

Ex-Gratia Assistance on Death.

RULES OF THE SCHEME OF EX-GRATIA ASSISTANCE ON DEATH TO THE WIDOWS / DEPENDENTS OF THE DECEASED SEAMEN WHO DIED IN OFF ARTICLED PERIOD.

This scheme is in operation since 01/01/1993. An assistance of ₹40000/- is paid to the nominees of the deceased seaman in the foreign going sector with valid registration and who are within the age of superannuation at the time of death where the death occurs during the off articles period. The assistance is payable by the Society only in such cases where the widow/dependent concerned has not received any compensation from any other source.

The Rules of the scheme are as given below:

1. Pursuant to the objects of the Welfare Fund Society (herein after referred to as the Society) as defined in Article3(XV) of the Memorandum of Association of the Society, the Nominee(s) of Registered Indian seamen in the foreign going sector as being eligible in terms of provisions of Rule 3 herein below, may be granted Ex-gratia Assistance on Death under the circumstances and to the extent detailed herein below.
2. Such Ex-gratia Assistance on Death may be granted at the absolute discretion of the society and the Financial Assistance may be dispensed with and / or curtailed, suspended or completely withdrawn at any time without any prior notice or without assigning any reason whatsoever or curtailed, suspended or completely withdrawn at any time without any prior notice or without assigning any reason whatsoever..
3. **Eligibility.**
 - a) The Ex-gratia Assistance on Death may be granted to nominee(s) of seamen who have expired or expire on or after 1.1.1993 while in off articulated period and who are or were within the age of superannuation at the time of their death and hold or held valid registrations or were serving seamen whose registration were kept in abeyance or cancelled subsequently.
 - b) The nominee(s) applying for assistance shall be the person(s) in terms of nomination filed with the shipping master, failing which to the widow(s) of the deceased seamen or if the seamen was a bachelor or a widower at the time of his death, to the nominee as per the nomination filed with seamen's provident fund organization, or lastly to the next of kin as recorded in the Article of Agreement signed immediately prior to his death.
 - c) Such assistance may also be paid in any other circumstances which the Committee of Management (herein after referred to committee or its Finance Sub-Committee any other Sub-Committee set up in this behalf) may deem appropriate.
4. **Persons eligible:**

The persons eligible for Ex-gratia Assistance on Death will be the seamen's dependents as defined in rule 3 herein above.

 - (i) In the event of more than one widow living, the widow who was the normal nominee shall be paid the assistance. If none of the widows was the nominee, the applicant widow shall produce a letter of consent from the other living widow(s) if any that she/they has /have no objection to the death compensation being paid to the applicant widow. In absence of such letter of consent, the assistance may be paid equally to all the widows of deceased seaman. In the case of Muslims widows, certificate shall be produced from the Kazi by the widows (s) that she/ they/was/were legally wedded wife/wives of the deceased seamen and that she/they/is /are not remarried and she/they was/were not divorced by the deceased seamen during his life time.

- (ii) In absence of widow(s), the minor legitimate or adopted children, not being married daughter, all taken together as one claimant applying through their appointed or recognized guardian and
- (iii) In the absence of widows(s) or minor children the parents of the deceased seamen wholly dependent upon the earning or of the seamen.

5. Quantum.

The quantum of Ex-gratia Assistance on Death shall be Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty thousand only) to the eligible Nominee(s) persons of registered foreign going Indian seamen.

- 6. For the purpose of determination of eligibility, the Society may approach the Shipping Master and /or the DSEOs and /or the Seamen's Provident Fund Commissioner and obtain such particulars as may be necessary for the purpose of payment of Ex-gratia Assistance on Death envisaged under this scheme.
- 7. Only such applications will be entertained that are submitted to Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society within a period of 2 years from the date of death of the seamen and registration cancelled within that period.
- 8. Payments towards Ex-gratia Assistance on Death are to be made on the basis of attested copy of death certificate and attested copy of registration cancellation order produced along with the application to ensure that the death takes place on or after 1.1.1993, while he was on off article, and to ensure that the claim is received from the persons eligible under rules 3 & 4.
- 9. The Ex-gratia Assistance on Death is payable by the Society only in such cases where the widow/ dependent concerned has not received any death compensation from any other source.
- 10. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above in all doubtful and/or exceptional cases, the Finance Sub-Committee of the society or any other sub-committee duly authorized by the Committee of Management in this behalf may consider the cases for Ex-gratia Assistance on Death and its decision shall be final.

Note: The amount of financial assistance has been enhanced to Rs. 200000/- (Rs. Two lacs only) w.e.f. 16.3.16 for those death cases of seafarer who has expired on or after 16.03.2016, within off article period and who are or were within the age of superannuation at the time of their death and hold or held valid registrations (registration with SEOs) or were serving seamen whose registration were kept in abeyance or cancelled subsequently.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR EX-GRATIA ASSISTANCE ON DEATH TO WIDOWS/DEPENDENTS.

1. Seaman's Name _____

2. Applicant's Name _____ Relationship _____

3. Residential Address _____

4. Relevant Particulars:

CDC No.	REGN. NO.	DATE/YEAR OF BIRTH	LAST SHIP	LAST DATE OF DISCHARGE
ROSTER	CATEGOR	REGISTRATION CANCELLATION ORDER NO. & DATE:		
DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	WHETHER FG / HT.	

NOTE: -

- (i) Please attach attested copies of Death Certificate/Registration Cancellation Order.
- (ii) Please mention whether Ex-gratia Assistance on Death is received from any other source.

PLACE:

DATE:

(SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT)
