

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Relief - Suicidal deaths of weavers – Special package to support families – Economic support and rehabilitation package to the family of deceased weavers on par with the farmers – Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (TEX) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 140

Dated: 10-10-2012.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 421, Revenue (DA.II) Deptt., dt. 1.6.2004.
2. G.O.Ms.No.46, Ind & Com (Tex) Deptt., dt. 13.2.2006.
3. G.O.Ms.No.119, Ind & Com (Tex) Deptt., dt. 21.4.2006.

O R D E R:

The Government have looked into the several suicidal deaths by weavers took place in the state due to several reasons such as lack of work, hike in yarn prices and poverty besides ill health and no financial assistance was provided to the deceased families by the government. The family members of the deceased weavers were in miserable condition and Government also noticed that the families of weavers who committed suicide on account of distressed caused by occupation related problems like, (a) indebtedness (b) lack of employment in weaving/processing (c) harassment of fellow villages on matter relating to Handlooms /delivery of finished cloth etc., and (d) failure in providing livelihood to family members leading to despair etc. It is not only a tragedy for their families by losing their breadwinner, but also to the State by losing a weaver.

2. In the G.O., 1st read above, orders were issued for payment of an ex-gratia of Rs. 1.00 lakh (Rupees one lakh only) to the family (next kin of the deceased farmers) besides loan settlement upto a ceiling of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) as one time settlement to the creditors, as a measure of support to the distressed family members of the farmers who committed suicide.

3. In the G.O., 2nd read above, orders were issued evolving an interim special package scheme as a measure of providing assistance to the deceased weaver families on par with the special package ordered by the Government to the families of the deceased farmers.

4. In the G.O., 3rd read above, in partial modifications of the orders issued in the G.O., 2nd read above, the Government have issued orders that the benefits contemplated in the said G.O., shall be applicable to those weavers who committed suicide w.e.f. 01.04.1997 and that these cases of suicidal deaths of weavers shall be treated in the same way as was done to the weavers suicidal deaths.

5. The Government have further reviewed the matter and decided to evolve a special package scheme as a measure of providing assistance to the deceased weaver families. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to implement the package as indicated below:-

(i) **Financial Assistance** :

An ex-gratia of Rs.1.00 lakh only in cases suicide provisionally arises out of weaving income related issues shall be provided to the family /next of kin of the deceased weavers, as an economic support besides loan settlement upto a ceiling of Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) to the creditors.

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The ex-gratia of Rs.1.00 lakh to be provided to the family /next of kin of the deceased weaver shall be deposited in an authorized bank by opening joint account of the Asst. Director (H&T) of the concerned district and the legal heir. It will be operated by the officer concerned, having the official jurisdiction of the place of the weaver who have committed suicide.

The loan settlement up to a ceiling limit of Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) shall be paid under proper acknowledgement to the person (s) entitled to receive it as identified by the Committee and under the supervision of the Committee as one time settlement and no liabilities on the part of the deceased families will exist. The expenditure on this account shall initially be met from out of the Revolving Fund of the District Collector concerned, which shall be reimbursed later from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on receipt of necessary proposals from the District Collectors concerned by the Government in Revenue Department.

(ii) **Verification Report :**

The Government hereby constitute a committee for verification and certification of the event of suicide comprising the following:

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| (1) R.D.O./Sub Collector | -- | Chairman/Member Convener |
| (2) Deputy Superintendent of Police | - | Member |
| (3) Assistant Director (H&T)
of the district concerned | - | Member |

The above committee having the official jurisdiction of the place of the weavers of who committed suicide shall verify each case and will establish the correlation between the weaving related operations, economic distress and social humiliation eventually leading to suicide. It shall also further sit with bankers, money lenders and family members of the distressed along with the community elders and workout the one time settlement package for extinguishing outstanding deaths of family in distress.

(iii) **Rehabilitation Package:**

Once the verification and certification committee clears the outstanding liabilities with Rs.50,000 provided, weaving rehabilitation process of the distressed family shall commence. For this purpose the territorial officer of Handlooms and Textiles Department and the DMO, APCO having the official jurisdiction of the place of the deceased weavers and the members of the family shall decided about the future weaving operations, marketing of cloth produced by them etc.

In addition to the above, the following measures will also be taken up to provide social cushion.

- a) Admission of children in Social Welfare schools and Hostels.
- b) Allotment of Houses and I.A.Y. Scheme.
- c) Economic Support under Government scheme.
- d) Pensions etc.

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Further, in such cases **restrictions**, if any, regarding eligibility will be relaxed by the Government in cases wherever it is considered necessary.

The distressed family members who did not get any relief/family assistance earlier, may submit their applications with full particulars to the Revenue Divisional Officer, having the jurisdiction of the place of the weaver who committed suicide. The Revenue Divisional Officer, on receipt of such application shall take necessary further action in the matter duly following the procedure prescribed above.

(iv) **Preventive Measures:**

The helpline at every Collectorate shall continue to operate as in the case of farmers special package. Any weaver or his friend or relative or family member or a well wisher may bring to the notice of the Collector, the likelihood of such extreme act by making the use of helpline. On receipt of such information the Assistant Director (H&T) of the district and his missionary will get in touch with that family immediately and organize an appropriate counseling at district level and workout a package to insulate them from the pressures of money lenders. Such cases will be given preference in extending benefits of the ongoing Government schemes pertaining to weaving. The expenditure on account of maintenance of the helpline shall also be met from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

6. All the District Collectors are requested to take action in respect of weavers who committed suicide and to send proposals to the Revenue (CMRF) Department, directly in respect of weavers, duly enclosing all the particulars in soft/hard copies of the details for early reimbursement.

7. The Director, Handlooms & Textiles and Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad /All Assistant Directors (H&T) in the State are requested to follow the above orders scrupulously and follow up all such cases with the District Collectors concerned in this regard.

8. This orders issues with the concurrence of Revenue (CMRF) Department vide their U.O.No.2037/CMRF/12, dated 10-10-2012.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the District Collectors.
All the Deputy Superintendents of Police.
The Director, Handlooms & Textiles and Apparel Export Parks,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
All the Assistant Directors (H&T) in the State, through
Director, Handlooms & Textiles and Apparel Export Parks, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Revenue (CMRF) Department.
All the Departments in the A.P. Secretariat.
All the Head of the Departments/Directorates.

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