

ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND TRUST

Minutes of the meeting of Advocates Welfare Fund Trustee Committee held on 07.06.2023 (Wednesday) at 5.00 P.M. through virtual mode/ video conferencing.

The following members were present :

1. Sh. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate, ASG, Chairperson, AWFTC
2. Sh. Ramesh Gupta Sr. Advocate, Member AWFTC/Bar Council of Delhi
3. Sh. Surya Prakash Khatri, Member, AWFTC/Bar Council of Delhi
4. Sh. Kumar Mukesh, Hony. Secretary, Bar Council of Delhi

Sh. Sanjay Jain, Chairperson, AWFTC, presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting dated 16.02.2023 were confirmed.

The following agenda items were taken up :

1. The 1st application which has been placed for consideration before the Committee is that of **Sh. Naresh Gupta, Advocate (D/543/1983)**, who has sought financial assistance on account of having undergone treatment for ear related problems. As against the requested amount of Rs.2,36,303/-, the verified amount is Rs.1,92,831/-. Taking into consideration the nature of ailment, age of the applicant and the overall circumstances, the Committee is of the view that an ex-gratia amount of **Rs.1,60,000/-** (Rupees one lakh sixty thousand) be sanctioned to the applicant, which may be transferred to his account directly through NEFT/RTGS.

2. The 2nd application taken up today is that of **Sh. Babu Lal, Advocate (D/607/2022)** who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment for his heart related ailment. It surfaces that he is enrolled as an advocate only in 2022, at the age of 54 years. It appears that he may have been under some other job/vocation prior to the enrolment. It is, therefore, considered necessary that before considering his claim, which is of substantial amount, the applicant be asked to file an affidavit with regard to his profession/ vocation/employment prior to the joining of the legal profession in 2022. He should also disclose in his affidavit if he was the beneficiary of any medical scheme, provident fund, gratuity or pension etc. Once the affidavit is received, the office may place his application in the meeting that would be held after the receipt of such affidavit.

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3. The 3rd application taken up today is that of **Sh. R.K. Bharani, Advocate (D/1767/2004)** who has sought financial assistance from this Committee for having undergone treatment for heart related ailment. It surfaces that he is enrolled as an advocate only in 2004 at the age of 49 years. It appears that he may have been under some job/vocation prior to the enrolment. It is, therefore, considered necessary that before considering his claim, which is of substantial amount, the applicant be asked to file an affidavit with regard to his profession/avocation/employment prior to the joining of the profession in 2004. He should also disclose in his affidavit if he was the beneficiary of any medical scheme, provident fund, gratuity or pension etc. Once the affidavit is received, the office may place his application in the meeting that would be held after the receipt of such affidavit.

4. The 4th application taken up today is that of **Mr. Surender Shandilya, Advocate (D/38/1992)** who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment of cancer. As against the requested amount of Rs.3,35,616/-, the verified amount is Rs.2,39,792/-. Taking into consideration the nature of ailment, age of the applicant and the overall circumstances, the Committee is of the view that an ex-gratia amount of **Rs.2,00,000/-** sanctioned to the applicant, which may be transferred to his account directly through NEFT/RTGS.

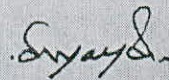
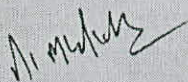
5. The 5th application taken up today is that of **Mr. Davesb Kumar Pandey, Advocate (D/1-D/1989)** who has sought financial assistance for having undergone treatment for lower respiratory tract infection. The verified amount from the hospital is Rs.2,29,931/-. After perusing the medical records and considering overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.1,75,000/-** (Rupees one lakh seventy five thousand) towards his claim. The sanctioned amount may be transferred to the account of the applicant by way of NEFT/RTGS.

6. The 6th application taken up today is that of **Mr. Swatantra Kumar Kalia, Advocate (D/15/1974)**, for financial help having undergone treatment of prostate. Medical records perused. The applicant is aged 81 years. Considering overall circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia amount of **Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees fifty thousand) to the applicant. The amount so sanctioned be transferred to his account through NEFT/RTGS. The application is thus disposed off.

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7. The 7th application taken up today is that of **Mrs. Rajni, Advocate (D/2579/1999)**, who has sought financial help for having undergone the treatment of cancer. The office report indicates that she has already received a grant amounting to Rs. 9 lakh from the Indigent & Lawyers Fund of Bar Council of Delhi. She is also a member of Chief Minister Welfare Scheme for Advocates. Keeping in view the cap of Rs.10 lakhs for the financial assistance for medical reasons, which has been followed by the Committee since 2017, any further assistance will also have to be within the said cap of Rs. 10 lakhs. Accordingly, a sum of **Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh) is being sanctioned as ex-gratia payment to the applicant. This amount may be transferred to the account of the applicant through NEFT.
8. The consideration of 8th application pertaining to **Mr. Gaurav Kumar, Advocate (D/7094/2017)**, who has sought financial help for having undergone treatment for brain stroke, is considered. Keeping in view the age of the applicant and nature of ailment i.e. brain stroke, the Committee deems it appropriate that the verified amount of Rs.1,50,000/- be sanctioned to him. Accordingly, the Committee decides to sanction a sum of **Rs.1,50,000/-** (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand) by way of ex-gratia grant to the applicant. This amount may be transferred to the account of the applicant through NEFT.
9. The 9th application taken up today pertains to **Mr. Neo Ram Sharma, Advocate (D/336/1968)**, who has sought financial help having undergone treatment of cancer. The applicant has requested for an amount of Rs.60,962/-. Taking into consideration the nature of ailment, age of the applicant and the overall circumstances, the Committee is of the view that an ex-gratia amount of **Rs.60,000/-** (Rupees sixty thousand) be sanctioned to the applicant, which may be transferred to his account directly through NEFT/RTGS.
10. The 10th application taken up today is that of **Mr. Abdul Jamal Nasir, Advocate (D/96/2007)**, who stated to have undergone treatment of ruptured liver abscess, is considered. The amount verified from the hospital is Rs.2,92,000/-. After perusal of records, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.2,25,000/-** (Rupees lakh twenty five thousand) as ex-gratia to the applicant. The amount so sanctioned may be transferred to the bank account of the applicant directly by way of transfer through NEFT/RTGS.



11. The 11th application taken up today is that of **Mr. Ranjit Kumar Chaudhary, Advocate (D/544-B/2001)**, who stated to have undergone treatment of pneumonia. After perusing the documents and keeping in view, the age of the applicant and overall attentive circumstances, the Committee deemed it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.55,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Thousand) to the applicant. The amount so sanctioned may be transferred to the bank account of the applicant directly by way of transfer through NEFT/RTGS.

12. The 12th application taken up today is that of **Mr. V.K. Verma, Advocate (D/16/1967)**, who stated to have undergone treatment for kidney disorder and heart ailment, is considered. Medical records perused. The verified amount is Rs.59,189/-. Considering the overall attending circumstances, the committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.55,000/- (Rupees fifty five thousand)** to the applicant. The amount so sanctioned be transferred to his account through NEFT/RTGS.

13. The 13th application taken up today is that of **Mr. Inder Mohan, Advocate (D/2600/2022)**, who stated to have undergone treatment of cataract is considered. As against the request of Rs.60,000/-, the verified amount from the hospital is Rs.40,000/-. Medical bills perused. The Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees twenty five thousand) to the applicant, which may be transferred to his bank account through NEFT/RTGS.

14. The 14th application taken up today is that of **Ms. Amita Goyal, Advocate (D/467/1984)**, who stated to have undergone treatment of cancer, is considered. Medical bills perused. Considering the age of the applicant, nature of the decease and overall attending circumstances of the applicant, the Committee is of the considered view that a sum of **Rs.07,00,000/-** (Rupees seven lakh), be sanctioned to the applicant. The amount so sanctioned be transferred to her account through NEFT/RTGS.

With the permission of the Chair, the following decisions are taken :

1. The Committee resolved that the format of the application to be circulated by the Trustee Committee for the registered member should also include a column to the effect as to whether the applicant is registered with the CM Welfare Scheme for Advocates, and if not, reasons for the same. If the applicant is a resident of Delhi and still he is not a member of CM Welfare Scheme Advocates, he should express the reasons in detail.

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2. The Committee has also discussed the necessity of creating awareness among the advocates to get themselves enrolled with the CM Welfare Scheme for Advocates as also to become members of Advocates Welfare Fund Trust, in view of the rising number of applications for financial help and the limited fund the Advocates Welfare Fund Trust having in its disposal. The Committee requests the Hony. Secretary to work out a model and contents for awareness campaign for membership of Advocates in the Advocates Welfare Fund and CM Welfare Scheme for Advocates, and indicate a budget for the same so that the Committee can proceed further.

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

