



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health Support Programme for Handloom weavers and allied workers -
Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

INDUSTRIES (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.359/2024/ID Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 23-05-2024

- Read 1 Letter No.HL/666/2024-P2 dated 26/03/2024 from the Director of Handloom & Textiles
- 2 Minutes of Departmental Working Group Meeting of Industries held on 09/04/2024
- 3 e-Anumathi AS No.AS/IND/24/34313 valid upto 31/03/2025

ORDER

The Director of Handloom and Textiles, as per letter read above, has submitted a proposal for the Health Support Programme for Handloom Weavers and allied workers.

(2) The Director of Handloom and Textiles has reported that the Scheme intends to ensure the physical well being of the weavers/allied workers engaged in Handloom cloth production. There are about 17000 weavers/allied workers/individual allied workers/consortiums engaged in handloom industry and many are above the age of 45 years and are prone to many occupational hazards and ailments like pulmonary diseases, acute vision problems, joint pain etc.

(3) Hence , in order to ensure the physical well being of the weavers/allied workers engaged in handloom cloth production, this scheme proposes to conduct medical camps in the handloom circles of districts twice a year to provide health care services addressing their various physical ailments and ophthalmic requirements. As part of the Scheme it is also proposed to grant an amount of Rs 2000/- per weaver, once in 5 years, as spectacle allowance

based on their eligibility.

(4) Proposed guidelines for the implementation of the Scheme is as follows:

- i. Weavers shall be a member and permanent worker of the Handloom Weaver's Co-operative Societies.
- ii. Weavers working under the weaving factories of Hantex and individual weavers coming under Hanveev are also eligible for the allowance.
- iii. Allied workers/ individual allied workers/consortiums engaged in street warping process are also eligible for participating in the medical camps and to receive spectacle allowance.
- iv. The spectacle allowance may be granted prioritising the age and the essentiality of the weavers/allied workers/ individual allied workers/consortiums engaged in street warping process.
- v. The General Managers of the respective District Industries Centres are responsible to ensure the identity of weavers/allied workers/ individual allied workers/consortiums engaged in street warping process.
- vi. All weavers / allied workers/ individual allied workers/consortiums engaged in street warping process should be a member of the organisation approved by the State Government and the details of the weavers/workers shall be uploaded in the website of the Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles.
- vii. The fund for the conduct of medical camps should be sanctioned by the respective General Managers in each district based on the inspection report of co-operative inspectors of each circle and Assistant District Industries Officer of each Taluk on verification of the genuinity of the identity of weavers.

(5) The financial implication of the Scheme/proposal is as follows:

s.no	Item	Amount	No.s	TOTAL
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1	Medical camp to handloom circles twice a year	Rs.20000 (Rs.10000*2)	52 handloom circles	Rs.10,40,000/-
2	Spectacle Allowance	Rs.2000/-	230 weavers	Rs.4,60,000/-
GRAND TOTAL				Rs.15,00,000/-

(6) The Director of Handloom and Textiles has requested to accord administrative sanction for the implementation of the Scheme for Health support Programme for Handloom weavers and allied workers and for an amount of Rs.15 lakh for the Scheme.

(7) There is a Budget provision of Rs.15 lakh for the year 2024-2025 under the head of account 2851-00-103-21(P) for the scheme "Health Support Programme for Handloom weavers and allied workers".

(8) The Departmental Working Group Meeting of Industries Department held on 09/04/2024 considered the proposal for the Health Support Programme for Handloom Weavers and allied workers and recommended for issuing Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the Scheme and for an amount of Rs.15 lakh, for the Scheme.

(9) Government have examined the recommendation of the Departmental Working Group (Industries) and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the implementation of Health Support Programme for Handloom Weavers and allied workers and for an amount of Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh only) for the Scheme, debiting the expenditure under the head of account 2851-00-103-21(P) from the current year's budget provision.

(10) Director of Handloom & Textiles shall review the implementation and progress of the Scheme timely and report to Government.

(By order of the Governor)
BIJU PRABHAKAR
SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Handloom and Textiles, Thiruvananthapuram

The Managing Director, HANTEX, Thiruvananthapuram

The Managing Director, HANVEEV, Kannur

District Treasury Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

Chief Executive Officer, K-Bip, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General(G&SSA), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Accountant General(A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance Department

Planning & Economic Affairs Department (vide minutes of WGM held on 09/04/2024)

Industries (J) Department

I&PRD Department (for posting the G.O in the Government website)

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Signed by
Section Officer
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