NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL (NCLT) & NATIONAL COMPANY LAW APPELLANT TRIBUNAL (NCLAT) (SECTIONS 407 TO 434)

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	NCLT	NCLAT
Constitution	Central Government has power under	Central Government has power under
	Section 408 to constitute tribunal and	Section 410 to constitute appellate
	appoint President and such number of	tribunal and appoint Chairperson and
	Judicial and Technical Members as	number of Judicial and Technical
	the Central Government may deem	Members, not exceeding eleven, as the
	necessary. Vacancy in Tribunal not to	Central Government may deem fit.
	invalidate acts or proceedings. (S.	Vacancy in Appellate Tribunal not to
	431)	invalidate acts or proceedings. (S. 431)
Qualification	President- who is or has been a	Chairperson- who is or has been a
for	Judge of a High Court for five years.	Judge of the Supreme Court or the Chief
appointment	Judicial Member- unless he—	Justice of a High Court.
	(<i>a</i>) is, or has been, a judge of a High	Judicial Member- who is or has been a
	Court; or (b) is, or has been, a District	Judge of a High Court or is a Judicial
	Judge for at least five years; or (c)	Member of the Tribunal for five years.
	has, for at least ten years been an	Technical Member- who shall be
	advocate of a court.	proven his ability, integrity and standing
	Technical Member- unless he—	having special knowledge and
	(a) has, for at least fifteen years been	experience, of not less than twenty-five
	a member of the Indian Corporate	years, in law, industrial finance,
	Law Service or Indian Legal Service	industrial management or
	out of which at least three years shall	administration, industrial reconstruction,
	be in the pay scale of Joint Secretary	investment, accountancy, labour
	to the Government of India or	matters, or such other disciplines related
	equivalent or above in that service; or	to management, conduct of affairs,
	(b) is, or has been, in practice as a	revival, rehabilitation and winding up of
	chartered accountant for at least	companies. (S. 411)
	fifteen years; or (c) is, or has been, in	
	practice as a cost accountant for at least fifteen years; or (d) is or has	
	least fifteen years; or (d) is, or has	
	been, in practice as a company	
	secretary for at least fifteen years; or	
	(e) is a person of proven ability,	

	integrity and standing having special	
	knowledge and experience, of not	
	less than fifteen years, in law,	
	industrial finance, industrial	
	management or administration,	
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	industrial reconstruction, investment,	
	accountancy, labour matters, or such	
	other disciplines related to	
	management, conduct of affairs,	
	revival, rehabilitation and winding up	
	of companies; or (f) is, or has been,	
	for at least five years, a presiding	
	officer of a Labour Court, Tribunal or	
	National Tribunal constituted under	
	the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.	
	(Sect. 409)	
Selection of	The President of the Tribunal shall	The chairperson and Judicial Members
Members	be appointed after consultation with	of the Appellate Tribunal shall be
	the Chief Justice of India.	appointed after consultation with the
	The Members of the Tribunal and	Chief Justice of India.
	the Technical Members of the	(2) The Technical Members of the
	Appellate Tribunal shall be appointed	Appellate Tribunal shall be appointed
	on the recommendation of a Selection	on the recommendation of a Selection
	Committee consisting of—	Committee same as NCLT. (S. 412)
	(a) Chief Justice of India or his	
	nominee—Chairperson; (b) a senior	
	Judge of the Supreme Court or a	
	Chief Justice of High Court—	
	Member; (c) Secretary in the Ministry	
	of Corporate Affairs—Member; (d)	
	Secretary in the Ministry of Law and	
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	Justice—Member; and (e) Secretary	
	in the Department of Financial	
	Services in the Ministry of Finance—	
	Member.	
	The Secretary, Ministry of Corporate	
	Affairs shall be the Convener of the	
	Selection Committee.	
	The Selection Committee shall	
	determine its procedure for	
	recommending persons under sub-	
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	section (2).	
	No appointment of the Members of	
	the Tribunal or the Appellate	
	Tribunal shall be invalid merely by	
	reason of any vacancy or any defect	

	in the constitution of the Selection	
	in the constitution of the Selection $C_{\text{committee}}$ (S. 412)	
<u>Cirril</u> corret	Committee. (S. 412) The NCLT have exclusive	The Appellate Tribunal some as NCLT
Civil court		The Appellate Tribunal same as NCLT
not to have	jurisdiction to entertain any suit or	(S. 430)
jurisdiction	proceeding is empowered to	
	determine by or under this Act or any	
	other law for the time being in force	
	and no injunction shall be granted by	
	any court or other authority. (S. 430)	
Expeditious	The tribunal may dispose the petition	The Appellate Tribunal same as NCLT
disposal	within three months to the file and	(S. 422)
	president/chairperson as the case may	
	be shall recorded the reasons for not	
	disposing the petition within period	
	so specified, extend the period not	
	exceeding 90 days as may consider	
	necessary. (S. 422)	
Benches of	1. Such number of benches	No other bench.
Tribunal	specified by the Central	
	Government.	
	2. The Principal Bench of the	
	Tribunal shall be at New	
	Delhi.	
	3. Benches consisting of two	
	Members out of whom one	
	shall be a Judicial Member	
	and the other shall be a	
	Technical Member.	
	4. The President may, by general	
	or special order, specify, in	
	respect of such class of cases	
	or such matters pertaining to	
	such class of cases a Bench	
	consisting of a single Judicial	
	Member and exercise the	
	powers of the Tribunal. (S.	
	419)	
Term of	The President- five years and until he	The chairperson- five years and until he
office	attains the age of 67yrs, and	attains the age of 70yrs, and
	Eevery members- five years and until	Eevery members- five years and until he
	he attains the age of 65yrs.	attains the age of 67yrs.
	They shall be eligible for re-	They shall be eligible for re-
	appointment for another term of five	appointment for another term of five
	years.	years.
	Minimum age of members for	Minimum age of members for
	appointment complete 50yrs. (S. 413)	appointment complete 50yrs. (S. 413)
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Designation	The President or any Member may	the Chairmarson or any Member same
Resignation	The President or any Member may,	the Chairperson or any Member same $NCLT(S, 416)$
of Members	by notice in writing under his hand	as NCLT (S. 416)
	addressed to the Central Government,	
	resign from his office:	
	Provided that the President, the	
	Chairperson, or the Member shall	
	continue to hold office until the	
	expiry of three months from the date	
	of receipt of such notice by the	
	Central Government or until a person	
	duly appointed as his successor enters	
	upon his office or until the expiry of	
	his term of office, whichever is	
	earliest. (S. 416)	
Removal of		Chairperson or any Member same as
Members	consultation with the Chief Justice of	NCLT. (S. 417)
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	Member on ground of an insolvency,	
	moral turpitude, physically or	
	mentally incapable of act, acquired	
	such financial or other interest, and	
	abused his position against the public	
	interest. They shall not be removed	
	on any of the grounds without	
	giving him a reasonable opportunity	
	of being heard. (S. 417)	
Procedure	The Tribunal while disposing the	The Appellate Tribunal same as
	petition not bound by the Code of	NCLT. (S. 424)
	Civil Procedure, 1908. It shall be	
	guided by the principles of natural	
	justice, and, subject to the other	
	provisions of this Act and of any	
	rules made there under, the Tribunal	
	and the Appellate Tribunal shall have	
	power to regulate their own	
	procedure. (S. 424)	
Orders of	The tribunal after giving a reasonable	
Tribunal	hearing opportunity pass such orders	
	thereon as it thinks fit. And at any	
	time within two years from the date	
	of the order, with a view to rectifying	
	any mistake apparent from the record,	
	amend any order passed by it, and	
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	shall make such amendment, if the	
	mistake is brought to its notice by the	

	parties. The Tribunal shall send a	
	copy of every order passed under this	
	section to all the parties concerned.	
	(S. 420)	
Appeal	An Appeal from orders of the	An Appeal from orders of the
	Tribunal file within 45 days to the	Appellate Tribunal file within 60 days to
	Appellate Tribunal. The appellate	the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court
	tribunal if satisfied that the appellant	if satisfied that the appellant was
	was prevented by sufficient cause	prevented by sufficient cause from filing
	from filing the appeal within that	the appeal within that period can be
	period can be exceeding 45 days a	exceeding 60 days a further period. (S.
	further period. (S. 421)	423)
Powers	The powers of the Tribunal are-	Same as NCLT
100015	1. Power as a Civil Court under	
	Code of Civil Procedure, 1908	
	(S. 424).	
	2. Execution of an order as	
	decree of a Court (S. 424 (3)	
	& (4)).	
	3. Power to punish for contempt	
	(S. 425)	
	4. Power to seek assistance of	
	Chief Metropolitan	
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	Magistrate, etc. (S. 429) 5. Delegation of powers to its	
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	officers or employees or any	
	other authorized person. (S. 426)	
	426)	
Others	President, Members, officers,	Same as NCLT.
	etc., of the Tribunal and	
	Appellate Tribunal to be	
	public servants (S. 427).	
	Protection of action taken by	
	members of the Tribunal and	
	Appellate Tribunal in good	
	faith (S. 428). Parties have	
	right to legal representation	
	(S. 432). 433. The provisions	
	of the Limitation Act, 1963	
	shall apply to proceedings or	
	appeals of NCLT & NCLAT	
	(S. 433).	