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Labour Department
L.W Branch
Writers' Buildings, Kolkata 700 001

R E S O L U T I O N

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Dated Kolkata 23rd August 2007

The question of providing welfare measures for the Beedi Workers in the state of West Bengal with a view to improve their living conditions was under consideration of the State Government for some time past. After careful consideration of the matter the Governor is pleased to introduce a scheme named **West Bengal Beedi Workers' Welfare Scheme** with immediate effect.

1. Preliminary:

The objective of the scheme is to ameliorate the living conditions of the Beedi Workers in the State of West Bengal by way of giving grants under certain conditions to facilitate.

- a) Providing for electric connection to the houses to some Beedi Workers,
- b) The construction of a house by an individual worker, and
- c) Providing for infrastructural facilities like approach road, water supply, sanitation etc. in a group/cluster housing.

2. The Activities of the Scheme:

The scheme shall include the following activities:

A. Electrification:-

To subsidise for electrification to the Beedi Workers' houses, an amount of Rs.2,500/- per worker will be granted to a Beedi Worker for domestic electrification.

1) Conditions for eligibility:

- a) A Beedi Worker, whether an employee of an establishment or factory or Home Worker engaged in the Beedi industry for not less than one year.
- b) The monthly income of the family should not exceed Rs. 6,500/- per month.

- c) The worker should have a house in his/her name or in the name of his/her family member. In case the house is not owned by the Beedi worker, the owner must give no objection for the electrification to the effect that "I/we have no objection to allow the fixing and erection of the necessary apparatus for the service connection on or within the premises number owned by me/us and I/we have no objection if service lines pass over/along/across/under premises number"
- d) The electric supply line must be available in the vicinity of the house proposed for electric connection.

ii) **Procedure for Application:**

The application in the prescribed form in Form 1 as annexed complete in all respects along with separate *filled in application form for connection addressed to the power supplying company* shall be submitted by the applicant worker to the Assistant Labour Commissioner of the area where the house is located.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner will cause scrutiny of the applications and send the same to the local office of the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL)/ Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC Ltd.) for feasibility of the connection. On receipt of the required clearance from WBSEDCL/ CESC Ltd. about the feasibility of providing connection, the Assistant Labour Commissioner will send the applications alongwith his recommendations to an officer not below the rank of Deputy Labour Commissioner notified for this purpose by Labour Commissioner for administrative approval of the proposal and release of grant.

iii) **Mode of release of fund**

After approval a uniform grant of Rs. 2,500/- per applicant would be released by the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal to the concerned Regional Labour Office.

The sanctioned grant along with already *filled in application form for connection addressed to the power supplying company* as stated in cl ii) above will be sent to the said company immediately by the Head of the Regional Labour Office. If it is found that the amount released is in excess of the fund required for wiring and connection, it may be adjusted subsequently.

iv) **Utilisation Certificate:**

After proper enquiry, utilisation certificate will be sent by the concerned Assistant Labour Commissioner to the Labour Commissioner within a reasonable time as may be fixed by the Labour Commissioner.

B. Grant for construction of house by Beedi Workers:

A uniform subsidy @ Rs.10, 000/- per Beedi Worker per house will be granted in two equal installments in addition to the central subsidy of Rs.40, 000/- under Revised/Integrated Housing Schemes.

i) Conditions for eligibility:

A Beedi Worker who has already been granted Rs.40, 000/- by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India would be considered eligible for the state subsidy of 10,000/- as well. The monthly income of the family should not exceed Rs. 6,500/- per month.

ii) Procedure for Application:

ALC on being informed about the sanction of grant from the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, will approach Labour Commissioner for release of the state grant of Rs.10,000/- per beneficiary.

iii) Mode of release of fund:

The first installment of Rs.5,000/- will be released on receipt of the first instalment of the Central Govt. subsidy to the Beedi Worker and the 2nd instalment of the subsidy will be released on receipt of the 2nd Instalment from the Central Govt. The entire amount of grant will be released to the Beedi worker through the Assistant Labour Commissioner of the area concerned.

iv) Utilisation certificate:

After proper enquiry, **utilisation certificate** will be sent by the concerned Assistant Labour Commissioner to the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal within a reasonable time as may be fixed by the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.

C. Infrastructure Development:

Wherever Beedi Workers have formed a registered Co-operative Housing Society the Govt. may grant Rs. 10,000/- per unit (i.e. per worker) to provide infrastructural facilities like road, electricity, sanitation, planting of trees and other amenities.

i) Conditions for eligibility:

The Society of Beedi Workers must be registered and the society must have acquired the land for building houses.

ii) **Procedure for Application:**

The Registered Societies shall apply to the Assistant Labour Commissioner of the area concerned enclosing all documents i.e., sketch and specification of the building plan, copy of the registration certificate, / order of allotment of the land, list of members, I Card, detail proposal of infrastructure development and any other relevant documents as may be required.

The ALC concerned will cause a scrutiny of the application and send the application along with his recommendation to the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal.

iii) **Mode of release of fund:**

On the basis of the recommendation of the concerned Assistant Labour Commissioner the fund of Rs 10,000/- per tenement will be released in installments by the Labour Commissioner to the respective housing cooperative society or the agency engaged in the job of construction of group housing/cluster of houses.

The ALC will ensure that the site is visited periodically during construction of the project.

iv) **Utilisation certificate:**

Utilisation certificate would be furnished by the co-operative societies within one month from the date of completion of the project.

3. Management of the Scheme:

The scheme will be implemented and managed by the Labour Department, West Bengal through the Labour Directorate, West Bengal. Necessary fund shall be placed at the disposal of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal who is authorized under the Scheme to sub allot the said fund to the heads of the concerned Regional Labour Offices as and when necessary and incur various expenditures in connection with the implementation of the scheme. The expenditures to be incurred under the scheme will be met from the head of account "2230-01-101-SP-003-Beedi Workers' Welfare scheme (LB) - V-13-04" The State Government will review the working of the scheme from time to time and take such steps as may be considered necessary.

The State Government may by notification alter and / relax any of the provisions of the scheme and also add new provision(s) to the scheme, if necessary.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of this resolution be published in the official Gazette and a copy of the same be sent to the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal, other concerned Departments of the state governments and all central trade union organisations. This order is issued with the concurrence of the Finance (Audit) Department vide U.O. N.O. 184 Gr (L) dated 8/8/2007

By order of the Governor

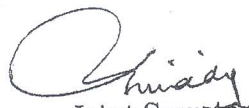
Sd/- Subesh K. Das
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Labour Department.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1) The Labour Commissioner, West Bengal,
New Secretariat Buildings, 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 700 001;
- 2) Finance (Audit) Department, Group 'L' of Government of West Bengal;
- 3) Finance (Budget) Department, Group 'N' of Government of West Bengal;
- 4) Development & Planning Department, Government of West Bengal;
- 5) Power Department, Government of West Bengal;
- 6) Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India,
Shram Mantranalaya, New Delhi.
- 7) The Welfare Commissioner, Labour Welfare Organisation, Kolkata,
Nizam Palace, 2nd, M. S. Buildings (5th Floor), Kolkata - 700 014;
- 8) The Principal Accountant General (A & E), West Bengal,
Treasury Buildings, Kolkata - 700 001;
- 9) The Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal,
Treasury Buildings, Kolkata - 700 001;
- 10) The Accountant General (Local Bodies Audit), West Bengal,
C.G.O. Complex, M.S.O. Buildings (5th floor),
Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 064.
- 11) (All District Magistrates);
- 12) Treasury Officer, (All Treasuries);
- 13) (All Central Trade Unions);
- 14) General Manager, CESC Ltd., CESC House, Kolkata;
- 15) The Chairman, WBSEDCL, Bidyut Bhavan, Salt Lake;
- 16) P.S. to MIC, Labour;
- 17) P.S. to MOS, Labour;
- 18) Guard File.

19) Shri Aziz Rasool, Jt. L.C.


Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

FORM 1

Application For State Grant to Beedi Workers under West Bengal Beedi Workers Welfare Schemes (Electrification):

1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Father's or Husband's name :
3. Present Address :
4. Name and address of the establishment/
factory/Contractor/ munshi under which
employed :
5. Date of Birth :
6. Beedi Identity Card No. with date of issue: :
(Photocopy to be enclosed)
7. Provident Fund No(if available) :
8. Monthly average income of the family :
9. Details of Premises/House : a) Plot No. b) Dag No.
c) J.L. No. d) Mouja
e) P.S. f) Dist.

I do hereby declare that a) I am a Beedi worker with a family income of less than Rs 6,500/- per month, b) I do not have any electricity in my house, c) there is main supply line in the vicinity of my house and d) the wiring work may be carried out by the licensed contractor, e) the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also declare that if the estimated cost of connection is more than Rs 2500/-, I shall pay the balance amount and that I shall be liable for any consequences for supplying wrong information

Signature of the applicant

Certified that the above statement is true.

Signature of
MP/ MLA /Sabhadhipati, Zilla Parishad/
Sabhapati, Panchayat Samity/Panchayat Pradhan
/Block Development Officer/ Elected representative
of Municipality or Municipal Corporation

.....For Office use.....

Received an Application For State Grant to Beedi Workers Welfare Scheme (Electrification)
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Sri..... residing at.....
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Date

time

Signature

Office seal