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NOTIFICATION

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THE NOTARIES RULES, 1956.

- **S.R.O.324**.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Notaries Act, 1952 (53 of 1952) the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—
- 1. Short title.—These Rules may be called the Notaries Rules, 1956.
- 2. Definitions.—In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "appropriate Government" means in relation to a notary appointed by the Central Government, the Central Government, and in relation to a notary appointed by the State Government, the State Government;
 - (b) "Form" means a Form appended to these Rules;
 - (c) "the Act" means the Notaries Act, 1952 (53 of 1952).
- 3. Qualifications for appointment as a notary.—No person other than a legal practitioner shall be eligible for appointment as a notary—
 - (a) unless he is, immediately before the commencement of the Act, practising as a notary public in India or in any part thereof, or
 - (b) unless he has been bound by a contract in writing or by indenture of apprenticeship to serve, and has in pursuance of such contract or indenture actually and conti-

nuously served, as an articled clerk to a practising notary for not less than three years;

- 4. Application for appointment as a notary.—(1) A person may make an application for appointment as a notary (hereinafter called 'the applicant') in the form of a memorial addressed to such officer or authority (hereinafter referred to as 'the competent authority') of the appropriate Government as that Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, designate in this behalf.
- (2) The memorial shall be drawn as nearly as may be in accordance with Form I and shall be accompanied by a certificate of fitness in the case of a person eligible for appointment under clause (b) of rule 3, and also by proof of service as an articled clerk under a practising notary for not less than three years;
- (3) The memorial shall be signed by the applicant and countersigned by at least ten persons representative of the magistrates, bankers, merchants and principal inhabitants of the local area in which the applicant desires to practise as a notary.
- 5. Certificate of fitness.—The certificate of fitness referred to in sub-rule (2) of rule 4 shall be in accordance with Form II and shall be signed by two notaries, or the District Judge or the District Magistrate:

Provided that in the Presidency towns the certificate shall be signed by the Chief Judge of the City Civil Court or the Chief Judge of the Presidency Small Causes Court or the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

- 6. Notice of application.—The competent authority shall, on receipt of the application publish in the Official Gazette a notice of the application and invite objections if any, to the appointment of the applicant as a notary, to be submitted within fourteen days of such publication.
- 7. Disposal of application.—(1) When no objection is received within the time fixed under rule 6, the competent authority shall, after hearing the applicant and examining the documents produced before him, make a report to the appropriate Government containing his recommendations about the appointment of the applicant as notary.
- (2) Where any objection is filed within the time fixed in rule 6, the competent authority shall fix a date for hearing the objection, and after hearing the parties and examining the documentary evidence produced, shall make a report to the appropriate Government recommending either that the application may be granted or that it may be rejected.
- (3) The costs of the applicantion including the costs of the hearing, if any, shall be in the discretion of the competent authority.
- 8. Appointment of a notary.—The appropriate Government on the receipt of the report of the competent authority, shall allow or, as the case may be, reject the application of the applicant.
- (2) Where the application is allowed, the appropriate Government shall appoint the applicant as a notary and direct his name

to be entered in the Register of Notaries maintained by that Government under section 4 of the Act and issue to him a certificate on payment of prescribed fees authorising him to practise in the area to which the application relates or in such part thereof as the appropriate Government may specify in the certificate, as a notary for a period of three years from the date on which the certificate is issued to him.

- 9. Fee for the issue or renewal of certificate of practice.—The fee for the issue of a certificate of practice shall be one hundred rupees and the fee for the renewal of a certificate of practice shall be twentyfive rupees.
 - 10. Fees payable to a notary for doing any notarial Act.-
- (1) Every notary shall charge fees at the rates mentioned below, namely:—
 - (a) for noting an instrument—

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(b) for protesting an instrument—

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- (c) for recording a declaration of payment for honour-Rs. 5;
- (d) duplicate protests—half the charge of original.
- (e) for verifying, authenticating, certifying or attesting the execution of any instrument—Rs. 5;
- (f) for presenting any promissory note, hundi or bill of exchange for acceptance or payment or demanding better security—Rs 15;
- (g) for administering oath to, or taking affidavit from, any person—Rs. 2/8/-;
- (h) for preparing any instrument intended to take effect in any country or place outside India in such form and language as may conform to the law of the place where such deed is intended to operate—Rs 50;

- (i) for attesting or authenticating any instrument intended to take effect in any country or place outside India in such form and language as may conform to the law of the place where such deed is intended to operate—Rs. 25;
- (j) for translating, and verifying the translation of, any document from one language into another—Rs. 25;
- (k) for any other notarial act—such sum as the appropriate Government may fix from time to time.
- Note.—In addition to the above fees, travelling allowance, at the rate of three annas a mile by rail and eight annas a mile by road may be charged when the notary is required to attend at any place more than one mile from his office, provided that nothing in this note shall apply to a case where the notary is an officer of the Government. In such a case, rates of travelling allowance will be such as the appropriate Government may fix.
- (2) No notary shall charge any fees for granting a certificate of fitness to a person applying for appointment as a notary.
- 11. Transaction of business by a notary.—(1) A notary in transacting the business under the Act shall use the forms set forth in the appendix to these Rules.
- (2) Besides recording declaration of payment for honour a notary shall also register notings and protests made. Though no particular form of register is necessary every notary shall maintain a substantial book with pages consecutively numbered known as Notarial Register in which he shall record (1) declaration o payment for honour, (2) verbatim copies of noting or protesting of instruments and (3) all certificates issued by him etc. for verification, authentication, certification and attestation of the execution of the instrument and affix his signature to each entry in the said Register
- (3) Where any demand of acceptance or payment or better security has been made by a clerk, a notary shall, after examination of the entry in the Register relating to such demand, affix his signature thereto, and cause the clerk to affix his signature also to the entry.
- (4) Each Notary shall, before bringing the Notarial Register into use, add a certificate on the title page specifying the number of pages it contains. Such certificate shall be signed and dated by the notary.
- (5) Every notary shall permit the District Judge or such officers as the appropriate Government from time to time appoints in this behalf to inspect his register at such times, not oftener than twice a year, as the District Judge or officer may fix. District Judges or Officers appointed by the State Government will have power to lodge a report to the appropriate Government for taking action against a notary.

- (6) When the original instrument is in a language other than English any noting or protest or entry in his register which has to be made in respect of the instrument by a notary may be made either in that language or in English.
- (7) In making presentment of bills or notes a notary shall observe the provisions of Chapter V of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (26 of 1881):
 - (8) The notary may: -
 - (1) draw, attest or certify documents under his official seal including conveyance of properties;
 - (2) note and certify the general transactions relating to negotiable instruments;
 - (3) prepare a will or other testamentary documents; and
 - (4) prepare and take affidavits for various purposes for his notarial acts.
- (9) Every notary shall grant a receipt for the fees and charges realised by him and maintain a register showing all the fees and charges realised.
- 12. Seal of notary.—Every notary shall use a plain circular seal, bearing if he has been appointed by name, his name and the name of the area within which he has been appointed to exercise his functions and the circumscription "Notary"; and if he has been appointed by virtue of his office, the name of his office and of the area within which he has been appointed to exercise his functions and the circumscription "Notary".
- 13. Inquiry into the allegations of professional and other misconduct of a notary.— (1) Whenever there is any allegation of professional or other misconduct on the part of a notary, the appropriate Government may direct an inquiry to be made by the competent authority into the allegation.
- (2) The competent authority after giving to the person making the allegation as well as to the notary against whom such allegation is made, an opportunity of being heard and after taking into consideration any evidence oral and documentary that may be produced before him, shall make a report to the appropriate Government.
- (3) If the appropriate Government after considering the report of the competent authority is of opinion that action should be taken against the notary, the appropriate Government may make an order:—
 - (a) cancelling the certificate of practice and perpetually debarring the notary from practice; or
 - (b) suspending him from practice for a specified period; or
 - (c) letting him off with a warning, according to the nature and gravity of the misconduct of the notary proved.
- 14. Submission of returns.—Each notary shall submit such return to such authority as may be prescribed by the appropriate Government.

- 15. Each notary shall have an office within the area mentioned in the certificate issued to him under Rule 8 and he shall exhibit it in a conspicuous place there at a board showing his name and his designation as a notary.
- 16. If a notary has to deal with a case which does not in terms attract any of the forms prescribed, the notary should adopt the form nearest to his case with such modifications thereto as he thinks the exceptional peculiarities of the case justify.

FORMS

[See sub-rule (2) of rule 4]

FORM I.

Memorial

The Memorial of (name of the applicant) Sheweth:

1. That the memorialist is a person eligible for appointment as a notary under the Notaries Act, 1952, and the Notaries Rules, 1956.

(Here state how the memorialist is qualified for appointment as a notary).

- 2. That the memorialist has resided in.......(here state the name of the local area where he intends to practise) for upwards of....... (state how long).
- 3. That the number of notaries practising at.....(here state the name of the area where he intends to practise), is as follows:—

Notaries.....(Here state number).

- 4. That the above number of notaries practising in the local area is insufficient for the requirements thereof. (The grounds of the statement should be added).
 - 5. (Give any further particulars in support of the application).

The memorialist, therefore, prays that the Government be pleased to appoint and admit him a notary under and by virtue of the Notaries Act, 1952 (53 of 1952) and the Notaries Rules, 1956 to practise in.... (here state the name of the local area).

Datedday of19 .

Signature of memorialist.

We the undersigned magistrates, bankers, merchants and others residing in and about (here state the name of the local area), have read the foregoing memorial of (here state

the name of the applicant) and are satisfied that the statements contained therein are true and that he is a fit and proper person to be appointed a notary and we join in the prayer thereof.

Name and address of signatories

Profession or occupation of the signatories

Name and address of the firms of which signatories are members.

Signatures

FORM II

Certificate of Fitness

[See rule 5]

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that...... (here state the name of the applicant), now residing at (here state the name of the local area), is well known to us and is a person of known probity and well skilled in affairs of notarial concern and in our opinion is a fit and proper person and fully qualified to be appointed a notary under the Notaries Act, 1952, and the Notaries Rules, 1956.

IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto set our hands this.....day of19

FORM III.

Form of Noting for Dishonour.

[See section 8]

(To be made upon the instrument or upon a paper attached thereto, or partly upon each)

Reference to page in Notarial Register.

Date of presentment and dishonour by non-acceptance/non-payment.

Reason, if any assigned for dishonour (or, if the instrument has not been expressly dishonoured, reason why holder treats it as dishonoured).

Date of Note.

Notary's charges

Signature of Notary.

FORM III A.

Form of Noting for Dishonour.

[See section 8]

(To be entered in the Notarial Register) (Copy of the bill and endorsements)

On the day of 19 . the above bill was, at the request of ... (here give the name), presented by me for acceptance to (here give the name), the drawee personally (at his residence or usual place of business)

| in(town or village answer: | e) and I | received | the following |
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| The said bill is, therefore, noted for | or non-ac | cceptance | L |
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| Form of Protest of Bill of Exch | ange for | Non-Ac | ceptance. |
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| "to which demand he gave no answer" | '); where | fore I, th | e said notary, |
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| Form of Acts of | Honour | | |
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| day of | (her | e give th | e name), and |
| declared that he would accept the bil | ll of excl | hange be | fore protested |
| under protest for the honour and upon | the acco | ount of | (here |
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in due form of law and according to custom.

Which I attest.

Signature of Notary Place and Date....

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| (b) Act of protest). | Honour on | Payment. (T | o be written at th | e foot of the |
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| Form of Prot | est of Bill Dra | of Exchange f wee cannot b | or non-acceptance e found. | when the |
| | | [See section | 8] | |
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| (b) Where Registered Letter was sent to the Drawee. |
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| the notary has been appointed) in |
| wherein I enclosed and demanded from him acceptance of the bill of exchange hereto annexed (or "a literal transcript whereof and of everything written or printed thereon is hereto annexed") which is drawn upon the said (here give the name), but the letter was returned undelivered, because the said |
| wherefore I, the said notary, at the request aforesaid, by this writing, do, in the presence of |
| Which I attest. |
| Signature of Notary. |
| Place and Date |
| Signatures of Witnesses. (Should be of the locality). 1 |
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| FORM VI Form of Protest of Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange for Non-Payment [See section 8] On the |
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| the said notary, at the request aforesaid, by this writing, do, in the presence of |
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| Which I attest. |
| Signature of Notary. |
| Place and Date |
| Signatures of Witnesses. |
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| FORM VII |
| Form of Protest of Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange for non-payment when the Maker, Drawee, or Acceptor (as the case may be) cannot be found. |
| [See section 8] |
| (a) Where search was made by notary in person. |
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| Which I attest. |
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| Signatures of Witnesses. |
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| (b) Where Registered Letter was sent to the Maker, Drawee or Acceptor. |
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| Form of Protest of Bill of Exchange for better Security |
| [See section 8] On the |

| terms of the answer, if any), (or "to which demand he gave no answer"); wherefore I, the said notary, at the request aforesaid, by this writing, do, in the presence of |
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| Which I attest. |
| Signature of Notary. Place and Date |

Signatures of Witnesses. 1, (Should be of the locality.) FORM IX Form of Protest of Bill of Exchange for better security when the Acceptor cannot be found. [See section 8] (a) Where such protest was made by notary in person. On the......19...., I,..... (here give the name), a notary appointed under the Notaries Act, 1952, of...... in,.....(here state the local area for which the notary has been appointed) in....., at the request of (here give the name), of......did in person make due search at whereof and of everything written or printed thereon is hereto annexed") to the said......(here give the name), the person on whom the said bill is drawn, and whose acceptance appears thereon, and demand better security for the payment thereof when the same should become payable in consequence of his having become insolvent (or "his credit having been publicly impeached", as the case may be), but was unable to find him; wherefore I, the said notary, at the request aforesaid, by this writing, do, in the presence of (here give the name) and.....(here give the name) witnesses, protest against the drawer of the said bill of exchange and acceptor and all other parties thereto and all others concerned for all exchange, re-exchange, and all costs, damages, and interest present and to come for want of better security for the payment said bill when due and payable.

Which I attest.

Signature of Notary.

Place and Date.....

| Signatures of Witnesses. |
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| (b) Where Registered Letter was sent to the Acceptor. |
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| Which I attest. |
| Signature of Notary. |
| Place and Date |
| Signatures of Witnesses. 1. |
| (Should be of the locality) |
| FORM X |
| Form of Notice of Protest to Drawer to be given by a Notary |
| [See section 8] |
| Take Notice that a bill of exchange for |
| Signature of Notary. |

Place and Date.... . .

FORM XI

| Form of Notice of Protest to Indorser to be given by a Notary |
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| [See section 8] |
| Take Notice that a bill of exchange for. (here state the amount) drawn by. under date the |
| Signature of Notary. Place and Date |
| FORM XII |
| Form of Notarial Act of Declaration having been made by a Payer for Honour |
| [See section 8] |
| On the day of 19 I, |
| Which I attest. |
| Signature of Notary. Place and Date |
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| Should be of the locality.) |
| [No. 4(2)-Judl./II/55(II)] S. NARAYANSWAMY, Dy. Secy. |