ABSTRACT

Welfare of Differently Abled Persons – Maintenance Allowance Scheme to Mentally Retarded persons and severely affected persons- Enhancement of maintenance allowance from Rs.1000/- to Rs.1500/- per month from the financial year 2014-15 and sanction of funds Rs.66,67,14,000/- - Orders- Issued.

Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 2.1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.86 Dated:19-12-2014

Read:

4. G.O.(Ms) No.77, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department, dated 02-12-2014.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued to delegate the powers to the Principal Secretary/ State Commissioner for the Differently Abled to incur expenditure under four categories of maintenance allowance schemes (viz Maintenance Allowance of Mentally Retarded persons, Maintenance Allowance of Severely Affected persons, Maintenance Allowance to Persons affected with Muscular Dystrophy and Maintenance Allowance to Leprosy affected persons) within the budget provision. Besides, the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled is also permitted to send proposals, if additional beneficiaries are identified subsequently, in the month of September and February.

During the Budget Presentation for the year 2014-15, among the other things, the Hon'ble Minister (Finance and PWD) has made an announcement that the existing maintenance allowance given to the persons affected with Mental Retardation, Severely Affected persons and persons affected with Muscular Dystrophy at the rate of Rs.1000/- will be enhanced to Rs.1500/- per month. This assistance will be enhanced from the financial year (i.e) 1.4.2014.

In order to implement the above announcement of the Hon'ble Minister (Finance and PWD), in the reference second read above, the State Commissioner for
the Differently Abled has sent a proposal to enhance the maintenance allowance given to Mentally Retarded and severely affected persons as from Rs.1000/- to Rs.1500/- per month and requested to sanction the enhanced amount of Rs.500/- to 1,06,843 existing beneficiaries for 12 months and also to sanction the maintenance allowance of Rs.1500/- to 4276 newly identified beneficiaries in the categories of Mentally Retarded and severely affected persons during February 2014 for 12 months thus totally Rs.71,80,26,000/- for the year 2014-15.

4. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued to accord sanction for a sum of Rs.80,04,000/- for providing maintenance allowance to 4002 number of additional beneficiaries identified in the category of Mentally Retarded persons during February 2014 at the rate of Rs.1000/- per month for two months (ie) for February to March 2014 for the year 2013-2014.

5. In the Government Order fourth read above, orders were issued to accord sanction for a sum of Rs.5,48,000/- to provide maintenance allowance for two months (viz) February and March 2014 during the financial year 2013-14 to 274 number of additional beneficiaries identified in the category of severely affected persons during the month of February 2014 at the rate of Rs.1000/- per month.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled accept the proposal of the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled. Accordingly the Government enhance the maintenance allowance given to the Mentally Retarded persons and severely affected persons as from Rs.1000/- to Rs.1500/- per month from the financial year 2014-15.(i.e) with effect from 01.04.2014 and accord sanction for the total sum of Rs.66,67,14,000/- (Rupees Sixty six crore sixty seven lakh and fourteen thousand only) being the difference in enhanced maintenance amount at Rs.500/- per month for 1,11,119 number of Mentally Retarded and severely affected persons for 12 months as follows:-

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Category of beneficiaries ( MR and severely affected persons)</th>
<th>No. of beneficiaries</th>
<th>Balance enhanced amount (per month)</th>
<th>Amount sanctioned (12 months)</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Existing beneficiaries as on 1.4.14.</td>
<td>1,06,843</td>
<td>Rs.500/-</td>
<td>Rs.64,10,58,000/-(1,06,843 Nos x Rs.500/- x 12 months)</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Newly identified Mentally Retarded beneficiaries and Severely affected persons during February' 14</td>
<td>4,276</td>
<td>Rs.500/-</td>
<td>Rs.2,56,56,000/-(4276 Nos x Rs.500/- x 12 months)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,11,119</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Rs.66,67,14,000/-</strong></td>
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7. The expenditure sanctioned at para 6 above shall be debited under the following Head of Account:-

(D.P.Code 2235-02-101-CD-0938)

8. This expenditure constitute an item of “New Instrument of Service” and the approval of Legislative Assembly will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will be met by a drawl of an advance from the Contingencies Fund. An order in this regard will be issued from the Finance (BG- I) Department separately. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled is requested to send a proposal in the prescribed format with a copy of Government Order to Finance (BG-I) Department for drawl of Contingencies Fund. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled is also requested to send necessary explanatory notes for inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2014-2015 to the Government, at the appropriate time.

9. This order is issued with the concurrence of the Finance department vide its U.O. No.68860/Fin(SW)/2014, dated 18.12.2014 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1827(One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven).

(By Order of the Governor)

P. Sivasankaran,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Chennai-78.
The Accounts and General, Chennai -18.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai – 35.
All District Differently Abled Welfare Officers (Through the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Chennai-78.)

Copy to:
The Hon’ble Chief Minister Office, Chennai-9.
The Senior Personnel Assistant to Minister(Social Welfare), Chennai-9.
The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department, Chennai-9.
The Finance(SW/BG-I, BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.
SC/SF.

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Section Officer.