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NOTIFICATION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR VOLUNTARY CONSUMER ORGANISATION

1. OBJECTIVE

To provide financial assistance to voluntary consumer organisations to promote and protect the welfare of the consumers and strengthen the movement of voluntary consumer organisations in the state. The scheme shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. ELIGIBILITY :

- 1) Any institution/organisation engaged in the consumer welfare activities and registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 or under any other concerned Act for the time being in force.
- 2) The institution should be functioning as a non-political and non-Govt. organisation
- 3) The objective of the institution should be cleared for giving encouragement and protection to the interest of the consumers only.
- 4) The institution working in the interest of general public without discrimination of any caste or creed.
- 5) The institution should have suitable experienced workers and some funds for its activities.
- 6) The institution should be recognised for consumer protection activities under this scheme. The recognition will be given to those organisation who are totally engaged in

activities, rights and interests of consumers in the State and particularly making active attempts towards prevention of consumers exploitation from non-principled traders and businessmen. Activities shall include control of undue price rise, prevention of adulteration and malpractices in weight and measures. The individual complaints regarding hoarding, profiteering, exploitation, deceptive, illegal and immoral advertisement are also included therein.

The institutions fulfilling the above condition will be eligible to get financial assistance under this scheme. However, the Govt. shall take decision as to whether the institution is fully eligible for financial assistance considering the earlier and future programmes of the institution.

**3. EXTENT OF :
ASSISTANCE**

1) The assistance will not be given to any institution exceeding Rs. 50,000 in any financial year or it shall be limited to 50% of the total expenditure on the approved cost. However, the Govt. reserves the right to grant full assistance in deserving cases.

2) Suitable instalment will be prescribed for the grant sanctioned before payment of first instalment. Other instalment will be released only when the institution will satisfactorily produce the accounts of the previous instalment. The Govt. reserves to give on block full grant in deserving cases.

3) Financial assistance will only be sanctioned when the institution will furnish a certificate to the effect that no such assistance was received from other sources/Departments for the purposes for which it has requested for grant at present.

4. PURPOSE :

The assistance will be given mainly for the following purposes.

1) For office accommodation of the institution, furniture and fixture, equipments, library, Literature service, reference work, projector, cassettes.

2) Pay, allowances or honorarium to those giving honorary services or other employees of the institution.

3) For any conference, seminar, camp, training or exhibition, research and publicity literature prepared by the organisation.

4) For publication of films, posters, literature and report being published by the institutions for the purpose of consumer protection.

5) For establishment of laboratory, purchase of equipments or necessary test or for the expert employed.

6) For purchase of audio-visual equipments for the institution.

7) For stipend given to the trainees during the programmes arranged for publicity of consumer protection activities.

8) For visit of functionaries, workers of centre for the conference, Training camps, seminar of national/international consumer associations on behalf of the Consumer Protection association for development of Consumer protection activities.

9) Expenditure

international level when they visit the consumer protection association on invitation.

5. TERMS & :
CONDITIONS

1) The financial assistance shall be utilised for the purpose for which the same was sanctioned and it shall not be utilised for any other purpose of the Government.

2) The organisation shall maintain its accounts with nationalised, scheduled or co-operative office in the name of organisation. The amount shall be in the joint account or two office bearers of the organisation.

3) The organisation will submit to the Govt. a detailed account within three months at the end of the financial year. The accounts are liable to be inspected at any time by an officer appointed by the Government.

4) Record of all assets purchased tance sanctioned by the Govt. shall be maintained and the assets shall not be disposed off or put to use for any other purpose without prior approval of the Government.

5) The unspent amount of grant shall be surrendered to the Govt. at the end of the financial year.

6) The organisation receiving the grant shall ex bond to the effect that it shall obey the terms and conditions incorporated in the scheme and in case of failure to observe the terms and conditions by the organisation, it shall grant including interest.

7) If the grant sanctioned by the Govt. is not utilised for the purpose for which it is sanctioned, the remaining instalment will be stopped immediately and the amount already given will be recovered.

8) The organisation shall produce before the Govt. a certificate to the effect that the organisation has utilised the full amount for the purpose for which the grant was sanctioned.

9) The accounts, documents and records of the organisation shall be inspected and examined at any time by the officers authorised by the Government.

**6. PROCEDURE :
FOR APPLY-
ING ASSIS-
TANCE**

The organisation desiring to seek financial assistance under this scheme shall submit application duly filled in form - A through the respective Deputy Commissioner to the Govt., Law & Judicial Department. For Aizawl town, such application shall be made direct to the Law and Judicial Department. The application shall be submitted along-with the following—

- 1) Attested copy of Registration certificate.
- 2) Attested copy of the recognition as a Consumer Protection organisation under this scheme.
- 3) Audited account for the last three years (not applicable to new organisation).
- 4) A declaration in writing that the guidelines issued in this scheme shall be binding to the organisation.
- 5) A copy of the constitution of organisation.
- 6) The name of nationalised Bank, Co-operative Bank or Post Office.
- 7) Brief details of the organisation, objective and activities during the last 3 years.

7. CANCELLATION OF RECOGNITION

If the organisation recognised by the Govt. as a consumer protection association will not observe the terms and conditions included in the scheme or if mismanagement or malpractice by the organisation will come to the notice of the Govt. the recognition shall be cancelled. But before cancelling the recognition, notice shall be reserved giving opportunity to the organisation to make explanation and the Govt. shall take decision on the merits. Decision of the Govt. shall be final.

P. Chakraborty,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,
Law and Judicial Department.

FORM — A
(Vide clause 6)

1. Name & Address of the applicant :
2. Date of establishment :
3. Whether registered under the Societies
Registration Act 1860 or any other
relevant Act. :

4. If yes, number and year of Registration :
(Attested copy of registration certificate to be enclosed).
5. Whether the organisation is of State/ :
District/Sub-Division level.
6. Brief details of the organisations, :
objective and activities.
7. Purpose for which assistance is required :
(details of the project, its proposed implementation and the requirement to be enclosed).
8. Time schedule of the activities arranged. :
9. Whether the organisation received earlier :
financial assistance from any other source.
If yes, give details
10. Details of prosecution if any launched :
against the applicant.
11. Copies of the following documents to :
be attached
 - (i) Constitution of the organisation
 - (ii) Last Annual report and audited statement of Account.
 - (iii) Recognition under financial assistance scheme for voluntary consumer organisation.

Dated

APPLICANT

Place

DECLARATION

The particulars heretofore given are true and correct. Nothing material has been suppressed. It is certified that I/We have read terms and conditions governing the schemes and undertake to abide, by them on behalf of our organisations. The financial assistance, if provided, shall be put to the declared use, for promotion and protection of consumers' rights.

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