GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CABINET) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.118/Cabinet/A2/2018

Dated 18/07/2018

From

The Chief Secretary to Government, General Administration Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad-500 022.

To.
The Member Secretary,
Telangana Brahmin Samkshema Parishad,
D Block, Telangana Secretariat.

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Sub: Telangana Brahmin Samkshema Parishad - Implementation of certain schemes for the welfare of Brahmin Community- Instructions and guidelines issued - Reg.

Ref: From the Member Secretary, TBSP, Lr.No. 140/Chairman/TBSP/2018, dated 17.4.2018.

The attention of the Member Secretary, TBSP is invited to the reference cited and after detailed review, Government hereby issue the following instructions for guidance to the TBSP:-

1. Brahmin Sadan:

The work has already been started at Hyderabad. This should be expediousely completed and the estimated amount should be exclusively kept apart by the Parishad for completing this project. In future if any Sadans are to be constructed in the Districts, the Parishad should obtain the orders from the Government on a standard type design, unit cost, donor contribution, apart from ensuring availability of land by donation or otherwise.

2. Saraswathi Vidya Prashasthi Scheme;

This scheme should be discontinued, though the amount already spent so far is allowed.

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3. Vivekananda Oversees Educational Scheme:

This scheme is approved strictly on the pattern of other welfare Departments with the annual ceiling of income limit at Rs.5.00 lakhs. The expenditure incurred and committed for the (2) applicants whose parents annual income are reported to be more than Rs.5.00 laks (but less than Rs.6.00 lakhs) is ratified. The annual budget, the number of beneficiaries to be covered and the guidelines for selection and the process of calling applications should be published for this scheme well in advance from the year 2018-19 and the scope should be limited to top universities and other mandatory requirements prescribed should be followed as per the guidelines given for other welfare departments.

4. Veda Sastra Pandits Honorarium:

A monthly honorarium of Rs.2,500/, is prescribed for pundits above 75 years duly following the eligibility criteria of Endowment Department. The expenditure incurred so far is allowed.

5. Vedic students:

This scheme may continue with the following stipulations for promoting Vedic studies:

- a) Payment of Rs.250/- per student/per month as stipend.
- b) Payment of Rs.3.00 lakhs after successful completion of Smarta studies and Rs.5.00 lakhs after successful completion of Agama, Kramantha and Ganantha studies as sustenance grant duly prescribing the norms and standards as are followed by the TTD.

6. Lakshya Scheme:

This scheme should be discontinued, except that the expenditure already incurred is ratified.

7. Vagdevi Scheme:

This scheme should be discontinued, except that the expenditure already incurred is ratified.

8. Brahmin Entrepreneurial Scheme of Telangana (BEST):

This scheme is permitted to be implemented for the poor beneficiaries strictly on the pattern of other Welfare Departments and particularly the eligibility criteria, subsidy limit and unit cost including beneficiary contribution/bank loan should be specifically as follows:

Subsidy	Bank Loan/Others
80% (for unit cost upto Rs.1.00 lakh)	Balance as bank loan
70% (for unit cost upto Rs.2.00 lakh)	individual contribution
60% (limited to Rs.5.00 lakhs for unit cost from	
Rs.2.01 lakh upto Rs.12.00 lakhs, with the	
stipulation that, the Unit cost should not exceed	
Rs.12.00 Lakhs).	

- Eligibility Criteria should be below poverty line which is Rs. 2.00 lakhs in urban areas and Rs. 1.50 lakhs in Rural areas.
- Poorest of the poor and units with smaller unit cost should be given preference in the selection to cover maximum number of beneficiaries.
- The applications should be called in a transparent manner with due publicity, press notification and publication in the website indicating the last date of applications for a particular year.
- Subsidy should be transferred to the bank account.
- As is the practice in other departments, only new schemes and microenterprises have to be supported in BEST.
- Committee with serving officers from relevant department and Administrator of the Parishad as Member Convener shall be constituted for the scrutiny of application and selection of the beneficiaries. Scrutiny should also be made about the reasonableness of unit cost.

As far as the sanctions given so far are concerned from the current lot of applications, the same should be approved only if they satisfy the above norms of unit cost and other criteria. The schemes should not be grounded and the sanction letters issued earlier must be withdrawn in all other cases.

9. Health Insurance Scheme:

This scheme is not there in the Government, hence the same should be discontinued. The expenditure already incurred and committed is however allowed for cases where contributions have been obtained.

10. Financial Assistance for Funerals:

The expenditure already incurred is allowed. But this scheme should be dropped.

11. Sampradaya Vidyalaya of Kanchi Kamakotipeettam:

Financial assistance Rs.3.00 lakhs per annum as a grant is allowed subject to periodical review.

12. Pragnya Development Scheme:

This scheme should be discontinued. The payments to be made under this scheme shall be permitted only after third party verification of all the beneficiaries in respect of the completion of training and the placement/job provided to them.

- 13. In future any new scheme planned by the TBSP must have the approval of Government before implementation.
- 14. Every year, the TBSP must pass annual budget making allocations for each Scheme/Activity of the Parishad. It should be realistic and commensurate with the budgetary grants from the Government or the donations collected from the philanthropists.

- 15. The activities/schemes of TBSP must be well publicized through press notifications and website and the endeavor of the Parishad should be to help the poorest of the poor. The process of beneficiary selection should be transparent and objective. Similarly, all expenditure including finalization of tenders for construction, purchase, procurement, hiring of manpower, appointment and obtaining services must be incurred duly following the standard procedures of the Government.
- 2. The Member Secretary, TBSP is requested to take necessary action in the matter.
- 3. This is issued in consultation with Finance Department vide U.O.No.1887/153/EBS.VII/Rev/2018 Dated: 19.05.2018.

Yours faithfully,

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