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D.O. Letter No.8/HLC/2025 **Dated: 04.09.2025**

Dear Dr. Junaid Bushiri,

Sub: Opportunity for Law Graduates to serve as Research Officers in
the High-Level Committee on Union-State Relations.

Greetings.

The Government of Tamil Nadu constituted a High-Level Committee on Union-State Relations in April 2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Thiru Kurian Joseph, former Judge, Supreme Court of India. The other two members of the Committee are: Thiru K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty, IAS (Retired), former Vice-Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, Chennai, and Dr. M. Naganathan, former Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission, Chennai. The Committee has been functioning at the Old State Guest House, Chepauk, Chennai, **since June 1, 2025**. The website of the Committee may be accessed at <https://hlcusr.tn.gov.in/#/home>.

2. Research Officer Positions: To support the Committee's work, the Government has sanctioned a limited number of Research Officer positions to assist in preparing detailed background notes on various topics pertaining to Union-State relations. The work requires rigorous and high-quality research. At present, **two posts** of Research Officer are vacant. The tenure of these posts will be **until May 31, 2027**, and the selected candidates will be required to **work full-time in Chennai**.

3. Remuneration: Each Research Officer will receive a consolidated monthly remuneration of **Rs.1,37,000**, comprising:

- Honorarium: Rs.1,25,000
- Conveyance Allowance: Rs.10,000
- Telephone Allowance: Rs.2,000

To Alumni in
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4. Scope of Work: The duties of the Research Officer include preparing comprehensive research papers and draft chapters that incorporate the following components:

- a. Analysis of relevant Constitutional and legal provisions.
- b. Pertinent Constituent Assembly Debates.
- c. Comparative federal perspectives from jurisdictions such as the USA, Canada, Australia, Germany, Brazil, Switzerland, Belgium, and Spain.
- d. Reports of previous commissions and expert bodies on Union-State relations.
- e. Legislative and judicial developments related to the topic since 1950.
- f. Critical discussions and proposed recommendations for the present High-Level Committee.

For any law graduate interested in specialising in Constitutional Law, this offers a unique and unparalleled opportunity for hands-on research and policy engagement at the highest level.

5. Request for Alumni Recommendations: We request you to kindly **inform your alumni**, specifically those who:

- Graduated in **2021 or later**
- Ranked among the **top 20 students** in their batch

Such candidates may **apply directly** to: secretary.hlc.usr@tn.gov.in with their **detailed Biodata**.

Alternatively, you may also **share with us** the list of your **top 20 rankers from each batch since 2021**, along with:

- Their full names
- Batch and rank
- Mobile numbers
- Email addresses

We will contact them directly.

6. Selection Process: Candidates will be selected through a two-stage process:

1. Written Assignment: A **6,000+ word research paper** on one topic (chosen by them from three provided topics), to be written at home.

2. Viva-Voce: A **one-hour interview**, conducted either **in person** or through **video conferencing**, to assess the candidate's grasp of the subject.

Candidates are expected to submit original work. Any ghost-written or AI-generated assignment will be evident during the viva-voce and may lead to disqualification.

We would be grateful for your assistance in reaching out to high-quality candidates who may find this experience both professionally enriching and academically fulfilling.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



[K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty]

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