GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Revenue (Disaster Management) Department. – COVID-19 – One-time Special financial assistance to Religious Service Renderers (Archaks, Imams, Moazzam & Pastors) of religious institutions in the state of Andhra Pradesh during lockdown period – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (DISASTER MANAGEMENT ) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 32

Dated: 20-04-2020

Read the following:

2. G.O.Rt.No.216, Health, Medical & Family (B2) Department, Dt.24.03.2020.

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ORDER

World Health Organization (WHO) has declared recent Corona Virus disease (COVID-19) as a pandemic affecting all the regions of the World. WHO also classified the risk assessment as very high at the Global level. In this context, in order to control / restrain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi have issued lockdown orders across the Country upto 03.05.2020 with a view to contain the spread of disease. Following the above directions from Government of India, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have also issued Government Order clamping lockdown upto 03.05.2020.

2. In pursuant to above orders, all the religious institutions are closed for the public resulting in putting religious service renders (Archaks, Imams, Moazzam & Pastors) of the religious institutions who eak out their livelihood on the honorarium they receive from out of contributions/ offerings from the community; to great distress and hardship.

3. Considering the hardship and distress being faced by religious service renderers (Archaks, Imams, Moazzam & Pastors ) of various religious institutions, Government of Andhra Pradesh as a measure of relief, decided to extend onetime special financial assistance to religious service renderers. Accordingly, it is decided to extend an amount of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) as one time special financial assistance to religious service renderers of religious institutions.(Temples, Masjid & Churches).

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4. Criteria to be followed:
   
a) All the religious service renderers (Archaks, Imams, Moazzam & Pastors) who are receiving salary/honorarium under ongoing state/religious institution support are not entitled for this special financial assistance.
   
b) Beneficiary shall be a full time religious service renderer.

5. The Endowment Department, AP State Waqf Board, AP State Christian Minorities Finance Corporation shall be responsible for identification and finalization of beneficiaries and intimate required amount to Revenue (DM) Department for sanction and release of amount from Finance Department in Government. Concerned Department/Board/Corporation shall take measures for transfer of amount to respective beneficiary accounts through CFMS module.

   (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANHRA PRADESH)

   V.USHARANI
   PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (DM)

   To
   The Commissioner of Endowment Department, A.P. Vijayawada.
   The Chief Executive Officer, State Waqf Board, Kaleswara Rao Market, Vijayawada
   The Managing Director, A.P. State Christian Minorities Finance Corporation, Opp. Manipal Hospital, Tadepalli, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh
   The Special Commissioner & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to Government., Revenue (DM) Department

   Copy to:
   The Principal Secretary to Govt., Endowments Department.
   The Principal Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Department.
   The OSD to Secretary to Hon’ble Chief Minister.

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