

ADVOCATES WELFARE FUND TRUST

Minutes of the meeting of Advocates Welfare Fund Trustee Committee held on 29.07.2024 (Friday) at 4.00 P.M. at 1-F, Lawyers Chambers, Delhi High Court, New Delhi.

The following members were present :

1. Mr. Chetan Sharma, Sr. Advocate, ASG, Chairperson, AWFTC
2. Mr. Ramesh Gupta Sr. Advocate, Member AWFTC/Bar Council of Delhi
3. Ms. Nandita Rao, ASC (Crl.), GNCTD, Member, AWFTC
4. Mr. Rajesh Mishra, Hony. Secretary, AWFTC/Bar Council of Delhi

Sh. Chetan Sharma, ASG, Chairperson, AWFTC, presided over the meeting.

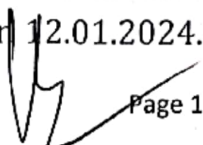
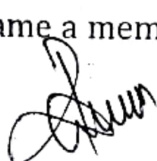
Sh. Surya Prakash Khatri, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi had expressed his inability to attend the meeting today. He is exempted.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Trust dated 12.07.2024 were confirmed.

The following agenda items were taken up :

1. The application of **Mr. M. Sultan Siddiqui (D/354/2000)**, has been considered. He stated to have undergone treatment of prostate and urine problems. He is not present. It is informed that he has already availed the relief from the Welfare Fund to the tune of Rs.81,998/- on previous occasions for his prostate, Dengue and Hernia related issues. However, it appears that he is a member of CM Welfare Scheme. Therefore, he may be asked to give an affidavit that he has not availed any relief from CM Welfare Scheme as according to him, he was hospitalized and had undergone surgery. Notice be issued to him asking him to bring the affidavit and appear in person on the next date of meeting. If he is unable to appear in person, he may appear through video conferencing. However, he has to file the affidavit in advance. Now to come up on **09.09.2024**.

2. The application of **Ms. Meena Chaudhari, Advocate (D/5062/2022)** has been considered. The applicant stated to have undergone treatment for Gall Bladder Stone. The applicant is present. Documents pertaining to the treatment perused. Applicant states that earlier she could not become member of CM Welfare Scheme and she became a member only on 12.01.2024. The verified amount of treatment



by the hospital is Rs.70,640/-. Considering overall circumstances, the Committee is of the view that a sum of **Rs.60,000/- (Rupees sixty thousand)** be sanctioned to the applicant. Her application is thus disposed off accordingly.

3. The application of **Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Advocate (D/2801/2008)** has been considered. The applicant stated to have undergone treatment for heart disease. He is present today before the Committee. He says that he was hospitalized for 8 days and surgery was performed and stents were placed in his heart. He further says that he has not claimed any amount from Insurance Company. The verified amount from the hospital is Rs.2,30,500/-. The Committee is of the view that An ex-gratia sum of **Rs.2 Lakh (Two Lakh)** be sanctioned to the applicant. Application is thus disposed off accordingly.

4. The application of **Mr. Md. Kajim, Advocate (D/1074/2018)**, has been perused. He claims that he suffered injury because of an accident. He is present today. He stated that he was driving a motor cycle and a cow hit him. Therefore, he had to go to hospital as he had suffered fracture in ribs. However, his treatment record has been verified by Kailash Hospital, which verified the amount at Rs.40,000/-. The Council is of the view that the said sum of **Rs.40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand)** be sanctioned to the applicant. Application is thus disposed off.

5. The application of **Ms. K.R. Chitra, Advocate (D/374/1981)**, has been considered. She stated to have undergone treatment for fracture/surgery. She is present today. On the last date of the meeting i.e. 12.07.2024, the Committee had sanctioned a sum of Rs.15,000/-. Today, after hearing the applicant and perusing documents, the Council is of the view that a further sum of Rs.5,000/- be sanctioned to her, i.e. a total sum of **Rs.20,000/-** be sanctioned as ex-gratia to the applicant. Her application is accordingly disposed off.

6. The application of **Mr. August Kumar, Advocate (D/4600/2016)** is considered. The applicant stated to have undergone treatment after he met with an accident. Applicant is present today. After hearing him and perusing the documents on record, the Committee is of the view that a sum of **Rs.25,000/-** as ex-gratia be sanctioned to the applicant. Application is thus disposed off accordingly.

7. The application of **Mr. Vaibhav Arora, Advocate (D/3134/2017)** has been considered. The applicant has claimed that he had a fracture of Distal Tibia & Fibula and he has undergone treatment from Action Medical Institute. The applicant is present today and he was heard. Documents perused. The hospital has verified the treatment amount at a sum of Rs.1,98,637/-. The Council is of the view that an ex-gratia sum of **Rs.1,60,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Thousand)** be sanctioned to the application. Application is accordingly disposed off.
8. The application of **Mr. Parminder Singh Loomba (D/3089/2011)** has been considered. The applicant has claimed to have undergone treatment for bilateral foot wound debridement (foot ulcer & surgery, due to diabetic). Applicant is present today. He was heard. He says that he is also a member of CM Welfare Scheme since 2023. He was treated on 08.01.2024. He is asked to apply for Medi-claim under CM Welfare Scheme and in this regard, he will get assistance from Mr. Abishek Behl in the office of the Council at Sirifort. In case he faces any difficulty, and unable to get insurance, then his application will be considered. Till then, his application is kept pending.
9. The application of **Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Advocate (D/222/2011)** is considered. The applicant stated to have undergone treatment for proximid tibia schat (upper portion of the bone in knee joint surgery). Applicant is present today before the Committee. Heard. The hospital has verified the treatment of the applicant at a sum of Rs.1,80,500/-. Considering overall attending circumstances, the Committee is of the view that a sum of **Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand)** be sanctioned to the applicant. Application is therefore, disposed off.
10. The application of **Mr. Vinay Kumar Singh, Advocate (D/113/1994)** is stated to have been inadvertently placed in the agenda, whereas, the same has been disposed in the meeting dated 12.07.2024.
11. The application of **Mr. Bishnu Prasad Dobhal, Advocate (D/127/2004)** is considered. The applicant is stated to have undergone treatment after he met with an accident. Applicant is present today. He was heard. Documents perused. Applicant claims that after treatment from Kailash Hospital, he was admitted in Max Hospital, where he remained hospitalized for 4 days. He has filed documents. Ms. Sushma Vats is requested to verify these documents. Put up before the Committee on **09.09.2024.**

12. The application of **Mr. Joginder Singh Sehrawat, Advocate (D/5043/2015)** is considered. The applicant is stated to have undergone treatment for bipolar disorder. Applicant is present today. He was heard. As against the demand of Rs. 3,60,753.00, the hospital has verified the treatment amount at Rs.3,46,380/-. Keeping in view overall circumstances, the Committee is of the considered view that an ex-gratia sum of **Rs.2,75,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand)** be sanctioned to the applicant. The application is, thus, disposed off accordingly.

13. The application of **Mr. Parmit Kumar, Advocate (D/2634/2015)** is considered. The applicant is stated to have undergone treatment for post-op case of exploration for perforation and repair of ileal perforation (due to typhoid intestine-broken up, fever/surgery). The applicant is present today. He was heard. The Committee has considered the documents. The applicant has already received a sum of Rs.5 lakh under CM Welfare Scheme. The Council is of the view that an ex-gratia sum of **Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees four lakh fifty-thousand)** be sanctioned to the applicant. However, if still he has problem pursuing the legal profession, he may approach the Indigent & Disabled Lawyers Fund of Bar Council of Delhi, where he may get some ex-gratia payment. The present application is, therefore, disposed off.

14. The application of **Mr. Siddharth Goswami, Advocate (D/5552/2018)** is deferred to be considered in the next meeting as the applicant is not present today. Fresh notice be sent to the applicant for the next date of the meeting i.e. **09.09.2024** for clarification.

15. The application of **Mr. Zuheb Nazmi, Advocate (D/868/2015)** is considered. The applicant is stated to have undergone treatment after he met with an accident. The applicant is not present today. He has informed that he is unable to come because he is not in a position to come. An ex-gratia sum of Rs.30,000/- has already been granted to him. However, since he is not present, we cannot get the clarification as to in what manner he had met with the accident. The applicant is also member of CM Welfare Scheme. The matter is adjourned to **09.09.2024**. If he is unable to appear on the said date, he should submit documents relating to the accident.

16. The application of **Mr. Vipin Shandilya, Advocate (D/2718/2021)** has been considered. The applicant is stated to have

undergone treatment for comminuted fracture. Applicant is present. Heard. Medical records perused. The hospital has verified the treatment amount at Rs.1,81,381.00. The Committee deems it appropriate to sanction an ex-gratia sum of **Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand)**. The application is thus disposed off accordingly.

17. The application of **Mr. N.C. Gupta, Advocate (D/296-A/1980)** for financial help having been undergone treatment for cataract with pterygium surgery, has been considered. After perusing the application and documents, the Committee is of the view that an ex-gratia sum of **Rs.40,000/- (Rupees fourty thousand)** be sanctioned to the applicant. The application is, accordingly, dismissed off.

18. The application of **Mr. Rachit Sahney, Advocate (D/4449/2017)** for financial help has been considered. He stated to have undergone treatment for Carcinoma Glottis (Cancer). Applicant stated to have been paid a sum of Rs.8,54,647/- from the Insurance Company and already received Rs. 5 lakh from the Bar Council of Delhi on 03.04.2024. After going through the records and considering overall attending circumstances, the Committee deems it appropriate to sanction a sum of **Rs.3 lakh (Rupees three lakh)** to the applicant. The application is accordingly disposed off.

19. The application of **Mr. Mahendra Singh, Advocate (D/1050/1992)** for financial help has been considered. He stated to have undergone treatment for incidental carcinoma gall bladder Pt1BNX. Though his treatment amount has been verified from both the hospitals to the tune of Rs.5,60,152/-, however, the applicant may be asked to come in person alongwith original documents on **09.09.2024**.

20. The application of **Mr. Sudarshan Singh, Advocate (D/1857/2013)** for financial help has been considered. He stated to have undergone treatment for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma with CBS Involvement. The Council is of the view that the applicant be called to appear in person before the Council in its next meeting on **09.09.2024** alongwith original documents of treatment.

21. The application of **Mr. Rishabh Singh, Advocate (D/8865/2022)** for financial help has been considered. He stated to have undergone treatment for liver related issues. Mr. Pratap Singh, Advocate (D/2701/2010) who is father of the applicant is present. He states that

his son Rishabh Singh got enrolled as a lawyer in 2022, however, he suffered liver infection and was treated in the year 2021 from Maharaja Agrasen Hospital. Since he was not enrolled as an advocate, while he was treated, therefore, no ex-gratia payment can be made to the applicant.

At the end of the meeting father of the applicant informed that he inadvertently had stated that his son Rishabh Singh was treated for ailment in 2021, whereas he had undergone treatment in 2023 while he was enrolled in 2022. The matter, is therefore, deferred to be considered in the next meeting.

Minutes of Supplementary Agenda :

1. The application of **Mr. Karan Choudhery, Advocate (D/10148/2019)** for financial help has been considered. He stated to have undergone treatment for lateral mass fracture with neuro-deficit (right-left) which he had suffered after he met with accident. The applicant has not filed an affidavit whether he has received any compensation from Motor Accident Claims Tribunal or whether he has filed any claim. Though FIR has been filed, he may be called for **09.09.2024** alongwith the copy of the charge sheet and with an affidavit stating as to whether he has received any compensation from MACT, and if yes, how much he has received, and if not, why so-far he has not filed the claim before MACT.

No further agenda has been taken up. However, the Members are of the view that in case a member suffers seriously because of cancer, then the maximum cap for giving benefit would be Rs. 15 lakh only minus he gets any benefit from Insurance Company or CM Welfare Scheme.

All the advocates, who files for ex-gratia will be required to appear in person and if they are unable to come because of their illness, they may be asked to appear through video conferencing. Ms. Sushma Vats is requested to make arrangement for video conferencing on laptop.

If an advocate who files for ex-gratia payment from the Trust and if his claim is beyond the period of one year, then he will have to explain on an affidavit, why he has not made a claim earlier.

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

