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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA NOTIFICATIONS

The 29th November, 2024.

No.PER(ARC)14/2022/97. - In partial modification to this Department's Notification No.PER(ARC)14/2022/61, dated 12th January, 2024 which are as under:

| Sl. No. | Name of Service | Number of working days for service delivery after receipt of applications | Department/ Organisations | Designated Official | Appellate Authority |
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| 167. | Registration of the Building and Construction Worker. | 90 days | Meghalaya Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (MBOCWWB) | Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Department of Labour, Employment & Skill Development. | Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Department of Labour, Employment & Skill Development. |
| 168. | Scholarship Benefit Application. | 90 days | | | |
| 169. | Maternity Benefit. | 90 days | | | |
| 170. | Marriage Assistance. | 90 days | | | |
| 171. | Medical Benefit. | 90 days | | | |
| 172. | Cash Award. | 90 days | | | |
| 173. | Welfare Pension. | 90 days | | | |
| 174. | Disability Pension. | 90 days | | | |
| 175. | Family Pension. | 90 days | | | |
| 176. | Death Benefit. | 90 days | | | |
| 177. | Instrument Grant. | 90 days | | | |
| 178. | Funeral Benefit. | 90 days | | | |

have been amended as follows:-

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C. V. D. DIENGDOH,

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Personnel & Administrative Reforms (B) Department
(Administrative Reforms Cell).

The 9th December, 2024.

No.GAA.33/98/Pt/88. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to declare that all State Government Offices and all Revenue and Magisterial Courts in Meghalaya shall be closed on the **23rd and 31st December, 2024** as compensatory holidays. However, in compensation, all such Offices and Courts will remain open on the **15th and 29th (Saturdays) March, 2025.**

C. V. D. DIENGDOH,

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
General Administration Department.

The 29th November, 2024.

No.SUP 39/2016/294. – In pursuance of the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution letter Nos. 9-5/2014-BP.II, dated 1st September, 2017 and even No. 4-6/2018-BP-II(Pt) Institution and Hostel Scheme and to ensure genuineness of all the beneficiaries under the Scheme, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to make Guidelines for eligibility/selection and identification of beneficiaries under the Government of India's Scheme "*Allocation of Foodgrains under Welfare Institution and Hostel Scheme*" as follows **with immediate effect**.

1. Criteria of Eligibility:
 - a) The institution/SC/ST/OBC Hostels should be owned/run or aided/ sponsored by the State Government.
 - b) The institution/SC/ST/OBC Hostels should be vetted/organized by the State Government's administrative line such as Social Justice/Social Welfare/Tribal Affairs Department as the case may be and these must be receiving assistance from the State Government for their operation.
2. The Institution/Hostels should not charge any fee from the beneficiaries/inmates for food.
3. In case of Hostels, at least 2/3rd hostellers should belong to SC/ST/OBC category, however, all the hostellers of such hostels will be eligible to receive foodgrains.
4. The allocation of foodgrains under the Scheme will be subject to uploading of the details of beneficiary, institution and hostels complete in all respects in prescribed proforma enclosed by the State Government in their portal.
5. The nature of management of the Hostels/Institutions along with the number of inmates in the respective hostels/institutions should invariably be mentioned in the proposal.
6. The proposals under the Scheme complete in all respects should be submitted to the respective DC/SDO of the Districts/Sub-Divisions who will forward the proposals after thorough scrutinization and verification to the Directorate of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs/Department well in time i.e at least one month in advance of the half year for which allocation is made.
7. The scale of issue of rice will be as per the nutritional requirements of the residents subject to a maximum of 15 Kgs per resident per month.
8. The Central Issue Price for allocation under the proposed scheme will be at BPL rates in force for the period of allocation.
9. The periodicity of supply of foodgrains under the scheme will be bi-annual. Every year in the month of February and August, the respective Districts/Sub-Divisions will intimate to the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department their requirement of foodgrains in advance for the next half of the respective year i.e. April-September and October-March.
10. A proposal for enhancement of allocation under the proposed combined scheme will be further subject to the condition that the average annual off take of three years preceding the introduction of the scheme was more than 90%.
11. Revalidation of lapsed quantity of foodgrains will be entertained except in rare and exceptional cases and subject to valid justification.

12. Utilization Certificate at the prescribed form GFR-12-C (GFR 2017) (Annexure-III) in respect of foodgrains utilized by District/Sub-Divisions corresponding previous half year must be submitted to the Department for display on the web portal of the respective State failing which no foodgrains allocation will be made for the corresponding intended half year under the Scheme.
13. The Accounts of such Hostel/Institutions should be available for audit by Indian Audit and Accounts Department as per GFR 316.
14. There should be regular periodical audit of the Scheme at District/Sub-Divisions level and the District/Sub-Divisions Administration must submit this Audit Report for the period it was completed along with the Utilization Certificate.
15. Detailed modalities adopted by the State Government/UT Administration the implementation of the scheme should also be intimated to Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India.
16. The Districts/Sub-divisions may give wide publicity to the scheme in their respective Districts/Sub-Divisions so that the benefits accrue to all eligible beneficiaries.
17. Selection of the Institutions/Hostels will be based on the verification report submitted by the DC/SDO.
18. Procedures for application:
 1. The Institution/Hostel must apply for inclusion under the scheme in the Application Format given at Annexure I.
 2. The application must be supported by documents as seen in the Application format and must be filled up fully. Incomplete application be summarily rejected.
 3. The application will be received by the DC/SDO concerned of the District. Verification of the applications from the hostel/institution and the authenticity of the application will be conducted by officer of FCS & CA Department not below the rank of Inspector of Supply of the respective Districts/Sub-Divisions. The verification report in writing will be received by the DC/SDO concerned.
19. **DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED ALONGWITH THE APPLICATION FORM:** Attested copy of Registration Certificate for Institutions/hostels whether run by the Govt. or aided/sponsored by the Govt.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department.

The 6th December, 2024.

No.IPR.34/2020/Pt./128. - Whereas the State Government, in recognition of the contribution of journalists towards society and acknowledging the constitutional obligation to safeguard the vulnerable, deemed it necessary to establish a welfare fund aimed at supporting indigent working journalists and veteran journalists within the State of Meghalaya, providing them with financial assistance.

Now, therefore, the Government of Meghalaya hereby is pleased to introduce the Meghalaya Journalists Welfare Scheme, 2024 for regulating the constitution, administration, and provisions of financial assistance to the working and veteran journalists which are as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**

- (a) The Scheme shall be called 'Meghalaya Journalists Welfare Scheme 2024'.
- (b) It shall come into force with effect from 1st December, 2024.

2. **Definitions** — In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i. "Committee" means the Committee constituted for the purpose of administration of the Fund under Clause-4.
- ii. "Fund" means the Meghalaya Journalists Welfare Fund.
- iii. "Journalist" means the Journalist as defined under the Meghalaya Press Accreditation Rules 1999.
- iv. "Veteran Journalist" means a Journalist who has served a minimum of twenty years as a Journalist, as defined above, and has been accredited by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya for a minimum of fifteen years during their service, and has attained the age of 60 years, and has not taken up any other gainful regular employment.

3. **Assistance available under the Scheme:**

- (a) Upto Rs. 5 (five) lakhs may be provided to the family under extreme hardship on account of death of the journalist. Financial assistance for the dependents of deceased journalists will be sanctioned in the following order of priority: spouse (widow or widower), mother, father, daughter under the age of 21, and son under the age of 21.
- (b) Upto Rs. 3 (three) lakhs may be provided to the journalist in case of permanent disability rendering the journalist incapable of earning a livelihood, subject to claims being made and supported by documents or certificates issued by the competent authority as deem fit and proper.
- (c) Upto Rs. 3 (three) lakhs may be provided towards the cost of treatment of major ailments such as cancer, renal failure, liver cirrhosis, heart ailments requiring by-pass/open heart surgery, angioplasty, brain haemorrhage and paralytic attack. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not being covered under Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme or any other insurance/departmental health schemes, etc. and claims made supported by Hospital Documents including Certificate in original duly verified, countersigned and sealed by the Director of Health Services (MI).
- (d) Upto Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) per month may be provided to the veteran journalists as special support as recommended by the Committee. Payments may be scheduled monthly or as determined by the committee, depending on fund availability. The committee will annually review

the list of beneficiaries and make recommendations. The journalists who are in receipt of any pension from Central or State Government are not eligible under this scheme.

4. **Constitution and Administration of the Fund.** - (i) The State Government shall appoint a Committee namely, Meghalaya Journalists Welfare Committee to administer the fund. The Committee shall consist of the following members namely:

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| (a) Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary Information & Public Relations Department. | - | Chairperson |
| (b) Director, Information & Public Relations | - | Member Secretary |
| (c) Joint Director/Deputy Director Information & Public Relations. | - | Member |
| (d) Financial Adviser, Information & Public Relations Department. | - | Member |
| (e) Director of Health Services (MI) | - | Member |
| (f) Four non-official members, preferably Senior Journalists within the state including the Representatives of Shillong Press Club and Meghalaya Editors & Publishers Association, Suggested by the Minister in charge of the Information & Public Relations Department. | - | Members |

(ii) The Committee shall meet at such intervals, as may be necessary to consider proposals of fund.

(iii) Term of the Committee shall be for a period of two years, provided, however, that the Committee will continue till it is reconstituted.

(iv) Chairperson and four members present in the meeting of the Committee shall form a quorum.

(v) The committee may issue guidelines and forms to ensure smooth operation of the scheme.

5. **Eligibility for availing assistance from the fund.**

(a) The Journalist is a citizen of India.; and

(b) The Journalist is ordinarily resident of the State by birth or by continuous residence for a period of not less than 10 years.; and

(c) The Journalist is accredited with the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya.

6. **Procedure for the sanction from the fund.** - A proposal for assistance from the fund will be initiated by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya, with specific recommendation and supporting documents.

The recommendation will be considered and decided by the Committee. However, only in cases of urgency, decision may be taken with the approval of the Chairperson of the Committee and the same should be placed before the next meeting of the Committee.

7. Corpus and operation of the Fund.

- (a) The Meghalaya Journalists Welfare Fund shall draw its resources from State Government grants, monthly subscriptions from accredited journalists, contributions from Journalist Organizations, contributions from News Agencies based on their advertisement income, and contributions from other institutions/individuals, etc.
- (b) The fund shall be administered by the Committee in accordance with its decisions. The Government's contribution shall ensure that a minimum amount of Rs. 35,00,000/- (Rupees thirty-five lakhs only) is maintained in the fund to fulfil the objectives of this Scheme. The fund will be provided/operated under the Development Budget of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Meghalaya.
- (c) Payments shall be disbursed based on recommendations made by the committee, contingent upon fund availability. All payments shall be credited only to the beneficiary's account.

8. **Exception:** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Scheme or the guidelines, the Committee may, in exceptional cases, suggest a higher level of assistance, recommend assistance to non-accredited journalists, or propose any other deviation from the guidelines for the approval of the Minister in charge of the Information & Public Relations Department.

9. **Financial Assistance not a matter of right.** - Grant for financial assistance from the fund to any working journalists is not a matter of right. Assistance would be extended depending on the Committee's satisfaction regarding the eligibility/merit of the case and the financial resources available for the purpose. The Committee reserves the right to reject or accept any application without assigning any reason thereof.

10. **Repeal and Savings:-** (1) the Journalists' Welfare Scheme 2009 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Scheme referred to in the sub-clause (1), it shall not affect:-

- (a) the previous operation of the Scheme so repealed, or anything duly done thereunder, or
 - (b) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the Scheme so repealed: and
 - (c) any such proceeding or remedy may be continued or enforced, and any such assistance may be made as if that Scheme had not repealed.
- (3) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said Scheme shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Scheme.

VIJAY KUMAR MANTRI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Information and Public Relations Department.

The 2nd December, 2024.

No.RDS.114/2014/372. - In exercise of the power conferred under Section 11(d) (i) of the Meghalaya Transfer of Land (Regulation) Act, 1971, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to specify the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited as a Company to which the provisions of the said Act, shall not apply in relation to transfer of land measuring 1B-1K-16L covered by periodic Patta No. 72, Dag No. 289 under Mouza No.V-I, B-Mahal located at Trikikilla West Garo Hills District, (and more fully described in the Schedule below) by way of lease for a period of 30 (thirty) years from Shri Mesor Rabha to the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited the purpose of setting up of retail outlet.

SCHEDULE OF BOUNDARIES

North : Road to Assam
East : Stream & land of D. Rabha
South : Land of K. Rabha
West : Land of M. Rabha & C. Rabha.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Revenue & Disaster Management Department.

The 9th December, 2024.

No.RDS.31/2020/351. - In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(d) (i) of the Meghalaya Transfer of Land (Regulation) Act, 1971, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to specify the **Indian Oil Corporation Limited** as a Company to which the provisions of the said Act, shall not apply in relation to transfer of land measuring **900 Sqm.** (more or less) located at Longlwit Village, West Jaintia Hills District (and more fully described in the Schedule below) by way of lease for a period of 30 (thirty) years from Smti. Aintis Snieh to the Indian Oil Corporation Limited for the purpose of setting up of a retail outlet.

SCHEDULE OF BOUNDARIES

North : Land of A. Snieh
East : Land of R. Nongkrem and B. Pale
South : P.W.D. Road
West : Land of A. Snieh.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Revenue & Disaster Management Department.

The 5th December, 2024.

No.CDD.30/2019/Pt.IV(A)/10. – In the interest of public service, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the **Constitution of "Meghalaya Rural Development Service Recruitment Board (MRDSRB)" for one time recruitment of Junior Rural Development Officers** under the Community & Rural Development Department with immediate effect and until further orders.

P. SAMPATH KUMAR,

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Community & Rural Development Department.

The 11th December, 2024.

No.EDN.152/2024/12. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to extend the upper age limit for Samagra Shiksha Teachers applying for recruitment in Government Schools from 32 years to 40 years, with an additional 5 (five) year relaxation for Scheduled Tribes (ST)/Scheduled Castes (SC) candidates, applicable only to those who joined within the government notified age limit at the time of their joining in Samagra Shiksha Schools.

This order shall take effect from the date of issue of the Memorandum.

VIJAY KUMAR MANTRI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Education Department.

The 10th December, 2024.

No.FOR.75/2019/Pt-I/24. - In exercise of the powers conferred under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and in accordance with the decision taken by the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board in its 24th Meeting held on 28th October, 2024, it is hereby notified that a non-refundable processing fee of ₹ 2,000/- (Rupees two thousand only) will be charged for processing applications and issuing the No Objection Certificates (NOC) for areas outside the Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) within the State.

The fee is intended to cover the administrative and processing costs associated with handling BHS-NOC applications, ensuring their timely and efficient processing.

The fee must be paid *via* NEFT, online transfer, or other similar modes of payment to the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board. The transaction receipt or proof of payment must be submitted along with the application.

The State Biodiversity Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, will oversee the implementation of this notification. The Board reserves the right to revise or amend the fee structure and related provisions as deemed necessary in the future.

PRAVIN BAKSHI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department.