

## ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CHRISTIAN (MINORITIES) FINANCE CORPORATION

[Minorities Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh]

### Cir.No:512/EO/APSCMFC/Pastors Honorarium/2019, Dt.12.05.2022

Sub: Minorities Welfare Department – APSCMFC – Pastors Honorarium – Providing Honorarium to Pastors @ Rs.5000/- per month – Implementation of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Assurances incorporated in the Manifesto – Communication of timelines for completing the identification of eligible pastors – Reg.

Ref: 1) Memo.No.2824047/SDM/A2/2019, Dt.28.04.2021 from Government  
2) G.O.Ms.No.52, General Administration (SC.I) Department, Dt.14.05.2021  
3) G.O.Ms.No.13 General Administration (SC.I) Dept., Dt.23.02.2022  
4) G.O.Ms.No.34 General Administration (SC.I) Dept., Dt.10.05.2022  
5) Circular Memo.No.2824047/SDM/A2/2019, Dt.11.05.2022

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In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the Government in General Administration Department have issued the orders by enhancing the financial support to the places of worship of 3 important religious communities of the state viz., Hindus, Muslims and Christians. As per the orders an amount of Rs.5000/- per month shall be provided as honorarium to the Pastors serving in Churches. The eligibility criteria to be fulfilled by the Church to be considered for the said scheme are as follows:

- 1) The Church should be registered under the Societies Act;
- 2) The land should be registered in the name of Church
- 3) The institution (Church) should not have any source of income

In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> cited, Government issued orders amending the guidelines of the G.O.Ms.No.52 General Administration (SC.I) Department, Dt.14.05.2021 by following:

4 (A) The Church should be registered under "Societies" or "Trust Act";

(B) (i) the land of the Church must be either in the name of the Society or Trust;

(ii) Possession Certificate issued by the Tahsilar or Verification Certificate issued by either Village Revenue Officer or Welfare & Educational Assistant (WEA) or Ward Welfare Development Secretary (WWDS) stating that Church is functional in that particular area;

(iii) Registered or Notary Gift Deed of the land given by the Donors to the Society or Trust.

C) A self declaration to be submitted by the Church management/ pastor stating that there is no source of income to the Church

D) (i) Churches may have a single Society/ Trust Registration number but each church must have separate Bank Account to avoid duplication.

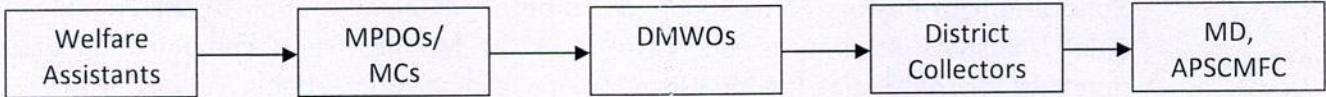
(ii) The Churches that are running in Rented buildings, if they produce Registered Rental Lease Agreement or Notarized Agreement executed in favour of the Society/ Trust may be considered for providing Honorarium to Pastors.

In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, Minorities Welfare Department has issued a Memo issuing directions to the Managing Director, AP State Christian Minorities Finance Corporation, the Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, all the Collectors and District Magistrates and District Minorities Welfare Officers in the state to take necessary immediate action for implementation of the said scheme.



In this regard, this office has discussed with the technical team of GSWS Department for making the necessary changes in the web application of Pastors Honorarium scheme and it is informed that the revised application shall be made available by 13.05.2022.

The process flow is communicated to all the Collectors and District Magistrates, District Minority Welfare Officers and the officials of the GSWS Department for completion of selection process of eligible beneficiaries for Pastors honorarium scheme.



The timelines for completion of the selection process is as follows:

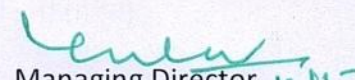
S.No	Task	Timeline
1	Welfare Assistant to MPDO/ MCs	25.05.2022
2	MPDOs/MCs to DMWOs	26.05.2022
3	DMWOs to District Collectors	27.05.2022
4	District Collectors to MD, APSCMFC	28.05.2022

In this connection, the District Minorities Welfare Officers in the state are hereby directed to issue the notification inviting the applications of eligible pastors through Welfare Assistants from 13.05.2022 and must complete the selection process by 28.05.2022

The mandatory documents for uploading in the portal are as follows:

- 1) Church/ Society registration certificate
- 2) Church land documents/ possession certificate issued by Tahsildar/ Verification Certificate issued by WEA or WWDS/ Registered or Notary Gift deed document from donor/ Registered or Notary rental lease agreement.
- 3) Self Declaration affidavit stating that there is no income from other source
- 4) Church Bank Account passbook

This shall be treated as "MOST IMPORTANT".

  
Managing Director 12/5

To  
All the District Minorities Welfare Officers in the state  
All the Collectors and District Magistrates in the state

Copy submitted to

- 1) The Director, GSWS Department, Vijayawada with a request to instruct the Village/ Ward Secretariat Staff to expedite the process
- 2) The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare Dept., Tadepalli
- 3) The Prl Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Dept., AP Secretariat, Velagapudi