

## **NOTE ON TELANGANA ENDOWMENTS ARCHAKAS & OTHER EMPLOYEES WELFARE FUND TRUST**

The Supreme Court of India by its judgment in W.P. No. 638/87 and other writ petitions and transfer cases, while upholding certain provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowment Act, 1987 (Act 30 of 1987) in regard to the abolition of the hereditary rights in Archakatwam and Mirasidar System etc., and also abolition of the shares in hundies, rusms, offerings, plate collection etc., directed that a scheme should be initiated as a measure of Welfare to the Archakas and Other Employees of the Temples and Pandits working in the temples under the supervision of the Commissioner of Endowment Department.

After careful consideration of the judgments and directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in obedience thereof, the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted the Andhra Pradesh Endowments Archakas & other Employees Welfare Fund Trust under Andhra Pradesh Religious Institutions & Charitable Endowment Act 1987, ( U/s 43 of Act 30 Of 1987). And its operations shall be confined to the limits of Andhra Pradesh. The scheme came into force 01-04-2003,

Further the Supreme Court of India is of the view that in order to operationlize the scheme, tentatively a consolidated fund of Rs. 75 crores should be set up as corpus and procedures would be evolved by the Government with regard to the depositing, operation and disbursing the income accrued from the said fund from time to time.

The Supreme Court of India directed the Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams to deposit a sum of Rs. 20.00 Crores in the fund during the financial year 1996-97 by the end of June 1996, and other temples having an annual income of Rs.20.00 lakhs or more to contribute to the said fund of Rs. 75 Crores as specified by the Commissioner.

U/s 161 of the Act 30/87 every religious charitable institution whose annual income exceeds Rs.20.00 Lakhs P.A shall be liable to contribute annually 3% of its income to Archaka Welfare Fund Trust.

As on 31-05-2014 funds available in Archaka Welfare Fund Trust was Rs. 171,38,66,141/- in the shape of Fixed Deposits and Rs.70,94,136/- in saving Bank Account.

As per G.O.Ms. No. 258 Revenue (Endts-I)Dept, Dt 31-05-2014 an amount of Rs. 100,36,63,968/- (Rupees One Hundred Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Only) has been apportioned

to Residual Andhra Pradesh and Rs.71,72,96,244/- to Telangana as per population ratio(i.e., 58.32%: 41.68%).

Subsequently the Government has executed Trust deed for Telangana Endowments Archakas and other Employees Welfare Fund Trust vide G.O. Ms. No. 153 Revenue (Endts-1) Department Dt 29-08-2015.

The following are the schemes under Archaka Welfare Fund Trust for the benefit of Archakas & Other Employees of institutions whose assessable income is below Rs.50.00Lkaks. The eligibility for getting the benefits under the scheme, the employees monthly gross emoluments shall be Rs. 12,500/-. The Ratio for distributing the amount under Archaka Welfare Fund Trust Schemes shall be **75:25** among Archakas & Other Employees respectively.

### **Archaka & Other Welfare Schemes**

#### **1. UPNAYANAM Grant:**

Grant of Rs. 25,000/- for performing Upanayanam to archakas children along with Rs. 25000/- in shape of FDR if he get through pravesa exam with in a period of 2½ years from the date of Upanayanam

#### **2. Education Loan:**

- a) Educational Loan of Rs.33,000/- is sanctioned for pursuing higher education in India to the children of Archakas and other Temple employees.
- b) An amount of Rs.33,000/- P.A is sanctioned as grant to the archakas /employees whose income is below Rs.5,000/- P.M.
- c) An amount of Rs.33,000/- P.A. is sanctioned without interest to the Archakas/ Employees whose income between Rs.5,000/- to Rs.12,500 P.M.
- d) 100% fees reimbursement and Hostel charges to the children of Archakas/ Employees who have secured below the rank 2,000 in medicine and 5,000 rank in engineering or got seats in IIT, REC and any other prestigious National institutions of technology.

#### **3. Marriage Loans :**

For Daughter/Son/Sister /self Marriage Loan **Rs.1,00,000/-**

#### **4. Housing Loans :**

Rs. 1.50 Lakh for new construction	-1.00 Lakhs as Loan
	-0.50 Lakhs as grant
Rs. 0.75 Lakh for repairs	-0.45 Lakhs as Loan
	-0.30 Lakhs as grant

## **5 Medical Reimbursement :**

All archakas are entitled for medical reimbursement for treatment of various ailments upto maximum of Rs.2,00,000/- for each family.

## **6. Gratuity Schemes:**

**a)** Rs. 2.00 Lakhs to Archaka/ Employee who has worked for a minimum of 20 years in a temple at the time of retirement or death as per circular No. 110/C.O.E/2010Dt: 24-05-2011. 50% this amount is kept in Fixed Deposit for period of 10 years in the name of retired Archaka or Employee /deceased Wife of Archaka or Employee and interest is allowed to be drawn as a pension and balance 50% released in cash. This scheme is applicable to the Archaka/ Employees who retired from service or died while in service on or after 01-05-2010.

**b)** Rs.1.00 Lakh to Archaka/ Employee who has retired/died during the period 01-09-2003 to 30-04-2010 and put a minimum of 20 years service in a temple at the time of retirement or death. 50% this amount this amount is kept in Fixed Deposit for period of 10 years in the name of retired Archaka or Employee /deceased Wife of Archaka or Employee and interest is allowed to be drawn as a pension and balance 50% released in cash.