

# **ARTIST WELFARE FUND OF ASSAM**

## **REGULATION**

### **1. Short Title:**

This regulation may be called "The Artist Welfare Fund of Assam" and will extend to the whole of Assam to the eligible as defined in the regulation of the Artist Welfare Fund of Assam.

### **2. Definition:**

- i) Chairman/Chairperson means the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation Ltd.
- ii) 'Artist' means a person who, with his creativity and sensibility, has made substantial contribution in the field of art and culture of the State and includes cine artist performing artist of dance, music and drama, visual artist, technicians, sculptor, craftsman, puppeteers, etc.
- iii) 'Corporation' means the Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation Ltd. in short it may be called ASFFDC.
- iv) 'Managing Director' means the Managing Director of the ASFFDC
- v) 'Board' means the Advisory Board of Artist Welfare Fund of Assam.

### **3. Major Objective of the Fund:**

- i) To help the Artists (or their dependents) who are in financial distress due to old age or otherwise handicapped from accident or disease;
- ii) Medical aid to such Artists and their dependents.
- iii) Education for such Artists and their dependents (to be limited up two children)
- iv) Assistance to such Artist in case of accidents, medical emergency etc.
- v) 'Dependent' means and includes:
  - i) Spouse of a deceased Artist
  - ii) Minor sons and daughters
  - iii) Unmarried and non-earning daughters
  - iv) Parents wholly dependent on the Artist.

### **4. Eligibility:**

Subject to the approval of the Advisory Board, a person will be eligible to apply in the prescribed format for financial assistance under the scheme if he/she fulfills the following-

1. He/She must be and artist in the field of art and culture of the State.
2. He/She must be above the age of 20 years (in case of applicant being the artist)
3. The applicant/artist should be and artist the distress.
4. He/ She must have a made a mark or made some achievement in the field of art and culture.
5. He/She must provider artistic credentials supporting his/her achievement.

**5. Procedure for application:**

Applicants must apply in the application form available in the office of the ASFFDC, Shilpgram Road, near Sankardev Kalakshetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-37

**6. General:**

1. Grant of financial assistance from the Artist Welfare (Corpus) Fund of Assam to any Artist is not a matter of right. Assistance would be extended depending on the applicant satisfying the eligibility and also keeping in view the financial allocation available for the purpose. The Board reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

2. In case of emergency pertaining to compensative in case of death or other similar emergencies which warrant immediate financial assistance, the Chairman or the Managing Director of the Advisory Board is competent individually to grant the financial assistance upto a limit as may be decided by the Board. Such cases would be put up for ratification by the MD in the next meeting of the Board.

**7. Limit of Financial grant:**

A limit has been fixed for various disease as given below;

- i. Cancer : Rs.50,000.00
- ii. Kidney Transplant : Rs.50,000.00  
or Total Kidney Failure
- iii. Heart pace maker/By pass : Rs. 20,000.00
- iv. Death : To be decided by the Board
- v . Disability due to Accident : To be decided by the Board
- vi. Others

**8. Operation of the Account**

A separate Bank Account under the title "Artist Welfare (Corpus) Fund will be opened in a nationalized Bank which will be jointly operated by the Chairperson and Managing Director of Assam State Film (Finance & Development) Corporation Ltd. The fund of Rs.100.00 lakhs will be kept as Fixed Deposit to maintain the Corpus while the interest accrued will be utilized for financial assistance for the welfare of the Artists.

**9. The Advisory Board:**

The Advisory Board of Artist Welfare Fund will comprise of officials of the State Government, leading professions/artiste from the world of Cinema. The Board will comprise of :-

- 1. The Chairperson, Assam State Film (Finance & Development) Corporation Ltd.
- 2. The Commissioner & Secretary Cultural Affairs, Govt of Assam or representative not below the rank of Jt. Secretary, Govt of Assam
- 3. The Secretary, Finance Deptt. or representative not below the rank of Jt. Secretary
- 4. The Director, Cultural, Affairs, Assam
- 5. The Managing Director, Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation Ltd.
- 6. Two leading artists
- 7. One Medical personnel.