NOTIFICATION

The Governor is pleased to frame revised rules to regulate sanction of financial assistance for treatment of patients belonging to Minorities under the Nucleus Budget scheme of the Department for Welfare of Minorities.

1. **Short Title, Extent and commencement** :-

These rules may be called “the Tripura Minority Patients (Financial Assistance) Rules, 2018”. They extend to the whole of Tripura and take immediate effect.

2. **Definition** :-

   i) “Government” means the Government of Tripura.

   ii) “Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary means Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary to the Govt. of Tripura, Minorities Welfare Department.

   iii) “Competent Authority” means Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary to the Govt. of Tripura, Minorities Welfare Department.

   iv) “Director” means the Director for Welfare of Minorities, Tripura.


   v) “Superintendent of Agartala Medical College & G.B.P Hospital/Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital/Dr. B.R. Ambedkar/Cancer Hospital, Agartala” means the Medical Superintendent of Agartala Medical College & G.B.P Hospital/Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital/Dr. B. R. Ambedkar/ Cancer Hospital, Agartala.

   v) “Director of Health Service” means the Director of Health Service, Tripura.

   vi) “Medical Officer” means the Medical Officer In-charge of a Govt. Hospital or Community Health Centre/Primary Health Centre/Health Sub Centre etc. in Tripura.
"Minorities" means the community recognized as such by the Govt. by Notification issued from time to time.

The term "Poor" will mean the member of Minorities family living below the poverty line having annual income of Rs.81,000/- (Rupees Eighty one thousand) only or less in Rural areas & Rs.1,03,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs three thousand) only or less in Urban areas. (This is revisable from time to time by Govt. Orders).

3. **The Scheme**

Minority patients suffering from any disease/disability may be granted financial assistance for their treatment in Agartala Medical College & G.B.P Hospital/ Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital/Dr. B.R,Ambedkar/ Cancer Hospital, Agartala inside Tripura or in hospitals outside Tripura.

Provided that such financial assistance may be sanctioned only to persons belonging to Minorities who are poor and are not in a position to meet the expenses of treatment, subject to the limitation and conditions laid down in Rule-4.

Provided further that no Government employee will be eligible for getting assistance under the scheme.

4. **Authorities competent to sanction assistance and limitation of sanction**

i) Subject to other conditions laid down in these rules, the District Welfare Officers (DWOs) Sub Divisional Magistrates (SDMS) and Block Development Officers (BDOs) shall be competent to sanction financial assistance to a Minority patient not exceeding to Rs.1,500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred) only per patient in a financial year in case of urgent need for treatment in any nearest hospital (excluding State/District hospital) in Tripura. If DWOs, SDMs & BDOs consider the necessity of giving further financial assistance Rs.1,500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred) only to a patient, he may recommend the particular case to the competent authority. While recommending for sanction of a higher amount, the DWOs, SDMs & BDOs must indicate the amount which has already sanctioned earlier infavour of the applicant.
II) (a) The District Magistrates & Collectors (DMs) shall be competent to sanction financial assistance to a Minority patient not exceeding Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand) only per patient in a financial year for treatment in any nearest hospital.

Provided that the District Magistrates & Collector, West Tripura District shall be competent to sanction financial assistance to a Minority patient not exceeding Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand) only per patient in a financial year for treatment in Agartala Medical College & G.B.P Hospital/ Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital & Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Hospital, Agartala.

(b) If he considers that financial assistance exceeding his competency should be sanctioned to a patient, he may forward the particular case with his recommendation to the competent authority. While recommending any particular case for sanction of a higher amount of assistance, the District Magistrate & Collector shall indicate clearly the amount already been sanctioned earlier in favour of the applicant.

III) (a) The Director for Welfare of Minorities shall be competent to sanction to a Minority Patient financial assistance not exceeding Rs.6,000/- (Rupees Six thousand) only for treatment inside the State.

b) The Director for Welfare of Minorities may recommend any particular case to the Govt. for sanction of financial assistance up to Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand) only including the assistance, if any, already sanctioned to any patient for treatment outside the State.

IV) The Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary to the Govt. of Tripura, Minorities Welfare Department shall be competent to sanction such amount of financial assistance as he may consider proper and fit but not exceeding to Rs.9,000/- (Rupees Nine thousand) only.

V) Provided that the Govt. in special circumstances may sanctioned financial assistance not exceeding Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand) only for treatment outside the State.

VI) The Minority patient can be sanctioned financial assistance only once in a year, provided that the Govt. may under special circumstances sanction financial assistance to a patient twice in a year.
VI) Under Special circumstances, Govt. may place fund with the hospital authorities for sanction and payment of assistance to minority patients.

**Procedure for sanction and disbursement** :-

i) The sanctioning authority shall consider each case for giving financial assistance on receipt of application supported by a Medical certificate from a Medical Officer, Superintendent of Agartala Medical College & G.B.P Hospital/ Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital/ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar/Cancer Hospital or Director of Health Services. For treatment outside the State the Medical certificate, shall be required to be countersigned by the Director of Health Services, Tripura.

ii) Before according sanction the sanctioning authority shall satisfy himself that :-
   a) The applicant is a person belonging to Minorities.
   b) The applicant is suffering from some disease/disability.
   c) The applicant is too poor to meet the expenses of his treatment including other expenses considered essential for treatment.

iii) At the time of disbursement of the amount sanctioned the disbursing officer shall obtain proper receipt from the person who has been sanctioned financial assistance by the sanctioning authority. The disbursing officer shall also ensure that the remark “sanctioned and paid Rs. __________/- on ___/___/____ “ is duly recorded in the ration card of the applicant so that the applicant does not get scope for claiming financial assistance more than once from various authorities within the same financial year.

6. **Referring a patient for treatment outside the State** :-

   If the Director of Health Services or the Superintendent of Agartala Medical College & G.B.P Hospital/ Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital /Dr. B.R. Ambedkar/Cancer Hospital considers that proper facilities for treatment of a particular case do not exist in Tripura and it is necessary to refer the patient outside Tripura for treatment, he shall indicate the same in his report giving the name and place of the hospital where the patient is referred for treatment. On receipt of the report, the Director for Welfare of Minorities or the Secretary, Department for Welfare of Minorities as the case may be, may sanction financial assistance subject to limits laid down above.

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Submission of Progress report :-

The sanctioning authorities other than Director, Welfare of Minorities and the Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary, Department for Welfare of Minorities shall send the monthly progress report of expenditure to the Director, Welfare of Minorities. The reports of expenditure may be furnished in the proforma to be supplied by the Director, Welfare of Minorities.

Miscellaneous :-

i) Matters not specifically covered by these rules shall be governed by orders/ instructions issued by the Govt. from time to time.

ii) Any doubt in respect of these rules may be referred to the Govt. for clarification and the clarification given by the Government shall be final.

A copy of the Govt. Notification No. 14,259-339/F.2-279/SCW/GL/95 dated 05-09-97 declaring 5(five) communities in the State as Minorities is enclosed as Annexure-I & II to this Memo.

This issued as per concurrence of the Finance Department U.O. No.227/FIN(EXPDT)/18 dated 22-05-2018 and approval of the Council of Ministers vide Memorandum F1(4)-GA/(CAB)/2005 dated 09th October’2018.

By order of the Governor,

(K.B. Chowdhury)
Additional Secretary
Government of Tripura.

Copy to :-
1. The Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of Tripura.
2. The P.S to the Hon’ble Minister, Minorities Welfare, Government of Tripura.
3. The P.S to the Hon’ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tripura.
4. The P.S to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura, Agartala.
5. The District Magistrate & Collector, West/Khowai/Sepahijala/Gomati/South/Dhalai/Unakoti/ North Tripura District.
6. The Director, Health Services, Government of Tripura, Agartala.
7. The Director, Minorities Welfare, Government of Tripura, Agartala.
8. The Director, Printing & Stationery Department, Government of Tripura, Agartala with a request to publish the notification in the next issue of Tripura Gazette.
10. The District Welfare Officer, West/Khowai/Sepahijala/Gomati/South/Dhalai/ Unakoti/ North Tripura District.
11. All SDMs
12. All BDOs

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