

**Minutes of the meeting of the Advocate Welfare Fund Trustee Committee held on 29.12.2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the office of the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.**

PRESENT

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| 1. Sh. Ramakant Sharma,                  | Chairman, (AWFTC)                            |
| 2. Sh. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General HP | Ex-Officio –Member, (AWFTC)                  |
| 3. Sh. I. N. Mehta                       | Member (HP AWFTC)                            |
| 4. Sh. Vikas Rathore                     | Nominated Member (HP AWFTC)                  |
| 5. Sh. Balwant Kukreja                   | Nominated Member (HP AWFTC)                  |
| 6. Sh. Vipin Pandit                      | Member Bar Council of H.P. ( Hon. Secretary) |

**Item No. 1**

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting:**

The Minutes of Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, are hereby confirmed.

**Item No. 2**

The amendments carried out in the Advocate Welfare Fund Act, 1996, as well as in the Schedule, are noted.

**Death Cases:-**

**Item No. 3**

**For Consideration Application submitted by Smt. Punam Joshi W/o Lt. Sh. Harsh Wardhan Joshi, Advocate Bar Association Distt. Court, Shimla H.P. for release/ payment of amount under the AWFTC Scheme.**

It has been unanimously decided that a sum of Rs.90,000/- as per Advocate Welfare Fund Act, 1996, be given to the nominee of late Shri Harsh Wardhan Joshi, Advocate, therefore, a sum of Rs.90,000/- is ordered to be paid to Smt. Punam Joshi, being the nominee of late Shri Harsh Wardhan Joshi.

#### **Item No. 4**

**For Consideration Application submitted by Smt. Pushp Lata Bhardhwaj W/o Lt. Sh. Santosh Kumar Bhardhwaj, Advocate Bar Association Dharamshala H.P. for release/ payment of amount under the AWFTC Scheme.**

This is an application by Smt. Pushp Lata Bhardhwaj, wife of late Shri Santosh Kumar Bhardhwaj, for release/payment of the amount under Advocate Welfare Fund Trustee Committee. Since, the deceased late Shri Santosh Kumar Bhardhwaj had contributed towards the fund for a period of 13 years, therefore, his nominees are entitled for a sum of Rs.65,000/-. The office is directed to release this amount in favour of the nominees of the deceased in equal shares.

#### **Item No. 5**

**For Consideration Application submitted by Sh. Rajneesh Kumar Saini S/o Lt. Sh. Ch. Ajmer Singh Vaid , Advocate Bar Association Una H.P. for release/ payment of amount under the AWFTC Scheme.**

The Committee has considered the application moved by Shri Rajneesh Kumar Saini, for release/payment of the amount under Advocate Welfare Fund Trustee Committee. It is clear from the office note that the said Advocate Ch. Ajmer Singh Vaid has contributed towards the fund for 8 years under the schedule, therefore, his nominee is entitled for a sum of Rs.40,000/-. The office is directed to release a sum of Rs.40,000/- in favour of the legal heir of Ch. Ajmer Singh, Shri Rajneesh Kumar Saini and since his nominee/wife, Smt. Krishna has already expired and in view of the legal heir certificate, aforesaid Shri Rajneesh Kumar Saini is entitled for the aforesaid amount.

#### **Treatment Cases:-**

#### **Item No. 6**

**For Consideration Application submitted by Sh. Amar Singh Chandel S/o Sh. Bagat Ram Advocate Bar Association Sarkaghat H.P. for release/ payment of amount under the AWFTC Scheme.**

This is an application submitted by Shri Amar Singh Chandel, Practicing Advocate at Sarkaghat, District Mandi, H.P, for release/payment of the amount under Advocate Welfare Fund Trustee Committee as an ex-gratia grant. It has been decided by the Committee that since the said Advocate is under treatment and in the meanwhile, the provisions of H.P. Advocate's Welfare Act, stood amended and under the said amendment, the Committee has powers to grant maximum a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- on account of serious ailment. It is clear from the application moved by Shri Amar Singh Chandel, who is suffering from chronic kidney disease type-5 and requires dialysis every week and he has submitted treatment bills for Rs.1,75,000/-. The Committee of the

unanimous view that the said Advocate deserves to be released a sum of Rs.1, 00,000/-, since he suffering from serious ailment.

**Item No. 7**

**For Consideration Application submitted by Sh. Sarvjeet Singh S/o Sh. Duni Singh Advocate Bar Association Bilaspur H.P. for release/ payment of amount under the AWFTC Scheme.**

This is an application moved by Shri Sarvjeet Singh, who is practicing Advocate at Bar Association Bilaspur. According to the applicant, he is suffering from Liver/Hepatitis disease and remained admitted in various Hospitals and according to the bills produced by the said Shri Sarvjeet Singh, Advocate, it is clear that he has spent Rs.2,11,007/-. Therefore, it is unanimously decided by the Committee that a sum of Rs.1, 00,000/- be released to said Shri Sarvjeet Singh, Advocate. The office is directed to do the needful, accordingly.

**Item No. 8**

**For Consideration Application submitted by Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Jit Singh, Advocate Bar Association Barsar .**

This is an application submitted by Shri Jasbir Singh, Advocate, Bar Association, Barsar, District Hamirpur under Advocate Welfare Fund Trustee Committee, for grant of ex-gratia payment as he is suffering from gallbladder stone and surgery has already been done in May, 2019. He has annexed the bills of more than Rs.40,000/-. It is unanimously decided by the Committee to grant a sum of Rs.20,000/- to Shri Jasbir Singh, Advocate. The office is directed to do the needful, accordingly.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair .

Yours faithful

Vipin Pandit  
(Honorary Secretary)