

- 6) in clause (xviii),
 - (a) for the words “a graduate with minimum seven years of experience in child education and development”, the words “a graduate with minimum three years of experience in matters relating to child education and development” shall be substituted;
 - (b) for the words “under the Act or these rules”, the words “under the Act or the rules made thereunder” shall be substituted;
 - (c) In Explanation, for the words “this definition, it is clarified that”, the words “this clause, it is hereby clarified” shall be substituted.
3. Amendment of rule 4. – In sub-rule (3) of rule 4 of the principal rules, after the words “shall not be less than thirty-five years of age”, the words “and shall not be more than sixty-five years of age on the date of notification” shall be inserted.
4. Amendment of rule 5.- In rule 5 of the principal rules,
 - 1) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted namely:-

“(2) A social worker member of the Board shall be eligible for appointment of maximum of two terms.”
 - 2) after sub-rule (5), the following sub-rules (6) (7) and (8) shall be inserted, namely:-
 - “(6) If any complaint is made against a member of the Board, the State Government shall hold necessary inquiry except in respect of judicial officers; complaints against judicial officers shall be forwarded to the Registrar of the High Court for action.
 - (7) The State Government shall complete the inquiry within a period of two months and take appropriate action within one month.
 - (8) If a criminal case is registered against the member concerned, if necessary, the State Government may suspend the member immediately pending inquiry, for such term as appropriate; or after holding an inquiry and giving an opportunity of being heard in the matter.”.
5. Amendment of rule 6.- In rule 6 of the principal rules,
 - 1) in sub-rule (2), for the words “un-connected with the case remains”, the words “not connected with the case shall not remain”, shall be substituted.
 - 2) after sub-rule (7), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

“(7A) The Board may conduct its sittings through video conferencing, in

case there are constraints limiting physical movement of the child alleged to be in conflict with law, or the Board Members including the Chairperson.

Provided if the child's case requires the presence of a doctor or psychiatrist or counsellor or physical attention, the sitting shall be conducted in the premises as provided in sub-rule (1) of rule 6.”

- 3) In sub-rule (9) for the words, symbols and figures “not less than Rs. 3,000/- & 1500/- respectively”, the words, symbols and figures “not less than three thousand and two thousand respectively”, shall be substituted.
6. Amendment of rule 7- In rule 7 of the principal rules,
- 1) in clause (v) of sub-rule (1), for the words “to the District Child Protection Unit”, the words “to the District Magistrate” shall be substituted;
 - 2) for clause (vi) of sub-rule (1), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely: -
 - “(vi) maintain a suggestion box or grievance redressal box in the premises of the Board or in the Observation Home or Special Home or Place of Safety at a prominent place to encourage inputs from children and adults alike which shall be operated by the nominee of the Principal Magistrate.
 - (vi a) an online grievance redressal system shall also be created by the State Government for receipt of suggestion or grievance which may be accessed by the Board;”;
 - 3) for clause (viii) of sub-rule (1), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 - “(viii) review the Children's suggestion or Complaint Book during every visit in the Child Care Institution and also carry out random one to one and group interaction with children in the Child Care Institutions in absence of the Child Care Institution staff and Person-in-Charge to understand concerns and issues of children, to determine their well-being and provide inputs and recommendations accordingly to such Child Care Institutions.”.
7. Amendment of rule 8.- In rule 8 of the principal rules,
- 1) after clause (iii) of sub-rule (3), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -
 - “(iii a) also inform the child and the parent or guardian immediately