GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Law (Legislation-C) Department

NOTIFICATION

8th Chingam, 1197
2nd Bhadra, 1943.

The following Ordinance promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 23rd day of August, 2021 is hereby published for general information.

By order of the Governor,

V. HARI NAIR,
Law Secretary.
ORDINANCE No. 135 OF 2021
THE KERALA COIR WORKERS’ WELFARE FUND
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2021

Promulgated by the Governor of Kerala in the Seventy-second year of the Republic of India.

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ORDINANCE

further to amend the Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 1987.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, the Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund Ordinance, 2021 (37 of 2021) was promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 17th day of February, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, a Bill to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature could not be introduced in, and passed by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala, during its session which commenced on the 24th day of May, 2021 and ended on the 10th day of June, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, in order to keep alive the provisions of the said Ordinance, the Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (76 of 2021) was promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 1st day of July, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, a Bill to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature could not be introduced in, and passed by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala, during its session which commenced on the 22nd day of July, 2021 and ended on the 13th day of August, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of Article 213 of the Constitution of India the said Ordinance will cease to operate on the 2nd day of September, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, difficulties will arise if the provisions of the said Ordinance are not kept alive;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala is not in session and the Governor of Kerala is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Kerala is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th day of February, 2021.

2. Act 34 of 1987 to be temporarily amended.—During the period of operation of this Ordinance, the Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 1987 (34 of 1987) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in section 3.

3. Amendment of section 4.—In the principal Act, in section 4,—

(1) in sub-section (1), for the words “five rupees”, the words “twenty rupees” shall be substituted;

(2) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Government shall contribute to the Fund every year an amount equal to fifty per cent of the amount contributed by the coir workers and self employed persons, by way of grant, subject to a maximum of rupees ten per capita, per month.”.

4. Repeal and saving.—(1) The Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (76 of 2021) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Ordinance.

ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN,
GOVERNOR.