

Consumer Protection Act, 1986

Section 17 - Jurisdiction of the State Commission

1 [(1)] Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the State Commission shall have jurisdiction--

(a) to entertain--

(i) complaints where the value of the goods or services and compensation, if any, claimed 2 [exceeds rupees twenty lakhs but does not exceed rupees one crore]; and

(ii) appeals against the orders of any District Forum within the State; and

(b) to call for the records and pass appropriate orders in any consumer dispute which is pending before or has been decided by any District Forum within the State, where it appears to the State Commission that such District Forum has exercised a jurisdiction not vested in it by law, or has failed to exercise a jurisdiction so vested or has acted in exercise of its jurisdiction illegally or with material irregularity.

3 [(2)] A complaint shall be instituted in a State Commission within the limits of whose jurisdiction,--

(a) the opposite party or each of the opposite parties, where there are more than one, at the time of the institution of the complaint, actually and voluntarily resides or carries on business or has a branch office or personally works for gain; or

(b) any of the opposite parties, where there are more than one, at the time of the institution of the complaint, actually and voluntarily resides, or carries on business or has a branch office or personally works for gain, provided that in such case either the permission of the State Commission is given or the opposite parties who do not reside or carry on business or have a branch office or personally work for gain, as the case may be, acquiesce in such institution; or

(c) the cause of action, wholly or in part, arises.]

1. Section 17 re-numbered as sub-section (1) thereof by Act 62 of 2002, section 13 (w.e.f. 15-3-2003).

2. Substituted by Act 62 of 2002, section 13, for "exceeds rupees five lakhs but does not exceed rupees twenty lakhs" (w.e.f. 15-3-2003).

3. Inserted by Act 62 of 2002, section 13 (w.e.f. 15-3-2003).
