

12. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

- 12.1 The National Human Rights Commission has been set up as a body corporate under Act No. 19 of 1998, for the better protection of human rights, and investigation of complaints against members of the police force, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- 12.2 The aim of the Commission, among others, is to promote and protect human rights; review the factors or difficulties that inhibit the enjoyment of human rights; prepare reports on the national situation with regard to human rights and advise on ways in which such situations can be ended; promote and ensure the harmonisation of national legislation and practices with the international human rights instruments to which Mauritius is a party, and their effective implementation; publicise human rights and efforts to combat all forms of discrimination by increasing public awareness; exercise such other functions as it may consider to be conducive to the promotion and protection of human rights; and carry out an enquiry as to whether a case where a person who believes that he has been unjustly convicted, should not be reviewed by the Supreme Court.
- 12.3 The National Human Rights Commission comprises, under the Protection of Human Rights Act, three divisions, namely: the Human Rights Division, the Police Complaints Division and the National Preventive Mechanism Division. The Chairman of the Commission is, as per the Act, a person who has been a Judge. He is assisted in the exercise of his functions by a Deputy Chairperson and three other members.
- 12.4 For the administrative support level, the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service is empowered to designate a Secretary to the Commission and such other administrative and other staff as the Commission may require and who are, at present, posted on secondment from other Ministries.
- 12.5 Grades of Deputy Chairperson and Barrister have recently been created on the establishment of the Commission. We are maintaining the existing set up.

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SALARY SCHEDULE

Salary Code	Salary Scale and Grade
12 000 102	Rs 140000 Deputy Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission

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12 066 085	Rs 35275 x 925 – 37125 x 1225 – 40800 x 1525 – 49950 x 1625 – 62950 Barrister, National Human Rights Commission
02 066 085	Rs 35275 x 925 – 37125 x 1225 – 40800 x 1525 – 49950 x 1625 – 62950 Senior Investigator
08 054 081	Rs 25525 x 775 – 32500 x 925 – 37125 x 1225 – 40800 x 1525 – 49950 x 1625 – 56450 Investigator
08 051 070	Rs 23200 x 775 – 32500 x 925 – 37125 x 1225 – 39575 Shorthand Writer
