

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
AUDIT BRANCH**

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendments, in the General Provident Fund (West Bengal Services) Rules, as subsequently amended therein after referred to as the said rules, namely:—

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules after rule 15, insert the following rules and notes, namely :

15A—(1) Subject to the condition specified herein, withdrawals may be sanctioned by the authorities competent to sanction an advance for special reasons under clause (c) of sub-Rule (1) of Rule 15, at any time after the completion of twenty years of service (including broken period of service, if any) of a subscriber of within ten years before the date of his retirement on superannuation, whichever is earlier, from the amount standing to his credit in the fund, for one or more of the following purposes, namely:

(a) Meeting the cost of higher education, including where necessary, the travelling expenses of any child of the subscriber in the following cases, namely:

i) for education outside India for academic, technical, professional or vocational course beyond the High School stage; and

ii) for any medical, engineering, or other technical or specialized course in India beyond the High School stage provided that the course of study is for not less than three years.

(b) Meeting the expenditure in connection with the marriage of the subscriber's sons or daughters and any other female relation actually dependent on him.

(c) Meeting the expenses in connection with the illness, including where necessary, the travelling expenses, of the subscriber or any person actually dependent on him.

(d) Building or acquiring a suitable house for his residence including the cost of the site or repaying any outstanding amount on account of loan expressly taken for this purpose, or reconstructing, or making additions or alterations to a house already owned or acquired by a subscriber.

(e) Purchasing a house-site or repaying any outstanding amount on account of loan expressly taken, for this purpose.

(f) For constructing a house on a site purchased utilising the sum withdrawn under clause (e).

Note: A subscriber who has availed himself of an advance under the scheme for the grant of advances for house-building purpose or has been allowed any assistance in this regard from any other Government source shall be eligible for the grant of final withdrawal under clauses (d), (e) and (f) for the purposes specified therein and also for the purpose of repayment of any loan taken under the aforesaid scheme subject to the limit specified in the proviso to sub-Rule (1) of Rule 15B.

(2) The actual withdrawal from the Fund shall be made only on receipt of an authorisation from the Accounts Officer concerned who will arrange this as soon as the formal sanction of the sanctioning authority has been issued.

15B—(1) Any sum withdrawn by a subscriber at any one time for one or more of the purposes specified Rule 15A from the amount standing to his credit in the Fund, shall not ordinarily exceed one-half of such amount or six months' pay whichever is less. The sanctioning authority may, however, sanction the withdrawal of an amount in excess of this limit upto 3/4ths of the balance at his credit in the Fund having due regard to (i) the object for which the withdrawal is being made, (ii) the status of the subscriber and (iii) the amount to his credit in the fund : Provided that in the case of a subscriber who has availed himself of an advance under the scheme for the grant of advances for house-building purpose or has been allowed any assistance in this regard from any other Government source, the sum withdrawn under this sub-Rule together with the amount of advance taken under the aforesaid scheme or the assistance taken from any other Government source shall not exceed Rs. 75,000 or five years' pay, whichever is less.

(2) A subscriber who has been permitted to withdraw money from the Fund under Rule 15A shall satisfy the sanctioning authority within a reasonable period of the withdrawal as may be specified by that authority that the money has been utilized for the purpose for which it was withdrawn, and if he fails to do so, the whole of the sum so withdraw, or so much thereof as has not been applied for the purpose for which it was withdrawn shall forthwith be repaid in one lump-sum together with interest thereon at the rate specified under Rule 14 by the subscriber to the Fund and in default of such payment, it shall be ordered by the sanctioning authority to be recovered from his emoluments either in a lump-sum or in such number of monthly instalments, as may be determined by the Governor.

(3) Nothing in sub-Rule (2) shall be deemed to require a subscriber whose deposits in the Fund carry no interest, to pay any interest on any sum repayable by him under that sub-Rule.

Note: A subscriber should not be granted a second withdrawal for housebuilding purposes at any place if he has already been granted a final withdrawal for similar purposes on the same or another place. In other words final withdrawals should not be allowed for more than one house.

By order of the Governor.

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