



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT AND WELFARE
DEPARTMENT
GANGTOK**

No. 4/SJE/W

Dated:- 23/X/09

NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Sikkim is hereby pleased to constitute a State Welfare Commission for Senior Citizens, physically challenged persons, destitute women, widows, orphans, or other abandoned persons in distress or need, care and medication etc. consisting of the following members namely:-

1. Shir B.B. Goroong, Chairman
2. _____ Member
3. _____ Member Secretary

2. The terms of reference of the Commission will be as under hereby:-

1. to examine and to recommend suitable measures to deal with problem being faced by Senior Citizens or elderly people involving medical care, facilities, fooding and clothing and shelter etc. or such other requirements as may be considered necessary and to suggest ways and means to improve their condition,

2. to suggest and to recommend measures to deal with orphans or children (abandoned, distressed, trafficked, marginalized) pertaining to their free education health services, training or development of skill for making them employable and to recommend measures and removal of any difficulties being faced by such children, with no home including suggestion for measure to ensure that orphanage are providing desired care, fooding, clothing and shelter as per the norms as may be stipulated or formulated;
3. to look into the cases of persons with various types of disabilities and to suggest measures for improvement of their condition including providing of such training, education and suggestion for framing of scheme as may be considered suitable;
4. to recommend measures to deal with abandoned, trafficked, marginalized or destitute women or widow or such other person in distress, to improve their condition and to provide necessary medication, clothing, shelter etc;
5. to examine such other condition of the above stated category of persons and for the purpose of such examination visit such places or obtain such record or instruction from the concerned Government Department and may suggest any amendment to the existing Notification, Rule or such other procedure as may be considered desirable;
6. The Government may deal with recommendation of the commission either by accepting it or by making changes in such recommendations if it is considered

so expedient. However, the Government in some cases may not give effect to the recommendation if it is of opinion that the changes are not necessary;

7. The Commission shall be initially for a period of 3 (three) years but the Government may allow it to continue for such further period as it may deem expedient.
8. The Chairman of the Commission may at his discretion, co-opt a specialist member (Sociologist/Medical Specialist).
9. The remuneration and other facilities payable to the Chairman, Members and staff of the Commission shall be such as may be prescribed;
10. The Commission shall hold its meeting from time to time and may hold at least one meeting quarterly.
11. The Commission shall review the progress of the implementation of the programmes.
12. The Commission would receive a grant-in-aid from the State Government for its functioning.
13. The management of fund allocated shall be strictly maintained under a joint account operating in the name of Chairperson, Welfare Commission and Member Secretary, Welfare Commission.
14. The Commission shall utilize the sums of money received by it and shall maintain a separate

Bank Account in the State Bank of Sikkim in order to have a smooth transaction.

15. The Chairperson shall be the authority to sanction the amount for the purpose of the Commission out of the fund allocated to the Commission by the State Government.
16. The Member Secretary shall be Head of Office as well as Drawing and Disbursing Officer and shall exercise all powers as per the Sikkim Financial Rules, 1979 as amended from time to time;
17. The Chairperson shall have all powers relating to financial transaction of the Commission, except in case, which require prior approval of the State Government.
18. The Chairperson shall, subject to such conditions and limitations and control and supervision, have powers to delegate his/her financial powers to any Member or the Secretary.

Provided that no such powers shall be delegated in respect of incurring an expenditure on an item exceeding one lakh rupees without the prior approval of the State Government.

19. The Chairperson with prior approval of the State Government may engage any person or persons as consultant or consultants for a specific purpose and for a specific period on the terms and conditions agreed in advance relating to

honorarium, traveling allowance, dearness allowance.

20. The Member-Secretary shall have powers to execute all decisions taken by the Chairperson or any other Member on his/her behalf relating to financial matters.

By Order and in the name of the Governor.

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