

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW, JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

**Subject:** Enhancement of the age of superannuation of Judicial Officers from 60 to 62 years in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Reference:** Council of Ministers Decision No. 146/12/2026 dated 22-09-2026.

**Government Order No. 12440-JK(LD) of 2026.**  
**Dated. 05-10- 2026.**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, while considering W.P.(C) No. 1022/1989, titled All India Judges Association & Ors. and connected matters, vide orders dated 22-07-2026 and 05-08-2026, directed the State Governments/Union Territories to take a decision regarding enhancement of the age of superannuation of Judicial Officers from 60 to 61/62 years, in consultation with the respective High Courts. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide order dated 22-07-2026, further directed that, wherever such enhancement is agreed to, the same shall take effect from 31-03-2026, including in respect of Judicial Officers who retired on or after the said date, subject to their consent and fulfillment of the applicable conditions.

Thereafter, vide order dated 01-09-2026, the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed seven consenting States, namely Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, to amend their judicial service rules to provide for superannuation at 62 years, subject to assessment of suitability at the age of 60 years by the jurisdictional High Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court separately directed the remaining States/Union Territories,

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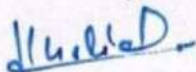
including the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to take an appropriate decision and submit a compliance report.

In pursuance of the aforesaid directions, the matter was considered in consultation with the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The Registrar General, vide communications dated 30-07-2026 and 12-08-2026, conveyed that the Hon'ble Full Court, in its deliberations held on 10-08-2026, resolved to recommend enhancement of the retirement age of Judicial Officers in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to 62 years, subject to such officers being found fit and eligible for their continued utility beyond the age of 60 years.

Thereafter, the matter was taken up with the Finance Department, which vide U.O. No. 7786054 FD-Code/916/2026-02-978 dated 09-09-2026, conveyed its concurrence to the proposal, subject to assessment of fitness, eligibility and continued utility beyond the age of 60 years, carrying out of necessary amendments to the relevant service rules, and approval of the Council of Ministers. The Council of Ministers, vide Decision No. 146/12/2026 dated 22-09-2026, has accorded approval to the proposal.

 Now, therefore, in pursuance of the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Competent Authority has been pleased to accord sanction to the enhancement of the age of superannuation of Judicial Officers serving in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from 60 years to 62 years, with effect from **31-03-2026**, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) *Continuation in service beyond the age of 60 years shall be subject to assessment by the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh of the fitness, eligibility, suitability, performance and continued utility of the Judicial Officer*



*concerned, in accordance with the recommendation of the Hon'ble Full Court dated 10-08-2026;*

- (ii) *Necessary amendments in the relevant rules shall be undertaken in consultation with the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.*

**By order of the Lieutenant Governor.**

**Sd/-  
(Achal Sethi)**

**Commissioner Secretary to the Government**

No: Law-Jud/124/2022-10.

Dated.05 -10-2026.

**Copy to the:**

1. Ld. Advocate General, J&K.
2. Financial Commissioner (ACS), Finance Department.
3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K, LoK Bhavan.
4. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. Commissioner Secretary to Government, General Administration Department.
6. Registrar General, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, at Srinagar for information and necessary action regarding carrying out of necessary amendments in the relevant rules.
7. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.
8. All District and Sessions Judges/Civil Judges (Sr. Division)/Civil Judges (Junior Division).
9. Director Information, J&K.
10. Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
11. Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
12. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary for information of Chief Secretary.
13. Private Secretary to the Secretary to Government Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for information of the Secretary.
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15. Concerned File.

**Ashish Gupta**

**Special Secretary to the Government**

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