

Government of West Bengal
Department of Panchayats & Rural Development

Joint Administrative Building, Block HC-7, Sector- III, Salt Lake, Kolkata -700106.

Date: 24/03/2025

No. 1415/PRD-40027/1/2018-BUDGET SEC

ORDER

Sub: Grant of Interest-free Festival Advance to the PRI Bodies employees for the year 2024-25

The undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the regular employees of ZillaParishads/Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats and the regular employees of DRD Cell of ZillaParishads/SMP/GTA whose revised emoluments as on 31st March, 2025 exceeded Rs.44,000/- per month but did not exceed Rs.52,000/- per month who apply for interest-free festival advance, may be granted an advance up to a maximum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only during the ensuing festival.

2. The benefit of interest-free festival advance may also be allowed to (a) the whole time piece rated workers, either permanent or temporary and (b) the employees belonging to work charged/contingent establishments. Such employees drawing revised emoluments exceeding Rs.44,000/- per month but not exceeding Rs 52,000/- per month on 31st March, 2025 may be allowed to draw the interest free festival advance of Rs.20,000/- only, if they apply for the same.

3. In case of the employees falling under para (2) above, the authority sanctioning the advance shall certify after being satisfied that the employee is likely to continue in service until the recovery is completed.

4. The advance sanctioned herein will be recovered from the salary of the employees concerned in not more than 10(Ten) monthly instalments. If the amount of advance is exactly divisible by ten, it will be recovered in ten equal monthly instalments. If not, the figure obtained by dividing the amount by Ten should be rounded off to the nearest rupees which will be the amount of each of the first nine monthly instalments, and the balance will be recovered in the tenth monthly instalment. The same method of calculation will apply mutatis-mutandis where the advance will be repaid in less than ten instalments. The recovery of the advance sanctioned under this order will begin either from the salary of the employees for the month of November, 2025 or from the salary for the month following the month in which the advance is drawn, whichever is later. However, recovery in all cases should be completed by the 31st August, 2026, at the latest.

5. The employees of ZillaParishad/ Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad, Panchayat Samities and Gram Panchayats and the employees of DRDC of ZPs/SMP/GTA who will leave/ retire from the service on a date after issue of this order but before 1st November, 2025 will not be allowed any festival advance. However, an employee who will retire after 1st November 2025 will be eligible for interest-free festival advance sanctioned in this order subject to the condition the recovery should be completed on or before the month of superannuation.

6. (a) Persons who entered into service under the ZillaParishads/SiliguriMahakurnaParishad, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats and DRDC of ZPs/SMP/GTA for the first time after 31st March, 2025 but before 1st October, 2025 and who are not eligible to get the benefit of Ad-hoc

ZillaParishads/ MahakumaParishad/GTA from the State Government as well as the Government of India in the current financial year.

11. This order issues in terms of Finance Department Memo No. 1025-F(P₂) Dated-18.03.2025

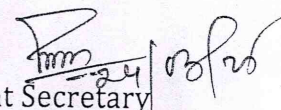
Sd/-
Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

No. 1415 /1(10)-PRD-40027/1/2018-BUDGET SEC

Date: 24/03/2025

Copy forwarded for information to:-

- 1) The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Building, Kolkata-700001.
- 2) The Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Building, Kolkata-700001.
- 3) The Accountant General (L.B.A), West Bengal, CGO Complex, MSO Building DF—Block, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064.
- 4) The Examiner of Local Accounts, CGO Complex, MSO Building DF —Block, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064.
- 5) The Finance (Budget) Department of this Government.
- 6) The Finance Department (Group-G), of this Government.
- 7) The Finance Department (Group-P), of this Government.
- 8) The Director of Treasuries & Accounts. New India Assurance Building, 4, Lyons Range Kolkata 700001.
- 9) F.A. of P&RD Department.
- ✓ 10) Computer Cell of this Department for uploading this G.O. to the website.


Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

~~No. 1415/2(250)-PRD-40027/1/2018-BUDGET SEC~~

~~Date: 24/03/2025~~

~~Copy forwarded for information to:-~~

- ~~1. The District Magistrate, _____ (All)~~
- ~~2. The Executive Officer, _____ Zilla/Mahakuma Parishad,
P.O. _____ Dist _____ (All)~~
- ~~3. The Secretary, _____ Zilla/Mahakuma Parishad,
P.O. _____ Dist _____ (All)~~