



ABSTRACT

Labour – Revised integrated Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers 2007 – Enhancement of State Government contribution from Rs.5000/- to Rs.60,000/- per House for construction of House to Beedi Workers - Orders – Issued.

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(K2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.43

Dated: 26.03.2012

Read:

From the Commissioner of Labour, letter No.M4/52430/10, dated 12.8.2011.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Labour has made the following announcement on the floor of the Assembly while moving the demand for grants for this Department on 14.9.2011:-

“There are nearly 2.4 lakh Beedi workers in Tamil Nadu and an Integrated Housing Scheme is being implemented for them at a cost of Rs.45,000/- per house. Out of which Government of India's subsidy is Rs.40,000/- and State Government's subsidy is Rs.5000/- being the beneficiarie's share. Now the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to enhance the expenditure for construction per house from Rs.75,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- under Indira Awas Yojna Scheme. The State Government will extend the same concession to the beedi workers integrated housing scheme also as per the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister, by enhancing the total cost (unit cost) per house as Rs.1.00 lakh, of which the subsidy of State Government's share shall be Rs.60,000/-”.

2. In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Labour in his proposal, has stated that in pursuance of the enactment of the Beedi Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act 1966, State Rules under the Act have been framed by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1968. The Statutory obligations under the Act are being implemented by this Department. Welfare schemes for the beedi workers are being implemented by Government of India, Ministry of Labour Welfare, New Delhi, directly, under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act 1976. In Tamil Nadu, the concentration of Beedi Workers are mainly in Tirunelveli, Vellore, Tiruvallur and Tiruvannamalai Districts. The total number of Beedi Workers in Tamil Nadu

is about 2,40,000. The workers are classified into Industrial Workers and Home workers. Under this Act, the workers are extended with the statutory protection of Identity card, logbook, leave card, service card, creche, washing facility and leave facility. Further, he has stated that the Ministry of Labour Welfare, Government of India is implementing various welfare scheme for the Beedi Workers and their families viz., Free Medical Check up, Maternity Assistance, Family Welfare Scheme, Heart Surgery, Kidney Transplantation, Cancer Treatment, Mental disorders, Leprosy treatment, Educational Assistance, Entertainment, Construction of Community Hall, Group Housing Scheme and Group Insurance Scheme.

3. He has also stated that under the Integrated Housing Scheme to the Beedi Workers, the total cost of construction of a house is Rs.45,000/- (forty five thousand only) of which Rs.40,000/- is Central subsidy and Rs.5,000/- is Worker's contribution. The Worker's contribution of Rs.5,000/- (five thousand only) is borne by the Government of Tamil Nadu as subsidy. To avail the benefit under the scheme, a beedi worker should be an employee of an establishment or a home worker for not less than a year. The worker should have a house site in his/her name. He/she should not have earlier availed the facility of financial assistance under an housing scheme of the Central / State Government. Presently it is being implemented by the Welfare Commissioner of the Labour Welfare Organization of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, New Delhi. He has therefore requested the Government to enhance the unit cost to Rs.1,00,000/- and State Subsidy from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.60,000/- under the Revised integrated Housing Scheme 2007 for the Beedi Workers.

4. Based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Labour on the floor of Assembly on 14.9.2011 and after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Labour, the Government accord sanction for enhancement of the unit cost of construction per house from Rs.45,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only). Out of which the Central Government's subsidy is Rs.40,000/- and State Government's subsidy being hereby enhanced from Rs.5000/- to Rs.60,000/- (Rupees sixty thousand only) under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme 2007, to the Beedi Workers. To avail the benefit under the scheme, a Beedi worker should be an employee of an establishment or a home worker for not less than a year. The worker should have a house site in his/her name. He/she should not have earlier availed the facility of financial assistance under any housing scheme of the Central / State Government.

5. The expenditure shall be debited to the following head of account

“2230 – Labour and employment – 01 Labour – 109 Beedi workers welfare – Schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. II State Plan – JA

**Grants for Beedi workers for 'Build Your Own House' Scheme – 09
Grants-in-Aid 03 Grants for Specific Scheme”**

(DPC 2230-01-109-JA 0937).

6. The Expenditure Sanctioned in Para 4 shall constitute an item of “New Instrument of Service”. The approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature the expenditure may initially be met from an advance drawing from contingency fund regarding which orders will be issued separately in Finance (BG II) Department. The Commissioner of Labour is requested to apply for sanction of contingency fund in the prescribed format alongwith the copy of this order to Government in Finance (BG II) department and to send necessary proposal for Supplementary Estimates for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for 2011-2012 to Government without fail.

7. This order issues with concurrence of Finance Department Vide U.O.No.82/JS(Pm)/12, dated 09.03.2012 and Additional Sanctioned Ledger No.1824 (One thousand eight hundred and twenty four).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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