GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA LABOUR DEPARTMENT

Notification

Dated Shillong, the 14th September, 2017

No. LBG. 74/2013/64: In pursuance of Section 14B (1) of the Child & Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, the Governor is pleased to accord approval for the guidelines framed below for the modality of disbursement of the funds deposited in the Child & Adolescent Labour Rehabilitation Funds set up in the districts meant for the rehabilitation and welfare of the child and adolescent labourers, as the case may be. All amounts of fines realized from offending employers for offences tried under the amended Child & Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and Government contribution for each child or adolescent, as the case may be, shall be credited to the said Fund.

- A. As per Rule 16A (1) of the Child & Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Rules, 1988, as amended in 2017, "the amount credited, deposited or invested, as the case may be, under sub-section 3 of section 14B, to the Child and Adolescent Labour Rehabilitation Fund and the interest accrued on it, shall be paid to the child or adolescent in whose favour such amount is credited in the following manner, namely:-
- 1. The Inspector or the nodal officer having jurisdiction shall, under his supervision, ensure that an account of such child or adolescent, as the case may be, is opened in a nationalized bank and inform the bank in which the amount of the fund is deposited or as the case may be, to the officer responsible to invest the amount of the Fund under sub-section (3) of section 14B;
- II. The interest accrued on the proportionate amount of the fund in favour of the child or adolescent shall be bi-annually transferred to the account of the child or adolescent, as the case may be, by the bank or officer responsible to invest the amount under information to the Inspector;
- III. When the concerned child or adolescent, as the case may be, completes the age of 18(eighteen) years, then, as soon as may be possible forthwith or within a period of 3 (three) months, the total amount credited, deposited or invested in favour of the child or adolescent along with interest accrued thereon including the interest remaining in the bank or remaining so invested under sub-section (3) of section 14B shall be transferred to the said bank account of the child or adolescent, as the case may be; and
- IV. The Inspector shall prepare a report of the amount transferred under Clause (ii) and Clause (iii) with particulars of the concerned child or adolescent, sufficient to identify him and send a copy of the report annually to the Central Government for information."
- B. As per Rule 16A (2), "Any amount recovered by way of fine or for composition of offences in pursuance of an order or judgement of a Court in favour of a child or adolescent for the contravention of the provisions of the Act, shall also be deposited in the Fund and shall be spent in accordance with such order or judgement."
- C. For children or adolescents belonging to other States who have been repatriated back to their respective States, the account should be transferred to the destination State and this should be done with information to the concerned Child Welfare Committee in the child's or adolescent's native State to follow up.

- D. The amount so collected for each child or adolescent shall be utilized solely for the welfare and rehabilitation of the child or adolescent, as the case may be.
- E. In all cases relating to the matter of disbursement of the fund meant for the concerned child or adolescent, as the case may be, the Chairperson and Member Secretary of the Child and Adolescent Labour Rehabilitation Fund are to exercise discretion and to collaborate with other departments such as Social Welfare Department, Education Department and Health & Family Welfare Department for advice and assistance, as the case may be.
- F. A State Monitoring Cell (SMC) to be headed by the State Labour Secretary along with heads of departments of Labour, Social Welfare, Education and Health & Family Welfare and a representative from the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights as the members shall be set up at the state level to ensure effective monitoring of the different Child and Adolescent Labour Rehabilitation Funds, respectively, set up at the districts.

Sd/-Shri M.S. Rao, IAS Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya Labour Department.

Dated: Shillong, the 14th September, 2017.

For favour of

information

Memo No. LBG. 74/2013/64-A

Copy to:

1. P.S. to the Chief Minister for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

2. P.S. to the Minister in charge Labour for kind information of the Minister i/c Labour.

3. P.S. to the Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.

4. All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Commissioner & Secretaries/Secretaries.

5. All Deputy Commissioners.

6. The Labour Commissioner, Meghalaya, Shillong.

7. All Deputy Labour Commissioners for information and necessary action.

8. The Director, Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya Shillong for favour of publication in the next issue of the Meghalaya Gazette.

By Order, etc.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Labour Department.