

Kerala Ration Dealer's Welfare Fund Scheme

This is a scheme formulated by Government as per the provisions of Kerala Ration Dealer's Welfare Fund Act, 1988 for implementing welfare measures for the Ration Dealers. The Fund is raised with the subscription of Ration Dealers (members) which is at present Rs 50 /month. At the time of enrolment, a membership fee of Rs 100 /- is also collected. A Deputy Controller of Rationing from the Department of Civil Supplies functions as the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund with 5 supporting ministerial staff.

The following schemes are implemented under the scheme:

Pension

Members who have completed 65 years of age with minimum period of 10 years service will be eligible for amount of pension is Rs 500 /month. The pension amount is disbursed quarterly by way of Money Order at their expense on the fifth working day of every succeeding quarter.

Lump sum of Payment

(i) In the event of death of a member before attaining the age of 70, the legal heirs/nominees are paid a lump sum amount ranging from Rs 10000 to 40000 based on the number of completed years of membership.

(ii) In the event of death of a member after completing the age of 70 or due to cessation of membership, the legal heirs / nominees / members are paid a lumpsum amount ranging from Rs 620 to Rs 40000 on the number of completed years of membership.

Medical Assistance

A member who sustains injury, physical disability or grievous hurt in an accident is given financial assistance upto Rs 5000. Medical assistance upto Rs 15000/- is also sanctioned to the members or their family members for transplantation of kidney, cardiac surgery, limb fitting or for treatment of fatal diseases like cancer.

Educational Scholarships

Three children each of the members who secure highest marks in SSLC and Higher Secondary examinations are paid scholarship @ Rs 2500/-.

Interest Free Loans

Interest free loans are given to the members who have completed five years of membership and have a minimum deposit of Rs 2500 at their credit.

Kerala Ration Dealers Welfare Fund, Thiruvananthapuram

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