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**ABSTRACT**

Non-Resident Tamils – Formation of new scheme for the Welfare of Non-Resident people of the State of Tamil Nadu – Sanction of Rupees one crore - Revised Orders – Issued .

**PUBLIC (REHABILITATION-I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.1098**

**Dated: 16.09.2015  
Manmatha, Avani-30,  
Thiruvalluvar Andu – 2046.**

**Read :**

1. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Chepauk, Chennai-5, letter No.I/2168/2014, dated 26.03.2014.
2. G.O. Ms. No.365, Public (RH.I) Department, dated 09.04.2015.
3. From the Deputy Accountant General (A/cs), O/o. Principal Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlements) Tamil Nadu, Letter No.Pr.A.G.(A&E)/Book.I/GI./2015-16/1898, dated 21.05.2015.

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**ORDER:**

In the letter first read above, the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non- Resident Tamils has, among others, requested the Government to provide funding of Rs.1.00 crore initially as 'Revolving fund' to meet out the expenditure with respect to transportation of the mortal remains of the deceased Non-Resident Tamils, and for repatriation of Non-Resident Tamils in distress/medical invalidation, for the eligible cases, in view of financial hardships faced by the affected Non-Resident Tamils / their families.

2. While moving Demand No.38 in respect of Public Department (2014-2015) on the Floor of the Legislative Assembly on 12.08.2014, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that Rupees one crore will be sanctioned for creation of a 'Revolving Fund' to incur expenditure for the transportation of mortal remains of the deceased Non-Resident Tamils and for repatriation of Tamil Nationals in distress/medical invalidation.

3. The Deputy Accountant General in the letter third read above, has remarked on certain issues with reference to operation of funds/enumeration of the schemes. In order to operate the fund in question in an effective manner, the Government Order in the second read above is hereby cancelled.

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4. The Government, after careful examination, accord sanction of a sum of Rs.1.00 crore (Rupees one crore only) for implementing the schemes of transportation of mortal remains of the deceased Non-Resident Tamils and for repatriation of Tamil Nationals in distress/medical invalidation. The Government also delegate the powers to the Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, Chennai to operate the above fund upto Rs.50 lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) as and when the necessity arises and in respect of expenditure exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs be referred to Government for issue of relevant orders. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, is permitted to open a separate Personal Deposit Account in the name of Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, Chennai. The Government also direct the Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, to send consolidated proposals for provision of funds if it exceeds Rs.50 Lakhs or on half yearly basis whichever is earlier.

5. The eligibility criteria are as follows:-

- i) Annual family income of the deceased from all sources taken together prior to the death, shall not have been more than Rs. 1,00,000/- (Proof – Income certificate from the Tahsildar of connected jurisdiction).
- ii) The Indian Mission in the country of occurrence of death/ where the victim is hospitalized, shall certify that the Mission is not in a position to meet out the expenses and that the Mission's efforts to persuade the employer to meet the expenses have failed.
- iii) The legal heir/next of Kin shall indemnify before the Government that the deceased/ where the victim is hospitalized, was not covered by any insurance scheme which would meet the cost of the transportation of body/ on account of the ailment and allied expenditure and that, in any case, any financial assistance or compensation received on this account from any other source, subject to the maximum of the financial assistance extended by Government, shall be remitted to the Government Account.
- iv) The deceased / injured person shall not have stayed abroad for more than two years.
- v) The hospital where the victim is undergoing treatment abroad shall certify that he has to be repatriated for better medical treatment and that the transportation at that stage would not be a cause for aggravating the ailment.
- vi) The expenses may include the cost of embalming, coffin preparation and transportation as certificated by the Indian Mission and shall be made available only to the Mission concerned or other Government Department/ Office, as may be required by the Mission.

