

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (INSTITUTIONAL FINANCE) DEPARTMENT.
DISPUR::GUWAHATI

NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 23rd Dec., 2016.

No. FIF.37/2016/46 dated 23rd December, 2016. In order to ensure timely payment of wages to the labourers of tea gardens in Assam post demonetisation of old high value currency notes of Rs. 500.00 and Rs. 1000.00 announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8th November, 2016 and on the basis of reports received from the Deputy Commissioners of the districts having tea gardens in their districts on the difficulties faced in payment of wages to the labourers due to the limit fixed by GOI on withdrawal of money from the bank accounts, the state government in consultation with the regional office of the RBI and SBI, had prescribed a temporary arrangement whereby tea garden managements had transferred the amount equal to the total weekly/fortnightly wages to an existing government account maintained by the Deputy Commissioners of the respective districts.

2. On transfer of the money to the identified government account maintained in the name of the Deputy Commissioners, the amount was handed over to the respective tea gardens for payment of wages to the labourers. This special arrangement had to be made considering the urgency of making payment of wages to the labourers which was purely a temporary one and was to be discontinued once the bank accounts of the tea garden labourers are opened for transfer of their wages to their respective bank account.

3. It is also noted that Tea garden labourers are fully depended on their weekly/fortnightly wages for their livelihood being the only income source and delay in payment of wages would have created large scale discontent amongst them leading to unexpected situation including law and order issues.

4. Considering this peculiar situation and the urgency for payment of the wages to the tea garden labourers who constitute a huge labour force in the state with about 784 tea gardens and to avoid any unwarranted situation due to non-payment of wages to the labourers, Governor of Assam is pleased to convey ex-post facto approval to the action taken by the Deputy Commissioners of the districts in public interest in receiving the money in their identified existing government bank accounts from the tea garden managements and disbursing the same for payment of the wages to the tea garden labourers as a very special case as a very temporary measure.

Sd/-

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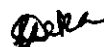
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Copy to:-

1. Commissioner & Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
2. S.O. to Chief Secretary, Assam.
3. P.S to Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam.
4. All Deputy Commissioners for information & necessary action.
- ✓ 5. Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, e-Governance Unit, Finance(Estt.-B) Deptt., She is requested to upload the notification in the website of Finance (IF) Department.

By order



Director,
Finance (IF) Department.

23/12/16