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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL LABOUR DEPARTMENT L.W. BRANCH

No. <u>Labr./254/LC-LW</u> <u>LW/5M-112/16</u>

Kolkata, the 3rd April, 2017

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Labour Department has converged and rationalised social security benefits provided under the below mentioned two schemes in a merged scheme named Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 2017 (SSY-2017) for unorganised workers, construction workers and the transport workers.

- a) State Assisted Scheme of Provident Fund for Unorganized Workers, (SASPFUW)
- b) West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme, (WBUSWHSS)

Whereas, West Bengal Beedi Workers' Welfare Scheme covers various developmental benefits of electrification, housing and infrastructure development to colonies of Beedi workers and does not cover social security benefits covered under Samajik Suraksha Yojana. All these developmental benefits have already been covered under the various schemes of the State Government. Thus universal electrification has been covered under "Sarba Griha Deep Prakalpa" (Sabar Ghare Alo), housing under various housing schemes of the State Government and there has been no claim for infrastructure development in the last few years.

Whereas, Beedi making has been notified as an unorganised sector and thus Beedi workers are also eligible for all the social security benefits under the newly introduced Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2017.

Now, after careful consideration of the matter, the Governor has been pleased to repeal these schemes with immediate effect:

- a) State Assisted Scheme of Provident Fund for Unorganized Workers, (SASPFUW)
- b) West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers' Health Security Scheme, (WBUSWHSS)
- c) West Bengal Beedi Workers' Welfare Scheme, (WBBWWS)

Notwithstanding such repeal, however,

- (i) the Accounts maintained under State Assisted Scheme of Provident Fund for Unorganised Workers (SASPFUW) shall be utilised under Samajik Suraksha Yoajana - 2017 (SSY-2017).
- (ii) anything done or any action taken under the said Scheme shall be deemed to have been done or taken under or taken under the corresponding provisions of SSY-2017.

This notification is issued with concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O No. Group L/2016-2017 dated 21.03.2017.

By order of the Governor,

GOPAL KRISHNA

Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.