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GOVERNOR'S MEMORANDUM 2007/ 07

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LEADING SENIOR ARTISTS/SCHOLARS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOCIETY

Introduction:

Until 2006 there had been a scheme in the NEPC to render financial assistance to prominent veteran artistes and literary scholars in the Province for their outstanding contribution in the fields of arts culture and literature. It is, therefore, necessary, after the de-merger, to carry on a similar scheme for such senior artists and literary scholars in the Northern and Eastern Provinces separately, subject to the approval and provision of funds by the Financial Commission for the relevant year and appropriated by the Parliament.

Target Group:

Forty artists or literary scholars of the Eastern Province who had dedicated themselves and contributed to arts and literature for over 35 years, above 60 years of age and handicapped from disabilities or ailments due to meagre income will be paid an allowance of Rs.2000/- if selected for a period of one year as described below.

Selection Criteria:

- 1) A resident of the Eastern Province for more than 35 years.
- 2) Over 60 years of age
- 3) More than 35 years of continuous artistic contribution
- 4) Live below poverty line.(monthly income less than 3,000/-)
- 5) Tangible and excellent contribution such as publications, performance, records and recognitions.

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A two staged selection process will be adopted. Wide publicity will be given every year by Ministry of Education, Cultural Affairs & Sports pertaining the award scheme. An initial screening will be done at the Divisional Secretariat level based on the details available in the application form and on the basis of local knowledge. At the second stage, at the Ministry level, applications received from Divisional Secretariat will be further screened for accuracy. Final selection will be made by a Provincial Committee based on selection criteria.

(a) Divisional level selection Committee:

The following will constitute the divisional level selection committee:

- 1) Divisional Secretary
- 2) Cultural Officer
- 3) Grama Sevaka

Provincial level Evaluation Committee:

All recommended applications will be evaluated based on the scheme of evaluation by a three members of the evaluation committee.

The following will constitute the Provincial level committee.

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| 1) Provincial Director of Education | - | (Chairman) |
| 2) Director or Assistant Director, Dept of Cultural Affairs | - | (Member) |
| 3) Assistant Secretary Provincial public Administration | - | (Member) |

Provincial Selection Committee:

The Provincial selection committee will recommend to Hon. Governor based on evaluation made by the committee.

The following will constitute the Provincial Selection Committee:-

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| 1) Chief Secretary | - | (Chairman) |
| 2) Secretary – Ministry of Education | | |
| 3) Secretary – Ministry of PPA | | |
| 4) Deputy Chief Secretary – Finance | | |
| 5) Director/Assistant Director – Department of Cultural Affairs | | |

Evaluation Criteria:

Period of dedicated service	15%
Economic status	20%
Quantum & quality of contribution	35%
Recognition & Awards	15%
Outstanding achievements	15%

This scheme will come into effect forthwith and will annul all other instructions that were in force up to now.


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