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"SCBA COVID-19 WELFARE GRANT SCHEME"

The pandemic following the COVID 19 has set down a challenge of the most mammoth nature. Its impact has been global and in a manner which has been unprecedented. Our members are also affected in many ways.

To obviate the challenges faced by our colleagues some of our responsible Members have taken upon themselves the onerous task of providing feasible financial help to the affected members who are in dire financial straits by making donations to ameliorate the plight of affected members. It gives us great succour to inform the Members that it has received respectable sums from some of the Members thereby obviating the need to fall on SCBA funds in this human act.

The SCBA records its sincere gratitude to each donor for the contribution made at this need of the hour. It makes a fervent appeal to other members of the Bar to contribute liberally so that the noble work of addressing the financial needs of the needy Members can be carried forward.

To ensure that the donations now received are made available to the members mentioned herein, the present Scheme different, both in form and application from the earlier scheme of granting loans, is being made. The EC has therefore, decided to keep the donations so received under a separate head to be utilised exclusively for giving grants to needy members of the SCBA to the extent feasible as desired by the donors. Accordingly, the EC has resolved to launch a separate new scheme titled "SCBA- COVID-19 WELFARE GRANT SCHEME."

The salient aspects of this new scheme including eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. The Scheme entails a one time grant of a sum of 20,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) as *ex gratia* to a Member of the SCBA who is in need of financial assistance provided his name is borne on the Membership rolls of the SCBA as on 01.05.2020 and is included in the final declared voter list of the SCBA in any one of

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the last preceding five years i.e in any one year between 2015-2019.

2. Any Member willing to avail this grant must apply to the SCBA in writing with complete particulars to include his full name, age, and residential address as borne on the rolls of the SCBA with SCBA Membership No. The application may be submitted by e-mail with an undertaking to submit a signed copy of the application subsequently and before disbursement of the grant once the same is duly approved. In the application the Member should indicate in case he or she or any person dependant on the member is in need of continued and prolonged medical treatment. The applicant shall provide the bank account details indicating clearly Savings Bank Account No, Name of the Bank, Address and IFSC Code.

3. The Member must disclose if he or she has availed any loan the SCBA under the SCBA Covid-19 Scheme, and or of any grant under the SCAORA COVID Scheme and/or from any other Bar Association or Bar Council. In case the applicant member has availed the same, details thereof must be disclosed in order to consider the application in Priority II.

4. In case the spouse of the applicant is a salaried employee particulars of such employment must be detailed in the application with name of the organisation in which employed. Similarly, in case the spouse is also a practising lawyer, the details must be mentioned.

5. To be eligible for the grant under the present Scheme, the gross annual income of the applicant should not have exceeded 8 lakhs in the Financial year 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. In support, the member is to produce the Income Tax Return for the financial year ending 31 March, 2019. In case a member does not have the required ITR, the member must file an undertaking by way of an affidavit, stating that his gross income was 8 lakhs or less in the financial year ending 31.03.2019.

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6. The applications will be received on line for a period of ten days commencing with effect from 21.05.2020. The applications will be scrutinised by a Committee of the EC constituted for this purpose and after due scrutiny will be put up for approval of the EC which may accept or reject such applications in its discretion. No representations in this regard will be entertained from the applicant. In case the application for the grant is approved the sum aforesaid will be released and credited to the bank account of the applicant through electronic transfer.

7. Any extenuating circumstance which the applicant may be facing to support the application like liability to pay house rent, recurring medical expenses if any, may also be mentioned so that the Committee would be in a position to prioritise the applicants in case the number of applications exceed available funds donated to SCBA for disbursal of grant.

The Executive Committee reserves its rights to alter and or amend the terms hereof. In due course, if additional funds are received as donation from Members in future, the EC will consider extending the Scheme to other class of members on such criteria as may be decided.

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