

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
NAGALAND STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
HOME DEPARTMENT
NAGALAND: KOHIMA**

NO.NSDMA/CSSWF/2016,

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PRESS RELEASE

In view of certain rumours being floated on Social Media with regard to a Circular issued by Office of Commissioner, Nagaland calling for voluntary contributions to Chief Secretary Welfare Fund, it is felt necessary to issue this Press Release with regard to the operation of Chief Secretary Welfare Fund.

It is informed to all that the Chief Secretary's Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) has been created in pursuance of the decision taken during the AHODs/HODs meeting on the 19th February 2016. An Office Memorandum in this regard was also issued in August 2016.

The salient features of the Fund are as follows.

1. The Chief Secretary's Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) is overseen and administered by an Executive Committee consisting of the following:
 - a. Chief Secretary –Chairman
 - b. Development Commissioner - Member
 - c. Finance Commissioner – Member
 - d. Home Commissioner – Member Secretary
2. The Chief Secretary's Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) is utilized for extending Relief and for providing assistance to individuals and organizations/bodies within and outside the State for such causes as deemed fit by the Executive Committee.
3. The day to day functioning and operation of the Chief Secretary's Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) is monitored by a Steering Committee consisting of the following members:
 - a. Home Commissioner - Chairman
 - b. Secretary NSDMA &RR- Member Secretary
 - c. Addl. Secretary SAB (Home)- Member
 - d. Joint Secretary Finance- Member
 - e. OSD-NSDMA (Home)- Member
4. The Welfare Fund was set up through Voluntary contributions by requesting all Gazetted Officers in the State Government to contribute one day's salary every year to the Fund starting from the 1st April 2017. The contribution is purely on voluntary basis. Any Officer who is not willing to make a contribution can write to Home Commissioner through AHoD without giving any reason.
5. The Chief Secretary's Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) is audited at the end of every financial year by an internal audit committee which is set up by the Executive Committee.
6. An annual report on the operation of the Chief Secretary's Special Welfare Fund (CSSWF) is presented during the AHODs & HoDs meetings for ratification as well as decision taken by Executive Committee from time to time.

The Chief Secretary Special Welfare Fund has been set up by Government Officers through a resolution and contributions to the same are voluntary. One of the purposes for which the Welfare Fund has been utilised is for procurement of CD4 machines for AIDS Care. This clarification is being issued in view of carious comments on Social Media on the matter.

**(ABHISHEK SINGH)
Home Commissioner**