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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

No.PA.27/2000/Pt/21

Dated Shillong, the 5th February, 2010.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for implementation of the Discretionary Grant rendered to all the 60 MLAs of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

Whereas the Government of Meghalaya has introduced a scheme under the name and style of "Discretionary Grants" to all MLAs, Whereas there is a need to implement this grant judiciously in order to meet the immediate requirements of the beneficiaries, the nature of which are unforeseen and not covered by any scheme under the Government, depending on their economic conditions and their needs and as such grant of Discretionary Grant is at the discretion of the respective MLAs.

Whereas the allocation of funds for the release of Discretionary Grant to the MLAs will depend on the amount to be sanctioned by the Government and may fluctuate from year to year, depending on the availability of funds, as may be decided therein by the competent authority, and

Whereas such allocated funds are distributed equally to all the MLAs depending on the term of office held by them.

Now, therefore, the following comprehensive guidelines are hereby specified for implementation of the distribution of Discretionary Grants :-

Sanction and allocation of funds:

1. The sanctioned amount will be placed at the disposal of the Assembly Secretariat and will be disbursed to all the MLAs, according to their entitlement, through their respective Bank accounts in any Nationalized Bank in their respective constituencies. However, release/grant of Discretionary Grant for the subsequent year will depend on the submission of the utilization certificate by the respective MLAs.

2. The amount under this Discretionary Grants (DG) will be disbursed to all the MLAs by the Assembly Secretariat, through their respective Bank accounts. The account of expenditure incurred will have to be maintained by each MLA as paying authority.

Identification of beneficiaries:

3. The identification and selection of beneficiaries for the Discretionary grants of MLAs will be made by the MLA themselves, keeping in view the fact that the DG is made available to them at their discretion and left to their individual judgment AND that such an exercise should not be arbitrary or smeared by bad faith.

4. The amount to be distributed to each beneficiary under Discretionary Grants shall not exceed an amount of Rs.1500/- in each case.

Utilization Certificate:

5. Each MLA shall compile the list of all the beneficiaries including the amount distributed to each beneficiary during the year and shall issue a certificate "Certified that the amount as indicated in the statement above has been distributed in my presence and is utilized for the purpose for which it is given". The consolidated statement shall be submitted to the Secretary of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, who will ensure that the statement as received from each and every MLA is correct and maintain the records for submission to the Accountant General, Meghalaya.

6. On receipt of such utilization certificate and the Applications/Actual Payee Receipt (APR) as submitted, the Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly shall ensure that the expenditure incurred is correctly reflected and after satisfying himself that it complies with the requirement of these guidelines, shall forward the same to the Accountant General, Meghalaya.

These guidelines will come into force with immediate effect and supercedes all other instructions in connection with "Discretionary Grant".


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Parliamentary Affairs Department.

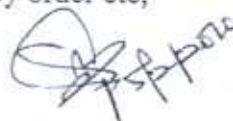
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Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
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