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Bengal SIR: EC hikes tribunal judges' honorarium to Rs 2.5 lakh a month from Rs 25,000 a week



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Months after the issue was raised by retired judges of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) appellate tribunals in West Bengal, the Election Commission Friday increased their honorarium from Rs 25,000 per week to Rs 2.50 lakh per month.

Writing to West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer, the EC said Friday: "You are requested to release the honorarium and other admissible expenses immediately."

According to the EC's order, the honorarium for a High Court Chief Justice would be Rs 2.60 lakh per month, and for a retired High Court judge, Rs 2.50 lakh per month. It said the revised amount would come into effect from November 20.

According to the EC's order on April 7, when the judges had first been appointed on orders of the Supreme Court, former Chief Justices were to be paid Rs 1.60 lakh for a base period of two weeks, followed by Rs 25,000 for each additional week, and former judges were to be paid Rs 1.50 lakh for the base period and then Rs 25,000 for every additional week.