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ABSTRACT

Social Welfare Department-Scheme for the rehabilitation of the dependents of the indigent convicts - sanctioned - Orders Issued

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rojlo.293/02/SWD)

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 7-9-2002

Ref.: 1. Rojlo No. F1-23048/2002 dated, 24/7/02 from the Director of Social Welfare.

1. Minutes of the working Group meeting of the Social Welfare Department held on 30-7-2002

ORDER

The Director of Social Welfare in her letter read as first paper above has forwarded a proposal for implementation of a scheme for the rehabilitation of the dependents of the indigent convicts. Working Group which met on 30-7-2002 discussed the proposal and agreed to the same with certain modifications.

Government are pleased to accord sanction for implementation of a scheme for the rehabilitation of the dependents of the indigent convicts. The scheme is intended to assist/ encourage resourceless wives, unemployed and unmarried sons/ daughter etc. Major children if they are students and women having children are included in the scheme. Able bodied single women will not be included. The amount will be given as a subsidy along with a loan amount from the nationalised bank in which the beneficiary has to find outlet.

The maximum amount of financial assistance to a family will be Rs. 40,000/- at a time.

Conditions:

- i. Families of such convicts who had undergone imprisonment for a period of 7 years and above are eligible for the financial assistance.
- ii. The families shall be eligible for the assistance only during the period of imprisonment.
- iii. The application for starting self employment should accompany the details of the project to be started with the financial assistance and a recommendation letter by the concerned ward members/councillor.

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- iv. Financial assistance for the purpose will be sanctioned only for the viable Projects since the amount is given as subsidy the beneficiary has to locate a bank from where he could get a loan and the subsidy amount as per the scheme.
 - v. Financial assistance shall be given only once for the dependents of a prisoner for the purpose. The financial assistance will be provided to those eligible persons who have not availed the amount for the same purpose previously.
 - vi. The total family income of the convict should not exceed Rs.24,000/- a year
 - vii. The dependents of the convict who have crime records are not eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.

Mode of application

The scheme will be implemented by the District Probation Officers of every district. The application forms will be available at District Probation Officers. The filled up application should be submitted to the District Probation Officer of the concerned jurisdiction. The District Probation Officer shall conduct necessary enquiry on the genuineness of the application and forward the same to the District Committee with his specific recommendation. The committee shall decide the amount to be given to each applicant after taking into account the amount of financial assistance and the decision taken will be recommended in the application.

District Level Committee

A committee shall be constituted for the purpose consisting of the following members.

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| 1. The District Panchayat President | Chairman | Local Leader |
| 2. The District Panchayat standing committee Chairman for Welfare/Welfare standing Committee clearance of Corporation/Municipality | Member | Local Leader |
| 3. Members of District Level Committee On probation | 3 Members | Officer |
| 4. District Probation Officer | Member Secretary | |

Funding

30% of loan subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- will be given as subsidy from Government for the loan they avail from Banks, Kerala State Women's Development Corporation, Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation, Kerala State Development Corporation for SCs/STs etc. The amount

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After assessing the amount required in the District, the District probation officers concerned shall communicate it to the Director of Social Welfare. The sum will be distributed in the form of Demand Draft by the concerned District probation officers.

Utilization Certificate

Every applicant who receives the financial assistance need to submit a utilization certificate within one month from the receipt of the amount. The District Probation Officer ~~Scrubboze~~ shall scrutinize the utilisation of the amount. Follow up has to be done by the District Probation officer in each case.

Final

All complaints regarding the distribution of the financial assistance shall be addressed to the Government.

By Order of the Governor

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Under Secretary to Government

To
The Director of Social Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (AEF)(Audit),Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Finance Department
The Planning & Economic Affairs Department
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Forwarded/By Order

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