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The Government of Goa is pleased to frame the "Mining Affected/Impacted Relief Scheme, 2013" to be called as the 'Umbrella Scheme' to provide for financial assistance to the people who have been adversely affected due to the closure of all mining and related activities in the State of Goa.

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (a) The scheme shall be called as "Mining Affected/Impacted Relief Scheme, 2013".

(b) This scheme shall be the Umbrella Scheme, under which separate target schemes for specific segment shall be notified separately.

(c) The main scheme shall come into force from the date of its notification in the Official Gazette. The duration of the scheme shall be for a period of one year. However, benefits under the separate target schemes may be released retrospectively, as per the time frame and dates specified in these schemes, subject

to the condition that they are of one year duration only.

(d) The scheme shall be applicable only to the talukas affected due to closure of iron ore/manganese mining activities, namely, the talukas of Bicholim, Satari, Darbandora, Sanguem and Quepem as also Usgaon, Panchawadi, Nirankal and Shiroda Panchayats in Ponda Taluka and Panchayat coming under the jurisdiction of Tivim Assembly Constituency of Bardez Taluka unless specifically extended beyond above areas in the separate target schemes.

2. *Aims and objectives of the scheme.*— (a) Mining activity and related industry contributes to nearly 18% of the Gross State Domestic Product. This activity is spread over the talukas of Bicholim, Satari, Darbandora, Sanguem and Quepem as also Usgaon, Panchawadi, Nirankal and Shiroda Panchayats in Ponda Taluka and Panchayat coming under the jurisdiction of Tivim Assembly Constituency of Bardez taluka and villages comprised in these talukas and panchayats are mainly dependent on the core mining operations and the related peripheral economic activity which results out of the same. More than a lakh of population is directly or indirectly involved in this operations or trade.

(b) Due to the sudden closure of all core mining activities and related operations, since

September, 2012, has resulted in an economic crisis for those who were directly dependent on mining and the related activity as their only source of income. Nearly 25000 people and their families have been rendered jobless and there is a distress situation where the people have to make both ends meet and also service the loans taken towards purchases of transportation vehicles like trucks, barges, etc., and setting up of small business and manufacturing enterprises, besides service personal loans availed for housing needs etc.

(c) The Government is fully aware of this situation, and therefore proposes to extend certain minimum financial assistance to those needy, who have been affected by the closure of the mining activity, as a temporary measure until alternate employment opportunities are found out.

(d) The main Aims and Objectives of this scheme are:—

(i) To provide financial relief to the people who are residing in the Mining affected areas and who have lost their employment due to closure of Mining Industries.

(ii) To provide alternate finance for the livelihood of the people residing in Mining areas, who have lost their livelihood.

(iii) To provide for financial assistance to those who have availed loans for financing purchases of trucks, mining machinery, barges, housing loans etc.

(iv) To maintain social order in the Mining areas where people are affected due to closure of Mines.

3. *General Clauses.*— (a) These general clauses shall form part of each separate scheme to be notified. Unless specifically indicated in individual separate schemes, all conditions defined in this main scheme shall apply.

(b) *Eligibility Criteria:* (i) All separate schemes to be notified shall be applicable to

the residents who have been directly affected by the closure of mining activities in the mining affected talukas only, namely, the talukas of Bicholim, Satari, Darbandora, Sanguem and Quepem as also Usgaon, Panchawadi, Nirankal and Shiroda Panchayats in Ponda Taluka and Panchayat coming under the jurisdiction of Tivim Assembly Constituency of Bardez taluka.

(ii) The beneficiary and his family under this main scheme shall be eligible to avail the financial benefits under **one** amongst the separate schemes only.

(iii) As a **proof of continuous residence** in the mining affected talukas, the applicant beneficiary would be required to submit the extract of the Electoral Roll for the year 2012, having his/her name, of the Assembly Constituency comprised within the mining affected taluka. So also the applicant beneficiary shall be required to submit a copy of the Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) issued during the year 2009 or before. In the absence of the EPIC card or Electoral Roll, any Govt. document viz. Passport or Drivers Licence, which indicates the address of the applicant beneficiary, in the locality concerned, which is issued in the year 2009 or before, will have to be produced.

(iv) For the purpose of this scheme, '**family**' includes the father/mother/spouse/son below the age of 21 years/unmarried daughter of the applicant beneficiary.

(v) The scheme will not be applicable in case of the mining affected person i.e. the applicant beneficiary or his/her family member is gainfully employed with a Government Institution or Grant-in-Aid Institution or Autonomous Body/Agency or Corporation of the State or Central Government.

(vi) The applicant beneficiary shall be required to give an undertaking, that in the event it is found that the applicant beneficiary has given false information/declaration and continues to derive the financial benefits or

other benefits under target schemes, than appropriate recovery proceedings shall be initiated without further reference to the applicant, by means of recovery from salary through the employer or by means of proceedings under provisions of Land Revenue Code, 1968. The recovery may also be made by means of adjustments in future benefits to be disbursed, in certain cases [cases covered under 3(b)(ii) above].

(c) *Duration of the scheme(s)*: (i) The duration of the scheme shall be for a period of one year. However, benefits under the separate target schemes may be released retrospectively, as per the time frame and dates specified in these schemes: provided that none of the target schemes will be valid beyond 12 calendar months.

(ii) Government reserves the right to foreclose the schemes or any of the separate schemes, before expiry of the one year time period.

(d) *Financial Benefit under the scheme(s)*: (i) The maximum financial grant/benefit under the scheme, other than loans granted, shall be Rs. 12,000/- only per month per family.

(ii) The financial assistance to be paid shall be applicable to the applicant beneficiary where the cause of action is linked to closure of mining.

(iii) The benefit under the scheme, shall be independent of any terminal benefits received by the applicant beneficiary or his/her family member.

(iv) The benefit shall be restricted to Rs. 12,000/-, to be divided equally if more than one beneficiary applicant applies under the target schemes, from one family.

(e) *Identification of the Beneficiary*: (i) The beneficiary under this scheme, shall be suitably identified by a Member of the Legislative Assembly or Member of Parliament or a Gazetted Officer of the State Government

not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government.

(f) All separate target schemes shall form part of this Umbrella Scheme by separate notification.

4. *Monitoring of the scheme(s)*.— (a) All issues relating to the eligibility, definition, operationalization, or issues on account of new situation arising due to certain circumstances, not envisaged at the time of formulation of the scheme, would be resolved by the Monitoring Committee, whose decision will be final.

(b) The Monitoring Committee shall consist of:—

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| (i) Director of Mines & Geology | : Chairman |
| (ii) Under Secretary (Finance) or the representative of the Department of Finance not below the rank of Under Secretary | : Member |
| (iii) Under Secretary (Personnel) or the representative of the Department of Personnel not below the rank of Under Secretary | : Member |
| (iv) Asst. Director (Mines & Geology) | : Member Secretary |

5. *Removal of difficulties*.— The Government shall be empowered to remove any difficulty which arises out of implementation of this Umbrella Scheme or separate target schemes with prior approval of Finance Department.

6. *Relaxation*.— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all the conditions or clauses of this scheme in genuine cases subject to the recommendation made in this regard by the Monitoring Committee constituted in clause (4) above.

7. *Interpretation*.— If any question arises, regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

8. *Redressal of grievances and disputes.*— Grievances if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme, shall be heard and decided by the Minister for Mines & Geology and the decision of the Minister for Mines & Geology in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

9. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U.O. No. 1471330 dated 7-3-2013.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Prasanna Acharya, Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary (Mines & Geology).

Panaji, 7th March, 2013.

Notification

DMG/MAJ/MAP/SCHEME/02

Read: Notification No. DMG/MAJ/MAP/SCHEME/01 dated 07th March, 2013, notifying the 'Mining Affected/Impacted Relief Scheme, 2013'.

The Government of Goa is pleased to frame a target scheme to be known as, "Scheme for providing financial relief to the truck (tipper) owners engaged in mining operations in mining affected areas" so as to provide for financial assistance to the people who have been adversely affected due to the closure of all mining and related activities in the State of Goa and have lost their means of livelihood due to stoppage of mineral transportation.

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (a) The target scheme shall be called as "Scheme for providing financial relief to the truck (tipper) owners engaged in mining operations in mining affected areas".

(b) The scheme shall come into force from the date of its notification in the Official Gazette. However benefit of this scheme shall be released retrospectively from 1st October, 2012 upto 30th September, 2013.

(c) The scheme shall be applicable only to the talukas affected due to closure of iron ore/ manganese mining activities in the talukas of Bicholim, Satari, Darbandora, Sanguem and Quepem as also Usgaon, Panchawadi, Nirankal and Shiroda Panchayats in Ponda Taluka and Panchayat coming under the jurisdiction of Tivim Assembly Constituency of Bardez Taluka.

2. *Eligibility Criteria.*— (a) The eligibility criteria as laid down in the main scheme and all conditions and general clauses of the main scheme shall be applicable.

(b) This scheme shall be applicable to those mining affected truck (tipper) owners residing in mining impacted talukas namely, the talukas of Bicholim, Satari, Darbandora, Sanguem and Quepem as also Usgaon, Panchawadi, Nirankal and Shiroda Panchayats in Ponda Taluka and Panchayat coming under the jurisdiction of Tivim Assembly Constituency of Bardez taluka.

(c) Such mining affected truck (tipper) owners who are residents of mining impacted talukas and are having trucks (tipper) registered in his/her name or the name of the family member and operational for mining transportation, shall be eligible for the financial benefits of this scheme. The financial benefit shall be extended to the trucks (tippers) used for transportation of mineral ore only and shall be restricted to the trucks (tippers) owned by the family of the operator concerned.

(d) The financial benefit under this scheme shall be restricted to maximum of two trucks (tipper) only.

3. *Benefit under the scheme.*— (a) For the first truck (tipper) registered in the name of mining affected truck (tipper) owner or his/her family; a financial benefit of Rs. 8,000/- per month, shall be released.

(b) For the second truck (tipper) registered in the name of mining affected truck (tipper) owner or his/her family; a financial benefit of Rs. 4,000/- per month, shall be released.

(c) The financial benefit shall be extended to only those trucks (tippers) registered in the name of the mining affected truck (tipper) owner or his/her family.

(d) To be eligible for grant of financial benefit, the mining affected truck (tipper) owner should have trucks (tippers) registered in his/her name or in the name of his/her family members.

(e) In any case the maximum benefit shall not exceed Rs. 12,000/- per month as per the criteria laid down at clauses 3(a) and 3(b) above.

(f) The financial benefits with effect from 01-10-2012 till 28-02-2013 shall be paid to the beneficiaries within 90 days of sanction.

4. *Procedure for application and other conditions.*— (a) (i) To avail the financial benefit under this scheme the mining affected truck (tipper) owner should submit an application in the prescribed format giving details of his/her residential status and statement of the Financial Institution Bank Loan Account for the calendar year 2012.

(ii) The application should include copies of vehicle registration.

(b) The benefit under this scheme shall be granted to those mining affected truck (tipper) owners who have registered their trucks with M/s Goa Electronics Limited as per the announcement made by the Government/ Directorate of Mines & Geology in this regards. Such registration shall close on 15-03-2013.

(c) The mining affected truck (tipper) owner should clearly specify the saving bank account details, namely, Account Number, IFSC code of the Bank and Bank Branch details. The financial benefit shall be credited directly to the mining affected truck (tipper) owner by means of ECS/NEFT transfer, into the account indicated in the application made as per his choice.

(d) The benefit under this scheme, will be extended to Partnership Firms involved in mining transportation operation, on pro-rata basis; not exceeding the maximum financial benefit of Rs. 12,000/- per month: provided, that all the partner(s) are belonging to the category of mining affected truck (tipper) owners, as defined in the scheme above.

(e) The benefit under this scheme shall not be granted to Private Ltd. Co.'s or Limited Co.'s who are involved in mining transportation operation, irrespective of the trucks (tippers) owned.

5. All other clauses and conditions of the main scheme shall apply to this scheme.

6. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U.O. No.1471330 dated 7-3-2013.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Prasanna Acharya, Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary (Mines & Geology).

Panaji, 11th March, 2013.

Notification

DMG/MAJ/MAP/SCHEME/03

Read: Notification No. DMG/MAJ/MAP/ /SCHEME/01 dated 07th March, 2013, notifying the 'Mining Affected/ /Impacted Relief Scheme, 2013'.

The Government of Goa is pleased to frame a target scheme, to be known as the "Scheme to Provide Financial Relief to the People residing in Mining Affected Areas, who have lost their employment due to Closure of Mining Industry"; so as to provide for financial assistance to the people who have been adversely affected due to the closure of all mining and related activities in the State of Goa and have lost their employment.

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (a) The target scheme shall be called as the "Scheme

to Provide Financial Relief to the People residing in Mining Affected Areas, who have lost their employment due to Closure of Mining Industry”.

(b) The scheme shall come into force from the date of its notification in the Official Gazette. However benefit of this scheme shall be released retrospectively from 1st January, 2013 upto 31st December, 2013.

(c) The scheme shall be applicable only to the talukas affected due to closure of iron ore/ /manganese mining activities viz., talukas of Bicholim, Satari, Darbandora, Sanguem and Quepem as also Usgaon, Panchawadi, Nirankal and Shiroda Panchayats in Ponda Taluka and Panchayat coming under the jurisdiction of Tivim Assembly Constituency of Bardez Taluka, except for those employed on Barges that were involved in transportation of ore (employees of barges are covered for entire State).

2. *Eligibility Criteria.*— (a) The eligibility criteria as laid down in the main scheme and all conditions and general clauses of the main scheme shall be applicable.

(b) The applicant or his family member should be working in any of the Mining related business/activities for minimum period of 03 years preceeding 10th September, 2012 and should submit the proof of the same including last 03 months salary certificate showing statutory deduction like P.F. & E.S.I. The salary certificate should indicate the gross salary received by the applicant.

Explanation: ‘Gross salary’ means, total salary receivable before allowing deduction of P.F./E.S.I. or any other statutory deduction or any other advance deduction from salary, if any.

(c) The Truck (tipper) operators and Barge operators shall not be covered under this scheme. However, the people working as the crew on the barges shall be covered under this scheme, irrespective of the place of their residence within the State of Goa.

(d) The applicant who is availing benefit under any other target scheme(s) prepared for mining affected areas shall not be eligible for the benefit under this scheme.

(e) Only those applicants whose service/ /employment has been terminated after 10th September, 2012 due to closure of Mining Industries shall be eligible under this scheme provided he has not got any other re-employment thereafter. The applicant will have to produce the letter of termination from his previous employer.

(f) The applicant is required to produce evidence by way of P.F./E.S.I. deduction for the past three years, indicating that applicant was working in the mining industry as a regular/ /temporary/contract employee. In the event of absence of these documents, any other document to the satisfaction of the monitoring committee formed under the scheme may be submitted.

Explanation: A certificate /statement issued by the authority in respect of P.F./E.S.I. deductions/contribution made, valid for past three years will be accepted. It is not necessary that the details of each month be provided on the statement and the details of any month contained in each calendar year of 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately is adequate evidence.

(g) The benefit under this scheme shall be terminated on the date the applicant gets any re-employment.

(h) Government may terminate the benefit under this scheme by specific order on re-starting of Mining activities, for the full or part of the areas covered under the scheme.

3. *Benefit under the scheme.*— (a) The applicant shall be eligible for monthly financial assistance commencing from 1st January, 2013 to 31st December, 2013, subject to the clauses under this scheme, as under:

(i) 50% of the gross salary or Rs. 3,000/- per month whichever is less for the

applicant whose last salary drawn was upto Rs. 6,000/- per month.

(ii) 50% of the gross salary or Rs. 4,000/- per month whichever is less for the applicant whose last salary drawn was above Rs. 6,000/- per month and below or equal to Rs. 10,000/-.

(iii) Rs. 4,000/- per month plus 50% of the gross salary above Rs. 10,000/-, subject to the maximum of Rs. 5,000/- per month, for the applicant whose last salary drawn was above Rs. 10,000/- per month and below or equal to Rs. 15,000/- per month.

(iv) Rs. 5,000/- per month plus 50% of the gross salary above Rs. 15,000/-, subject to maximum of Rs. 6,000/- per month, for the applicant whose last salary drawn was above Rs. 15,000/- per month.

Note: Gross salary before deduction of PF./E.S.I. or any other statutory deduction/advance deduction from salary if any, will be considered. The last salary shall be computed as the average of the gross salary of 3 months.

(b) All benefits under this scheme shall commence with effect from 01-01-2013 or from the date of termination whichever is later.

(c) All benefits granted to the beneficiary applicant shall cease on the date of

re-employment. In such an event, the beneficiary applicant should inform the Authority designated for the purpose of the scheme. It will be the sole responsibility of the beneficiary applicant to do so.

Explanation: (i) The benefit shall cease from the succeeding month from the date of re-employment.

(ii) The applicant beneficiary shall be required to give an undertaking, that in the event it is found that the applicant has been re-employed and still continues to derive the financial benefit, than appropriate recovery proceedings shall be initiated without further reference to the applicant, by means of recovery from salary through the employer or by means of proceedings under provisions of Land Revenue Code, 1968.

4. All other clauses and conditions of the Umbrella Scheme shall apply to this scheme.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U. O. No. 1471330 dated 7-3-2013.

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