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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

HANDLOOM INDUSTRY - Sanction of 50,000 additional Old Age Pensions to Weavers' in Andhra Pradesh - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (TEX) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.278.

Dated: 14-10-2005.

Read the following:-

1. From the Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad Letter Rc.No.1074/2003-K1, dated 19-5-2004.
2. From the Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad Letter Rc.No.14633/2004-K1, dated 13-9-2004.
3. From the Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad Letter Rc.No.14633/2004-K1, dated 6-4-2005.
4. Government Memo. No. 12438/2004-2, dated 2-6-2005.
5. Government Memo. No. 12438/2004-3, dated 2-6-2005.
6. Government Memo. No. 12438/2004-4, dated 18-8-2005.
7. From the Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad Letter Rc.No.14633/2004-K1, dated 22-8-2005 and 27-8-2005.

ORDER :

The Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letters first and second read above, has reported that Government have specially allotted 30,000 Old Age Pensions to the weavers @ Rs. 75/- p.m. from 1-4-2001. The disbursement of pensions is to be taken up through District Rural Development Agencies' (DRDAs) and the Budget borne by the Panchayat Raj Department. The weavers representatives frequently representing that the pensions are not distributed regularly. He has also reported that in order to mitigate the hardship being faced by the weavers in the State, the Government may consider sanctioning 50,000 additional old age and widow pensions to the eligible weavers in the State and also representing that old age and widow pensions are not distributing regularly, besides several eligible weavers have been ignored for sanction. He has requested the Government for consider to sanction of another 20,000 old age and widow pensions to the eligible weavers.

2. The Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letters 3rd and 7th read above has further reported the details of District-wise allocation of 50,000 additional Old Age Pensions to weavers on pro-rata basis and also revised guidelines for selection of Old Age Pensioners in accordance with the decisions taken by the Government in the Review Meeting on the Recommendations of the Expert Committee held on 26-8-2005 duly considering the number of Identity cards issued to the weavers and number of beneficiaries already covered under existing weaver pensions. He has reported that with regard to sanction of 2000 Old Age Pensions to Siddipet Constituency, while allocating the weaver pensions to the Medak District the Assistant Director (H&T), Sangareddy, may be directed to take cognizance, and make necessary sanctions to the eligible weavers in Siddipet Constituency on priority basis. The amount of Rs. 6.00 crores meant for Old Age Pensions may be kept at the disposal of Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks. Based on the requirement of Districts, this amount

will be reallocated to the District Collector concerned. The implementation of the scheme will be through the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (RDI) Department as in the case of existing practice. This will ensure proper implementation of the scheme and has requested the Government to issue sanction orders.

3. In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad the Government after careful examination of the matter hereby sanction 50,000 additional Old Age Pensions to Weavers in Andhra Pradesh with effect from 1-9-2005. The qualification of age of the beneficiary is ordered to be reduced from 60 to 50 years, in view of crippling effect of weaving on looms, as a special relaxation, so that 50,000 additional old age pensions will be given to eligible weavers by reducing the criterion of age. A Statement showing the District-wise break up of 50,000 additional Old Age Pensions to the weavers under Old Age Pension Scheme and Guidelines for selection of Old Age Pensioners to weavers are annexed. The implementation of the scheme will be done through the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department through Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs). Necessary budget shall be released by the Finance (Expr.I&C) Department separately to Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr. I&C) Department vide their U.O.No.25567/861/Exp.I&C/2005, dated 7-10-2005.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

B.KRIPANANDAM,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development
Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (RDI) Department
All District Collectors.

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