

ABSTRACT

Announcement for the year 2022-2023 - Hon'ble Chief Minister Announcement- Pension to Ulemas - Reduction of Age in respect of Differently abled Ulemas from 50 to 40 years - Ulema Pension (Tamil Nadu) Scheme, 1981- Amendment - Orders - Issued.

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (S1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.46

Dated 15.06.2022 சுபகிருது, ஆனி 01, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms)No.684, Commercial Taxes and Religious Endowments Department, dated 09.06.1981.
- 2. G.O.(Ms)No.292, Commercial Taxes and Religious Endowments Department, dated 26.03.1986.
- 3. From the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board letter No.7318/06/D5/UP, dated 13.05.2022

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Chief Minster has made an announcement on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly during the Budget session for the year 2022-23 that the age for the grant of Ulema Pension in respect of Differently abled Ulemas will be reduced from 50 to 40 years.

- 2. In the Government order first read above, orders were issued for sanction of Ulema Pension to Ulemas including Moulavi, Pesh Imam, Mothinars. At present Ulema pension of Rs.3000/- per month is sanctioned to Ulemas. The Rules, eligibility and terms relating to this scheme were notified in Ulema Pension (Tamil Nadu) Scheme, 1981. In Rule 5 the Eligibility for Pension was prescribed as follows:-
 - "5. Eligibility for pension:- A pension under the scheme may be sanctioned to any person, who--
 - (i) is an ulema;

- (ii) has put in a service of at least twenty years as teacher of Islamic Religion or of the Arabic language or as Pesh Imam or Moazzin in any institution registered as a wakf.
- (iii) is above the age of sixty years; and
- (iv) has no other satisfactory means of livelihood."
- 3. Subsequently, in the Government order second read above, orders were issued relaxing the age and qualifying service in respect of Differently abled persons as follows:-

"Provided that the requirement of age may be relaxed from 60 years to 50 years and the requirement of qualifying service from 20 years to 10 years in the case of applicants for Ulema Pension who are handicapped or suffer from any permanent disability."

- 4. In the letter third read above, the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board has requested the Government to issue necessary orders for relaxing the age limit from 50 years to 40 years for grant of Ulema Pension to the Differently abled persons.
- 5. In the above circumstances, in order to implement the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister made in the Legislative Assembly, the Government hereby orders to reduce the age limit for grant of Ulema Pension to the Differently abled persons from 50 years to 40 years and to amend Rule 5 of the Ulema Pension (Tamil Nadu) Scheme, 1981.
- 6. Accordingly, the following notification amending Rule 5 of the Ulema Pension (Tamil Nadu) Scheme, 1981 will be published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette:-

<u>Notification</u>

<u>Amendment</u>

In the Ulema Pension (Tamil Nadu) Scheme, 1981 under Rule 5, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-

"Provided that the requirement of age is reduced from 50 years to 40 years and the requirement of qualifying service from 20 years to 10 years in case of Differently Abled persons for sanction of Ulema Pension."

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

A.KARTHIK PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Executive Officer,
Tamil Nadu Waqf Board,
Chennai-1.

All Treasury Officers / Sub Treasury Officers.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/9.

The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-35.

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Copy to:-

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Office, Chennai -9

The Special Personal Assistant to Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare, Chennai -9.

The Principal Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, Chennai -9.

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Section Officer