

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HOUSING DEPARTMENT
(P & W BRANCH)
NEW SECRETARIAT BUILDING, BLOCK-A, 1ST FLOOR,
1, K. S. ROY ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, KOLKATA-700001

No. 382 -H1/ HG/P/1B-5/2013

Dated, Kolkata, the 29th May, 2014.

MEMORANDUM

The Government in the Department of Housing has decided to modify the Housing Scheme for new construction of houses throughout the State of West Bengal for Economically Weaker Sections of People (EWS) who have no pucca house of their own or in the name of any member of their family.

The Scheme will continue in the name of '**GITANJALI**' only. The Scheme '**AMAR THIKANA**' will discontinue with effect from 01/04/2014 and will stand abolished and merged with '**GITANJALI**'. The '**GITANJALI**' Scheme would be re-casted on the pattern of IAY. The houses would be constructed by beneficiaries themselves and no contracting agency will be engaged for the purpose. All the revised guidelines will come into effect from 01/04/2014. Liabilities for the earlier allotted cases will be paid by the Housing Department and claim should be made by the Departments within the Financial Year 2014- 15 (by 31.01.2015) positively. If Departments fail to claim, then they will have to complete the schemes from their own budgetary fund. Thus the projects (houses) already under construction will not be affected and will continue to be financed under old financing norms i. e. vide this department's Memo no. 783-H1/1B-1/2009 (Pt.) dt. 23.12.2009.

After careful consideration of the matter a revised general guideline of the scheme has been framed as given hereunder :-

1. Category of Beneficiaries :

- a) Poor People in Rural and Urban areas.
- b) Poor People in Erosion/ Flood/ Other calamity affected/ Disaster prone areas.
- c) Poor People affected by Government Projects (As part of rehabilitation measures).

2. Income Criterion :-

The people having family income of Rs 6000/- per month or less are eligible. People in the BPL list will get priority.

3. Extent of application of the scheme :

The Scheme is applicable to all over the state of West Bengal including Rural and Urban areas.

4. Provision of Land :-

The Scheme will be implemented in Rural areas on the land to be provided by the beneficiary of his / her own land / patta land and must be free from all encumbrances. In case of urban areas where land of beneficiaries is not available, the Group Housing may be built on the land supplied by District Administration, Municipality or any Development Authority.

5. Area :-

The dwelling unit will be in the IAY pattern . District Authority will provide a low cost toilet in every case.

6. Cost of the dwelling Units :

a) In Rural Area and Urban Areas (plains areas) :-

As per IAY pattern of Rs 70,000/- per unit.

b) In Hilly/ Difficult and Sundarban Areas :-

As per IAY pattern of Rs 75,000/- per unit.

The mode of selection of beneficiaries of 'GITANAJALI' and 'IAY' would be however different.

7. Implementation :

Housing Department will implement the scheme through District Magistrate of the concerned District. He will nominate one of the Additional District Magistrate of the District to look after daily activities of the Scheme on his behalf. District Planning Officer of the District will act as Nodal

