

The 15th December, 2022.

No.POL.218/2014/108. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to formulate this scheme for payment of compensation to the bereaved families of persons who died either in Police or Judicial custody, and also deaths of prisoners confined in the District Prisons & Correctional Homes in Meghalaya.

2. This scheme shall be applicable, in respect of prisoners/persons who suffer unnatural deaths in the Prisons of Meghalaya/Police custody, on or after the date of notification of this scheme.
3. Compensation will be paid to the next of kin or legal heir(s) of prisoners/persons on account of unnatural deaths, in the following cases :
 - (i) Due to quarrel amongst prisoners ₹ 7.5 Lakhs
 - (ii) Due to negligence of duty by prison officials ₹ 5 Lakhs
 - (iii) Due to negligence by Medical/Para Medical officers ₹ 5 Lakhs
 - (iv) Due to torture/beating by Police/Prison staff ₹ 7.5 Lakhs
 - (v) Due to suicide committed by the prisoner ₹ 5 Lakhs
4. Compensation will not be admissible in cases of natural deaths due to illness and cases where State Government authorities are not responsible for such deaths.
5. Compensation will also not be admissible in the following cases of unnatural deaths:
 - (i) If the death occurs during escape from District Prisons & Correctional Homes or from lawful custody outside the District Prisons & Correctional Homes.
 - (ii) If the death occurs due to any natural disaster/calamity.
 - (iii) If the death occurs due to Pandemic.
6. The Superintendent of the District Prisons & Correctional Home or the Superintendent of Police concerned shall submit the detailed report to the Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services/Director General of Police, Meghalaya, for onward submission to the State Government for grant of appropriate compensation. The detailed report shall include copy of the magisterial enquiry report, post-mortem report, final cause of death, medical history at the time of admission in Prison and details of medical treatment, if any, given to the prisoner prior to his custodial death. After submission of all reports/documents the State Government in Home (Political) Department shall be authorized to sanction the above compensation.
7. This Scheme shall be applicable from the date of Notification in the Official Gazette.

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