

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA <u>Abstract</u>

Tourism Department - Tourism Employment Support Scheme - Amendments - Approved - Orders issued.

TOURISM (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No. 328/2020/TSM

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 15.10.2020.

Read: 1) G.O.(Rt) No. 269/2020/TSM dated 14.08.2020.

2) Letter No. DIRECTOR-4046/2020 dated 29.09.2020 from the Director, Department of Tourism.

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, a relief scheme named as 'Tourism Employment Support Scheme' was approved for the employees working in the tourism industry to overcome the crisis due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The Director, Department of Tourism, as per the letter read as 2nd paper above requested Government to make some amendments to the Government Order on Tourism Employment Support Scheme as some practical issues were noticed on implementation and a few other sectors are also eligible to be included in the scheme.

2) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to make the following amendments to the Government Order read as 1st paper above subject to the condition that the number of beneficiaries shall not exceed the number decided earlier.

"The following shall also be included in Clause 2. Eligibility in the Guidelines:

- l) Heritage Resorts classified by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India (Copy of certificate to be enclosed).
- m) Accommodation units classified by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under the category Home Stay / Bed & Breakfast (Copy of certificate to be enclosed).
- n) Adventure Tour Operators accredited with the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India having registered office in Kerala (Copy of certificate to be enclosed).
- o) Those agencies engaged in adventure tour operation / adventure activity providers (with registered office in Kerala) who have a valid GST Registration (as adventure tour operator/adventure activity provider) and have filed GST Returns for the last one year (Copy of GST registration to be enclosed).

Note:

The clause 'GST Returns for the last two years' wherever mentioned in G.O.(Rt) No. 269/2020/TSM dated 14.08.2020 is substituted with 'GST Returns for the last one year (Annual/Quarterly for 4 quarters/Monthly for 12 months)'.

The following shall be inducted as last part in 'Clause 4. Procedure of implementation':

Note:

Employees having a service lesser than 6 months with the present establishment, and having service with another establishment earlier to complete 6 months altogether are also eligible, subject to production of documents in proof of service from the past establishment, as mentioned in the original guidelines.

Those establishments already applied for RENEWAL of statutory license from the authorities, and waiting for issuance of license in the wake of COVID-19, are also eligible for loan under the scheme, subject to production of acknowledgement of receipt of application from the authority concerned."

3) The Government Order read as 1st paper above, stands modified to the above extent.

(By Order of the Governor) RANI GEORGE SECRETARY

To

The Director, Department of Tourism, Park View, Thiruvananthapuram. The Chairman & Managing Director, Kerala State Co-operative Bank (Kerala Bank), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (Audit-I & Audit-II) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance Department (Vide U.O.(f) No.1531387/EXP.B3/190/2020-FIN dated 03.08.2020).

Planning & Economic Affairs Department (Vide U.O.(f) No. PLGEA-A2/123/2020-PLGEA dated 10.08.2020).

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