7	Details of cases won in the applied area of specialisation (Enclose copies of judgments of SC/HC)	
8	Number of appearances before: (i) Supreme Court; (ii) High Court	
9	Details of empanelment, if any, in State Government/Union Government/University/Government Institutions/PSUs (Enclose self-attested copy of proof)	
10	List of publications in Law Journals, reportable judgments and books, if any	
11	Annual income/turnover for past three financial years	1. 2023–24: _____ 2. 2024–25: _____ 3. 2025–26: _____
12	Miscellaneous (any other relevant information) (Maximum 500 words)	

Signature of Applicant

With seal

Name of Advocate: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

ANNEXURE "B"

DECLARATION-CUM-UNDERTAKING

I, _____, S/o / D/o _____, R/o _____,

hereby declare that I have verified the details indicated hereinabove and confirm that all information submitted is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. In case of misrepresentation, violation or non-adherence to any terms and conditions, NMC may reject my application at any stage of empanelment without assigning any reason.

Any information shared by NMC during the empanelment process shall be confidential. I shall not share, upload, quote or disclose it to any person, firm or organisation under any circumstances. I further undertake that I shall not make NMC a party to legal proceedings initiated by the concerned Advocate or make NMC liable for any act or omission or for payment of any amount, claim, compensation or damages.

I further undertake that I shall not accept any brief against NMC before the same Court or any other Court whatsoever.

Signature of Applicant (with seal): _____

Name of Advocate: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____