

RESOLUTION OF EXTRA ORDINARY EMERGENT MEETING
OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, ODISHA STATE BAR COUNCIL,CUTTACK,
DTD.01.04.2020, AT 10.00.A.M.

Whereas due to the extraordinary emergent situation occasioned by the extremely limited functioning of all courts in light of the lockdown announced by the Central and State Governments due to which almost everybody is confined to his/her house;

And Whereas in recognition of the fact that many advocates are of limited means and are facing extreme financial hardship on account of the lockdown;

And Whereas in cognizance of several representations those are received from various members of Bar Associations across the state of Odisha seeking financial aid for such advocates;

“It is hereby resolved by the Special Committee on behalf of the Odisha State Bar Council that financial assistance will be made available to such deserving advocates genuinely in need of financial aid on account of lockdown imposed due to Covid-19 from the Odisha State bar Council Advocates' Welfare Corpus Fund, on applying in the prescribed format.

AND it is requested that applications for financial assistance by genuinely needy Advocates practicing below 10 years in the prescribed format (appended hereto) shall be submitted to Odisha State Bar Council through their respective Bar Associations. The immediate continuing President and Secretary of the respective Bar Associations are requested to receive such applications submitted as per the prescribed format, within seven Daystar from the date of communication of this Resolution. The immediate continuing President and Secretary of the respective Bar Associations are requested to take effective steps for verifying the particulars/details furnished in the applications. The respective Bar Associations whose members have applied for such financial assistance are requested to submit the same before the Secretary, Odisha State Bar Council under the seal and signature of the immediate continuing President and Secretary of the respective Bar Associations. In the event the details furnished in the application are found to be false/incorrect the same shall be treated as misconduct of the concerned Advocate. The immediate continuing President and Secretary of the respective Bar Associations shall also be accountable for any lapse in verifying the details and particulars furnished by the member of its association which it forwards to the Secretary Odisha State bar Council for Processing.

AND further resolved that all such applications which are received in the prescribed format shall be scrutinised by a committee appointed by the Special Committee on behalf

of the Odisha State Bar Council and in all genuine and bona-fide cases, such financial assistance shall be approved.”

Encl: Prescribed Format of the Application

The Chairman and members of the Special Committee of the Odisha State Bar Council have had discussions amongst themselves with regard to the request made by various Advocates of the State in view of the unprecedented situation that has arisen due to Covid-19 pandemic. After discussion/consultation amongst each other, it is hereby unanimously resolved by the Special Committee on behalf of the Odisha State Bar Council that;

- (i) An appeal be made by the Special Committee of the Odisha State Bar Council through the respective Bar Associations to all its members having more than fifteen years of practice to donate funds generously to the Odisha State Bar Council by depositing their contribution for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the needy Advocates of the State in the following account;

Name of the Account: “Odisha State bar Council Advocates’ Welfare Corpus Fund,”

- (ii) It is further resolved that all the immediate continuing President and Secretary of the different Bar Associations be requested to process the

applications submitted by their practicing members seeking financial assistance at the earliest.

- (iii) It is also hereby resolved to request Bar Council of India to make available adequate funds to the Odisha State Bar Council, so as to facilitate grant of financial assistance to enrolled practicing Advocates.
- (iv) It is further resolved to request Mr. D.P. Dhal, Senior Advocate, Member Representative to Bar Council of India, representing Odisha State Bar Council to kindly pursue the request of Odisha State Bar Council to the Bar Council of India, so that adequate funds are made available to Odisha State Bar Council at the earliest to be utilised for the benefit of needy Advocates.

Sd/-
(M. R. Mohapatra)
Member

Sd/-
(A .K. Baral)
Vice Chairman.

Sd/-
(Ashok. K. Parija)
Advocate General,
cum
Chairman, Spl. Committee,
Odisha State Bar Council