

ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND

Minutes of the meeting of Advocates Welfare Fund Trustee Committee held on 11.12.2020 at 5.00 P.M. through virtual/online video conferencing at New Delhi.

The following members were present:-

Shri Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate, ASG, Chairperson, AWF Trustee Committee
Shri Ramesh Gupta, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi
Shri Ajayinder Sangwan, Hony. Secretary
Shri Rajiv Khosla, Member, AWF Trustee Committee
Ms. Nandita Rao, Member, AWF Trustee Committee

Shri Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate, A.S.G., Chairperson, Advocates' Welfare Fund Trustee Committee, presided over the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of Advocates Welfare Fund dated 02.09.2020 were confirmed.

Chairperson welcomed Sh. Ramesh Gupta, Chairman, BCD and Sh. Rajiv Khosla, the new members, who have joined the Trustee Committee, to the meeting and complimented them and conveyed good wishes on behalf of Nandita Rao, Member, Sh. Ajayinder Sangwan, Hony. Secretary and staff of the Trustee Committee.

The following agenda items were taken up.

1. The 1st application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Dhan Singh, Advocate (D/1609/2006)** for financial help, for having undergone treatment for accidental injury in right shoulder. Keeping in view his age, nature of injuries and over all circumstances, the Committee is of the view that it would be appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.1,75,000/- (Rupees one lakh seventy five thousand)**, to the applicant.
2. The 2nd application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Pawan Kumar Gautam, Advocate (D/397/2012)**, who has sought financial assistance for having undergone treatment for kidney infection (nerves). He has requested for a sum of Rs. 4,90,000/-, whereas the verified amount is Rs.3,52,100/- Keeping in view nature of his ailment, his age and overall circumstances, the Committee is of the view that it would be appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh)** to the applicant.

3. The 3rd application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Neeraj Tiwari, Advocate (D/511/1989)** who sought financial assistance for having undergone treatment for right scropum swelling with pain. He has requested for a sum of Rs.75,953.36, whereas the verified amount is Rs.51,378/-. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, nature of ailment and the overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand)**, to the applicant.

4. The 4th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Rajendra Kumar Kaushik, Advocate (D/343/1981)**, who has sought financial assistance for having undergone treatment for kidney related problem. He has requested for a sum of Rs.2,89,371/-. The verified amount is Rs.2,48,400/-. Keeping in view the nature of ailment, the age of the applicant and the overall attending circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.2,10,000/- (Rupees two lakh ten thousand)** to the applicant.

5. The 5th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Mohit Bhardwaj, Advocate (D/4682/2010)** who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment for Covid-19. He has requested for a sum of Rs.1,62,661/-. However, it emerges that the applicant has become a member of Advocates Welfare Fund only on 24.08.2020, while the ailment suffered by him relates back to July, 2020. In view of the above fact, he is not eligible for grant of any sanction from the Trustee Committee. However, keeping in view the circumstances of the applicant, the Committee deems it appropriate to forward his application to Bar Council of Delhi for appropriate grant under Rule 40 of Bar Council of India Rules.

6. The 6th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Jai Gopal Garg, Advocate (D/112-A/1974)**, who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment for heart attack. He has requested for a sum of Rs.4,52,154/-. However, the verified amount is Rs.3,21,602/-. Keeping in view the nature of ailment, the age of the applicant and overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia amount of **Rs.2,75,000/- (Rupees two lakh seventy five thousand)** to the applicant.

7. The 7th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Sunil Tiwari, Advocate (D/6-A/1995)**, who had requested for financial assistance having undergone treatment for lever problem. The office informs that in the meantime, unfortunately, the applicant advocate has expired. The office further informs that the Committee had sanctioned him a sum of Rs.45,000/- on an earlier occasion, while a sum of Rs.50,000/-

was sanctioned to him from Indigent & Disabled Lawyers Fund of Bar Council of Delhi, and a further sum of Rs.50,000/- was given to him under Rule 40 of Bar Council of India Rules. Keeping in view the totality of the circumstances, his application is forwarded to the Indigent & Disabled Lawyers Committee of Bar Council of Delhi, for appropriate further action, in the event the family members/legal heirs of the applicant apply to the said effect.

8. The 8th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Zuheb Najmi, Advocate (D/868/2015)**, who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment after accident. Keeping in view the overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand)** to the applicant.

9. The 9th application taken up for consideration today is that of **Sh. Rahul R. Saronwal, Advocate (D/633/1987)**, who is stated to have undergone treatment for kidney and suffered with Covid-19. However, he is not a member of Advocates Welfare Fund. Under the circumstances, his application cannot be entertained by the Committee. However, the same is forwarded to Bar Council of Delhi to be considered under Rule 40 of Bar Council of India Rules.

10. The 10th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Nipun Gupta, Advocate (D/5434/208)** who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment for kidney transplant. The applicant has requested for a sum of Rs.17,11,592/-. The verified amount is Rs.8 lakh. Having regard to the age of the applicant, nature of ailment and overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.6,50,000/- (Rupees six lakh fifty thousand)** to the applicant.

11. The 11th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Jai Prakash Mishra (D/2771-A/1999)**, who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment for bilateral renal dysfunction. He has requested for a sum of Rs. 5 lakh. The verified amount is Rs.54,350/-. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, the nature of ailment and the overall circumstances, particularly, the amount verified from the hospital, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand)** by way of ex-gratia grant.

12. The 12th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Ravi Chand, Advocate (D/174-R/1997)** for financial help, who is stated to have suffering from blood disorder requiring to undergo bone marrow transplant. The office record indicates that no verified material has been

received from the hospital. However, a sum of Rs. 2 lakh has already been granted to him by AWFTC by way of interim relief. In this view of the fact, the consideration of application is deferred to the next meeting that would be convened for consideration of such applications.

13. The 13th application taken up in this meeting was that of **wife of the deceased Advocate Mr. Krishan Pal Singh (D/979/1995)**. Late Kishan Pal Singh is stated to have undergone treatment for renal cell carcinoma. The applicant has made a request for financial assistance. The verified amount from the hospital is Rs.51,053/-. In the circumstances, as the concerned advocate is already expired, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia sum of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand)** to the wife of the deceased advocate.

14. The 14th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Ms.Poonam Raswant, Advocate (D/1541/2006)**, who seeks financial help for having undergone treatment of back pain and problem in lumber portion. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, nature of ailment and the fact that a sum of Rs.1.75 lakh has already been released to him by the AWFTC in its meeting dated 21.08.2020, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a further sum of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand)** by way of ex-gratia grant to the applicant.

15. The 15th application taken up in this meeting today was that of **Sh.Uma Kant Mishra, Advocate (D/2024/2008)**, seeking financial help for having undergone treatment of heart and B.P. problem. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, nature of ailment, and the amount verified by the hospital, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand)** to the applicant.

Supplementary agenda items :

16 & 17. The 16th and 17th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Rajesh Bhatnagar, Advocate (D/782/1991) and his wife Ms. Vandana Bhatnagar (D/978/1991)**, both of them are advocates. They have sought financial help for having undergone liver transplant operation, in which Ms. Vandana Bhatnagar, was a donor. As it transpires from the record received by the office that complete details are not available. It has further surfaced that so far as the husband is concerned, he became a member of Advocates Welfare Fund only in 2020. Therefore, it becomes essential to verify as to when the operation took place. It may also be pointed out that in so far as his donor wife is concerned, she has been a member since 2016. In view of the above, it is deemed appropriate by the Committee to examine the case in a proper manner after receiving

complete records from both the applicants. The application is deferred to the next meeting that would be convened for consideration of such applications.

18. The 18th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Vimal Kant, Advocate (D/1689/2009)** who has sought financial help for having undergone the treatment of ankle of left leg, which is stated to have been injured in the bath room. Keeping in view the fact that the applicant is ceased to be the member of Advocates Welfare Fund, the case of the applicant is being referred to Bar Council of Delhi to be considered under Rule 40 of Bar Council of India Rules.

19. The 19th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Sunil Aggarwal, Advocate (D/318/1986)**, who has sought financial assistance for having undergone treatment post kidney transplant and misc. expenses. The office informs that the applicant had received a sum of Rs.2.75 lakh in 2018 for kidney transplant, which actually took place in 2013. It is also to be noted that the applicant is a member of Advocates Welfare Fund only since 2015. In these peculiar facts and circumstances, the consideration of this application is deferred to the next meeting that would be convened for consideration of such applications.

20. The 20th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Om Prakash Sharma, Advocate (D/807/1995)**, seeking financial help for having undergone treatment for umbilical hernia. Keeping view the nature of ailment, the overall circumstances and the amount verified, the Committee deemed it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh)** by way ex-gratia grant to the applicant.

21. The 21st application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh. Vikas Saxea, Advocate (D/86/1995)**, who sought financial help for having undergone treatment for open heart surgery coupled with Covid-19. The consideration of this application is deferred to the next meeting that would be convened for consideration of such applications.

22. The 22nd application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Amit Dhankar, Advocate (D/369/2007)**, for financial help, who is stated to have undergone treatment for surgery of anal fistula. The consideration of this application is deferred.

23. The 23rd application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Harjeet Singh Maini, Advocate (D/5824/2017)**, who sought financial help for having undergone treatment for stomach problem. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, nature of ailment and the overall circumstances, the

Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand)** to the applicant.

24. The 24th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Rajinder Nath Sharma, Advocate (D/4/1968)**, who sought financial help for having undergone treatment for brain surgery. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, nature of ailment, the verified amount and the overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia amount of **Rs.2,40,000/- (Rupees two lakh fourty thousand)** to the applicant.

25. The 25th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Ram Niwas Jain, Advocate (D/120/1982)**, who sought financial help for having undergone treatment for BPH (Surgery of CPE+TURP+BNI) urinary system problems. Keeping in view the age of the applicant, nature of ailment and overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.40,000/- (Rupees fourty thousand)** to the applicant.

26. The 26th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.K.M.M.Khan, Advocate (D/40/1985)**, who sought financial help for having undergone treatment for paralytic attack. The consideration of this application is deferred to the next meeting that would be convened for consideration of such applications.

27. The 27th application taken up in this meeting was that of **Sh.Vijay Vij, Advocate (D/77-B/1972)**, who sought financial help for having undergone treatment for eye surgery. He is 75 years old and requested for Rs.60,000/- whereas verified amount from the hospital is Rs.50,000/-. Keeping in view the nature of ailment and overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia grant of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand)** to the applicant.

The amount of ex-gratia so sanctioned in the above mentioned applications, shall be transferred to the bank account of the respective applicant directly by way of NEFT/RTGS.

With the permission of Chair, the following decision is taken.

It was decided that a meeting be fixed in the next week, preferably on 17.12.2020 at 5.00 P.M. to take policy decisions as regards eligibility to seek financial help, from the Advocates Welfare Fund Trustee Committee.

No other agenda was discussed. Meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.