REVISED ASANGATHITA SHRAMIK SAHAYIKA PRAKALPA, 2003

The State Government hereby revise the Assisted Scheme for Unorganized Workers (Asanghatita Shramik Sahayika Prakalpa), 2001 as follows:

Coverage under the Scheme

1. Every willing worker subject to the eligibility criteria mentioned hereinafter, employed in any industry under unorganized sector and in any of the self employed occupations (list of which is mentioned in Annexure 'A') will be covered under the Scheme.

2. All wage employed and self employed workers between the age of 21 and 55 years in the unorganized sector in the state of Tripura and having an average family income of not more than Rs. 3500/- per month are eligible to be covered under the scheme. Initially one person in a family will be eligible to get benefit under the scheme. The eligibility ceiling of family income may be re-fixed by the State Government from time to time.

Eligibility

The family for the purpose of the scheme will include the beneficiary, his or her spouse, the wholly dependent daughters, wholly dependent minor sons and wholly dependent parents.

The period for calculation of average family income will be 12 months prior to the month in which application is made.

The major source of income of the beneficiary and income of his family members taken together should be from their work as wage employed or self employed workers in one or more employments or occupations notified to be covered under the scheme. Workers covered under the Employees’ Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 will not be eligible to be covered under the scheme.

Eligibility & Application

3. All eligible wage employed and self employed workers willing to join this scheme will apply to the BDO of the concerned Block/Executive Officer of Nagar Panchayat/Agartala Municipal Council for enrolment in Form I annexed to this Scheme along with three passport size photographs duly attested, one of which to be affixed on the application Form, by a Pradhan of the concerned Gram Panchayet/Chairman of the Village Development Council, Chairman of Nagar Panchayet/ Municipal Council or Member of the Nagar Panchayet/Commissioner, Municipal Council or by a member of the Panchayat Samity/Zilla Parishad or the Employer of the industry in which the workman is employed who are authorized to certify the eligibility of the applicant for enrolment under the scheme. The same person certifying the eligibility of the applicant should attest three copies of photographs.
attached to the application on the front. The cost of the application form is Rupee one.

4. Each subscriber-worker will contribute a sum of Rs.25 per month. The State Government shall also contribute an equal matching amount. The State Government/Bank will also pay the interest on the balance at credit of a subscriber annually at the rate declared by the Government.

Total contribution along with interest as may be declared from time to time will be refunded to the workers on attainment of the age of 55 years or in the event of the account becoming inoperative due to death or permanent total disability due to accident or loss of two eyes or two limbs or loss of one eye or one limb in accident or prolonged default in making contribution. The contribution made by the subscribers will be returned to him/her after the expiry of lock-in-period of three years in case of prolonged default in making contribution. An account will be under prolonged default if monthly contributions are not paid for six consecutive months.

An account under prolonged default will stand revived when making adequate payments in one or more installment subject to a maximum of six installments makes the contributions up-to-date. In the event of death or permanent total disability due to accident or loss of two eyes or two limbs or loss of one eye or one limb in accident, the total amount (i.e. the worker's own contribution and matching contribution of Government along with interests) will be paid to the nominee on receipt of an application in Form VII made by the nominee along with necessary certificate enclosed with the form.

In the event of attainment of 55 years of age or in the event of account being inoperative due to discontinuance of subscription by the worker, the total amount (i.e. the worker's own contribution and matching contribution of Government along with interest) will be paid to the worker on receipt of an application in Form VIII to be made by the workers through the BDO/Executive Officer of Nagar Panchayet / Agartala Municipal Council as the case may be.

5. At the time of enrolment a worker under the scheme will be issued an identity card-cum-passbook. In Form II under the signature of the authorized officer on deposit of Rupees five only. The Panchayet Secretaries posted in the Block and staff of the Nagar Panchayet/Agartala Municipal Council entrusted to deal with the scheme are authorized to issue identity card-cum-passbook. The contribution will become due on and from the next month following the month in which the identity-card-cum-passbook is issued.
6. The State Government may prescribe provisions for loans and withdrawals from the fund as and when deemed necessary.

7. The Panchayet Secretaries posted in the Block will make collection of monthly subscription from the subscribers of his Block. Likewise the staff of the Nagar Panchayet so entrusted to deal with the scheme will receive/collect the monthly subscription from the subscribers of his Nagar Panchayet Area. Regarding monthly subscriptions in respect of the subscribers of Agartala Municipal Area, the staff of the Agartala Municipal Council so entrusted to deal with the scheme will receive/collect the same. The Panchayet Secretary/staff of the Nagar Panchayet or Agartala Municipal Council who deals with the scheme will issue a printed receipt in Form III to the subscriber against such collection in every month and simultaneously return the passbook in Form II to the subscriber after making necessary entries duly signed and affixing seal with designation in the form for such collection in the pass-book against the particular month.

8. Block Development Officer will be the Nodal Officer at the Block Level. The Executive Officer will be the Nodal Officer for Agartala Municipal Area/Nagar Panchayet area. The BDO will supervise, review and monitor implementation of the scheme at the Block Level. Likewise, the Executive officer of Agartala Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayet will supervise, review and monitor implementation of the scheme at the Municipal Area/Nagar Panchayet Level.

9. A bank account in the name of 'Assisted Scheme for the Unorganized Accounting Workers in Tripura' will be opened-
   i) In each Block by the B.D.O.
   ii) In each Municipal Area/Nagar Panchayet by the Executive Officer. The Panchayet Secretary will deposit the monthly subscription collected by him from the subscriber workers to the BDO or to his authorized person along with triplicate statement of collection from the subscribers in Form IV annexed to this scheme. In the third copy, the BDO from his authorized person will record the amount so received and return it to the Panchayet Secretary as a token of receipt. The staff entrusted to deal with the scheme in Agartala Municipal Council Office/Nagar Panchayet will also prepare a statement of collection from the subscribers in Form IV and submit it to the Executive officer. On the basis of the statement of collection submitted by the Panchayet Secretaries, the BDO will make necessary entries in the general register in Form VI annexed to this scheme and also in the registers maintained subscriber wise in Form V annexed to this scheme. Similar action will be taken by the Executive Officer of Nagar Panchayet/Agartala.
Municipal Council. The BDO/Executive officer of Nagar Panchayet/Agartala Municipal Council will deposit the amount so collected to the Bank account within the fortnight but invariably within the month in which subscriptions have been received by using triplicate copies of ‘Pay-In-Slips’ for such deposit. The BDO/Executive Officer of Nagar Panchayet/Agartala Municipal Council will make a compilation of statement of collection subscriber-wise and send a copy thereof and a duplicate receipt copy of ‘Pay-in-Slip’ along with a certificate that the amount collected have been duly deposited with the Bank to the labour Commissioner.

On the last working day of the month, every branch of the Bank where such account has been opened shall remit the entire amount of money deposited in the said Bank account during the month into the account opened in the name of Labour Commissioner, Government of Tripura at Tripura State Cooperative Bank, Secretariat branch, Agartala.

10. The BDO/Executive Officer of Nagar Panchayet/Agartala Municipal Council will maintain necessary register subscriber wise and general register showing collection of subscription from the subscribers in Form V and Form VI respectively. Labour Commissioner will submit an account of the total amount of subscription and the total number of subscribers throughout the State in a particular month indicating therein the District-wise, Block-wise Municipal-wise and Nagar Panchayet-wise break up within the first fortnight of the following month to the Labour department.

11. The Government contribution will be deemed deposited in the for account of the subscriber on the same day as the contribution made by the subscriber. It will be of the same amount.

Interest to be paid by the Government Bank will be calculated as on 31st March of every year and will be deemed to be credited on the same date in the account of the subscriber.

The State Government will release fund for equivalent contribution by the Government for all the subscribers at every quarter for the first three quarters of a year beginning first of April of every year and also release allotment of fund for equivalent amount of contribution of the State Government in respect of all the subscribers along with the interest of the total balance lying at the credit of the subscribers for the last quarter ending 31st March of every year for the purpose of book adjustment thereof under the appropriate deposit head of account.

12. At the District Level, the District Magistrate & Collector will review and monitor the progress of implementation of the scheme. He will also
make evaluation of implementation of the scheme at the end of every financial year and submit the evaluation report to the Labour Department.

13. The scheme will be implemented and managed by the Labour Department through Labour Directorate, Blocks, Nagar Panchayets, Agartala Municipal Council under the guidance of respective Advisory Committees set up at Block, Nagar Panchayet, Agartala Municipal Area, District and State level vide Annexure ‘B’ to this Scheme.

14. The State Government may by notification alter and/or relax any of the provisions of the scheme and also add new provisions to the Scheme, if necessary.

By order of the Governor

(S. Sailo)
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Tripura.