Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Civil Secretariat Jammu

Subject: - Ex-gratia assistance to next of Kin of the deceased by Covid-19.

Reference: (i) No.16/11/20 21-RR dated 11.09.2021 received from NDMA, Gol.

(ii) Decision of the J&K SEC Meeting held on 18.10.2021.

Government Order No: 83-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 Dated: 29-11-2021

Sanction is hereby accorded to the:-

- Adoption of the scheme for granting claim to the next of kin of the deceased by Covid-19 (under section 12 (iii) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in pursuance to the guidelines issued by NDMA vide their letter No.16/11/2021-RR dated 11.09.2021 in compliance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated: 30.06.2021 in WP (C) No. 539 and WP (C) 554 of 2021) (Annexure-A).
- 2) Grant of claim to the next of kin of the deceased by Covid-19 as an Ex-Gratia Assistance @ Rs 50000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand Only) in terms of the items and norms of NDMA as per communication No. 33-04/2020-NDM-I dated 25.09.2021 of MHA (Disaster Management Division) (Annexure-B).
- 3) The implementation of the scheme shall commence immediately and shall be applicable to all deaths of Residents belonging to UT of J&K, that occur due to Covid-19.
- 4) The eligibility of case(s) under the scheme shall be verified through the database created by Health & Medical Education Department, Government of J&K and duly certified by the designated Medical Authority for the purpose in accordance with the SOP notified by the Health & Medical Education Department, Government of J&K.
- 5) Wide publicity shall be given to the scheme by the concerned Deputy Commissioners(Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority)/ Health & Medical Education Department to ensure saturation of the scheme within a period of two months.
- 6) All Deputy Commissioners shall put a robust yet simple mechanism in place for DBT disbursement of the ex-gratia Assistance based on the Process and Procedure detailed in(Annexure-C).
- 7) All Deputy Commissioners shall issue an appropriate order for constitution of a District Level Committee (DLC) for redressal to any grievance(s) with regard to the certification of the Covid death. The committee shall consist of the following:
 - a) Additional Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District.
 - b) Principal of Government Medical College/Chief Medical Officer of District.

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c) MS of District Hospital/Government Medical College.

The terms and conditions of the District Level Grievance Committee shall be:-

- To verify the authenticity of the Covid -19 death as per the MoHFW and ICMR guidelines.
- ii. Propose necessary remedial measures including amended certificate of Covid-19 death.
- iii. Detail appropriate Administrative resources to verify facts in accordance with the guidelines issued for Covid-19 related deaths.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-(Nazim Zai Khan) JKAS Secretary to the Government

No: DMRRR-Actt/73/2021

Dated: 29.11.2021

Copy to the:-

- Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Finance Department.
- Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Health & Medical Education Department) with the request to notify and publicise the SOP as specified under point 4 of this Order.
- 3. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor.
- Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir.
- 6. All Deputy Commissioners, J&K.
- 7. Director Finance, D/o DMRRR for necessary action.
- Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K.
- Private Secretary to Secretary to the Government, Department of DMRRR.
- In-charge of GAD, Health & Medical Education Department and D/o DMRR Websites for placing copy of this order on respective websites.
- Government Order file (w.2.s.c.).
- 12. Stock file.

(Anjall Fotedar)
Under Secretary to Government