



ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare – New initiative of Financial Assistance to repair and renovation of Christian Churches – Framing of guidelines – Orders – Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES  
WELFARE (MWRU) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No. 71

Dated: 20.12.2016

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Read :

ORDER:-

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made a press statement on 18.09.2016 for sanctioning a sum of Rs.1.00 crore towards assistance of Government grant for the repair and renovation of Christian Churches for the year 2016-2017.

2. Consequent of the above, so as to fulfill the announcement, Government in consultation with Commissioner, Minorities Welfare have decided to sanction a sum of Rs. 1.00 crore (One Crore only) as a grant to implement the new initiative scheme of financial assistance to repair and renovate Christian Churches during the year 2016-2017. Accordingly, Government framed guidelines and application for getting financial assistance along with undertaking certificates, for non receipt of Foreign Aid as indicated in Annexure – I, II and III of this order.

3. The expenditure sanctioned in para 2 above shall be debited in the following new head of account:

"2250-00-OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES – 103 – Upkeep of Shrines, Temples etc – I – Non Plan – JA – Repairs and Renovation of Christian Churches – 09 – Grants in Aid – 03 – Grants for specific scheme (DP Code 2250 - 00 - 103 – JA - 0927)"

4. The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling authority for the said head of account.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 2 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" and approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course of time by an inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2016-2017. The Commissioner of

Minorities Welfare shall send necessary explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2016-2017 immediately.

6. The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare shall examine in detail the needy Churches seeking financial assistance in consultation with the District Collector concerned and release the fund to the District Collector.

7. The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare is also requested to make necessary arrangements for giving wide publicity in the leading dailies about the scheme, mode of apply, specific date if any prescribed for submission of application, verification and finalization by the Committee, etc., if any, so as to implement the scheme in an effective manner. Besides instruct all the District Collectors to form a Committee as indicated in (iv) of Annexure – I to this order.

8. The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare shall open a New Personal Deposit Account for the scheme of Repairs and Renovation of Christian Churches and remit the Utilization Certificate and beneficiaries list in every year.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide its U.O. No.63013/BCMBC/2016, dated 16.12.2016 and Additional Sanction Ledger No. 1616 (One thousand six hundred and sixteen).

(By Order of the Governor)

A. KARTHIK  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Secretary/Commissioner,  
Minorities Welfare, Chennai-2.

All District Collectors

All District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officers

The Accountant General (AAD/F&A Cell/Audit I/II), Chennai-18.

Copy to

The Commissioner

Backward Classes Welfare, Chennai-5.

The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner,

Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare,  
Chennai-5.

The Member-Secretary,

Tamil Nadu State Minorities Commission, Chennai-2.

Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Backward  
Classes and Minorities Welfare, Chennai-9.

Finance (BC, MBC/BG) Department, Chennai-9.

Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
The Senior Private Secretary to Secretary to Government,  
Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities  
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## Annexure - I

(to G.O. (Ms) No. 71 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU) Department, Dated 20.12.2016)

### Guidelines

#### (i) Eligibility:

A church functioning in its own building for more than 10 years and not receiving of any foreign aid shall alone be eligible. A Church receiving grant in a financial year under this scheme shall be ineligible to apply again for another 5 years.

#### (ii) Amount of Grant:

The estimate of the work for repair / renovation of church shall not exceed the amount specified below:

Age of Church building	Amount of grant to be allotted
10-15 years	Rs.1,00,000/-
15-20 years	Rs. 2,00,000/-
20 years and above	Rs. 3,00,000/-

The estimate of the work exceeding the above specified amount, should be borne by the church concerned by making their own arrangements.

#### (iii) Recipient of the application:

The application (as indicated in Annexure-II of G.O. (Ms) No. 71, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU) Department, dated 20.12.2016) should be submitted to the Collector of the respective District along with required details.

#### (iv) Verification of the application:

All District Collectors are to form a Committee consisting of the following officials to examine the application.

- District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer of the concerned district.
- Engineer of the concerned Block Development Office / Town Panchayat / Municipal Engineer / Corporation Engineer
- Concerned Tahsildar.

(v) Sanctioning Authority:

After examination, the Committee shall submit the applications to District Collector for approval along with plan and estimates.

After finalization, the District Collector shall send proposals to Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, Chennai for sanction of funds.

The release of funds to Churches shall be effected through District Collector @ 75% as first installment and the balance 25% after completion of the repair / renovation work, which shall be certified by the Engineer of the concerned Block Development Office / Town Panchayat / Municipal Engineer / Corporation Engineer after inspecting the completion of work.

(vi) Release of fund:

A bank account shall opened in the name "Renovation / repair work of churches", to be operated by the concerned District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer and the funds should be released only after approval of the concerned District Collector.

(vii) Completion of work:

The work shall be executed by the Church. The church must complete its renovation and repair work within three months from the date of release of first installment and the second installment of 25% will be released on production of completion certificate from the officials concerned for the first phase of release.

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Secretary to Government

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Annexure – II

(to G.O. (Ms) No. 71 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities  
Welfare (MWRU) Department, Dated 20.12.2016)

Application for Financial Assistance for Repairs/ Renovation  
of the Church

Application to be addressed to

To  
The District Collector,

----- District.

1. Name of the Church :
2. Address of the Church :
3. Name /Address/Telephone No :  
Email of the Pastor & Head of the Administrative  
Committee of the Church  
(Copy of the minutes of selected administrative committee members)
4. Is the land registered in the Name of the Church (Yes/No)  
(If yes, attach a copy of the document)  
# If the land is not registered in the name of the Church, please write details for  
not registering and attach relevant documents.
5. (a) Registration of Church  
5.1. Date on which the Church has been registered:  
5.2. Place at which registered:  
5.3. Registration No.  
  
(b) If the Church is Independent then a certificate from (Yes/No)  
Local bodies about the details of functioning should be attached  
(Please attach relevant documents)
6. Estimate cost of repair / renovation work  
Prepared by a certified Engineer (Yes/No)



7. Date from which the Church is functioning in present address (Yes/No)  
(any proof for age of the church building be enclosed along with copy of planning permission from the local body)
8. Name of the Church account to which the cheque should be issued  
(Copy of the church pass book should be attached)
9. In case of Repairs / Renovation, Photograph of Present condition of repairable portion of the Church: (Yes/No)

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Photo -2

Photo-3

Photo-4

Signature:  
Name & Designation of the head of the  
Administrative Committee of the Church

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Annexure - III

(to G.O. (Ms) No. 71 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities  
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Certificate for Non-Receipt of Foreign Aid

The Administrative Committee and Pastor of (name of the church with full postal address) here declare that we are not receiving any Foreign Aid for the repair / renovation of this Church.

Name of the Pastor

Name & Designation of appropriate  
Administrative authority of the church

Signature of the Pastor

Signature of the Administrative  
Committee

Declaration

I/we hereby solemnly affirm that the information given in respect of the application for repairs / renovation of (name of the church with full postal address) above is true to the best of my / our knowledge and belief and I/we will be responsible if at any stage it is detected that the above information is not true or incomplete.

Signature

Designation

Date:

(To be signed by appropriate  
authority to which the Church is  
affiliated)

Place:

A. Karthik  
Secretary to Government

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