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ON
THE KERALA COIR WORKERS' WELFARE FUND
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021
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SUBJECT COMMITTEE IV
INDUSTRY AND MINERALS
(2021-2023)
Composition

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Minister for Law, Industries and Coir.

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THE KERALA COIR WORKERS' WELFARE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021.

(Report of the Subject Committee)

The Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Bill No.60) was referred to Subject Committee IV (Industry and Minerals). Subject Committee IV considered the Bill clause by clause and now submits this report with the Bill as reported by the Subject Committee annexed thereto.

2. The Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was published as a Gazette Extraordinary dated September 29, 2021. The Bill was introduced in the Assembly on October 6, 2021 and was referred to Subject Committee IV on the same day.

3. The Committee considered the Bill clause by clause at the meeting held on 7th October 2021. The Committee recommends to adopt the Bill with the following modifications:—

Clause-2

After sub-clause (2) of Clause 2, the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely:—

(3) after sub-section (7), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“ (8) The Government may by notification in the Gazette, revise the rate of contribution specified in sub-sections (1), (2), (4) and the rate of grant specified in sub-section (3).

(9) Every notification under sub-section (8) shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is issued, before the Legislative Assembly while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days, which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the notification or decides that the notification should not be issued, the notification shall, thereafter, have effect only in such modified form or

be of no effect, as the case may be, so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that notification.”

4. All other changes are either verbal or consequential.

5. The minutes of dissent and the Bill reported by the Subject Committee are appended.

Thiruvananthapuram,
October 7, 2021.

P. RAJEEVE,
Chairman,
Subject Committee IV.

APPENDIX I

കേരള കയർ തൊഴിലാളി ക്ഷേമനിധിയുടെ സാമ്പത്തിക സ്രോതസ്സ് വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനായി കയർ തൊഴിലാളിയും, സ്വന്തമായി തൊഴിലിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നവരും ക്ഷേമനിധിയിലേയ്ക്ക് അടയ്ക്കുന്ന തുക 5 രൂപയിൽ നിന്നും 20 രൂപയായി വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനാണ് ബില്ലിൽ വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. ക്ഷേമനിധി ബോർഡിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തിക പ്രതിസന്ധി പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനായി തൊഴിലാളി വിഹിതം നാല് ഇരട്ടിയായി വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുകയും സർക്കാർ വിഹിതം തൊഴിലാളിയുടെ വിഹിതത്തിന്റെ പകുതിയായി കുറയ്ക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന തൊഴിലാളി വിരുദ്ധ സമീപനമാണ് ബില്ലിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾക്കുള്ളത്. ക്ഷേമനിധി അംശദായം പ്രതിവർഷം 60 രൂപയിൽ നിന്നും 240 രൂപയായി വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ, അംശദായം ഉയർത്തുന്നതിന് ആനുകൂല്യമായി ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങൾ യാതൊരു വർദ്ധനവും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല. അംശദായം ഉയർത്തിയതിന് ആനുകൂല്യമായി മാച്ചിംഗ് ഗ്രാന്റ് നൽകി ക്ഷേമനിധി ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങൾ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന് സർക്കാർ നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. മേൽപ്പറഞ്ഞ പ്രകാരവും തൊഴിലാളി വിരുദ്ധ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ ബില്ലിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകളോട് വിയോജിപ്പ് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

മഞ്ഞളാംകുഴി അലി

(ഒപ്പ്)

പി. സി. വിഷ്ണുനാഥ്

(ഒപ്പ്)

APPENDIX II

THE KERALA COIR WORKERS' WELFARE FUND
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

(As reported by the Subject Committee)

[The words side lined indicate the modifications suggested by the Subject Committee]

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further to amend the Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1987

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1987 (34 of 1987) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th day of February, 2021.

2. *Amendment of section 4.*—In the Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1987 (34 of 1987) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 4,—

(1) in sub-section (1), for the words “five rupees”, the words “twenty rupees” shall be substituted;

(2) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Government shall contribute to the Fund every year an amount equal to fifty per cent of the amount contributed by the coir workers and self employed persons, by way of grant, subject to a maximum of rupees ten per capita, per month.”;

(3) After sub-section (7), in the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“ (8) The Government may by notification in the Gazette, revise the rate of contribution specified in sub-sections (1), (2), (4) and the rate of grant specified in sub-section (3).

(9) Every notification under sub-section (8) shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is issued, before the Legislative Assembly while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days, which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the notification or decides that the notification should not be issued, the notification shall, thereafter, have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that notification.”.

3. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (135 of 2021) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature,
Thiruvananthapuram,
October 7, 2021.

S. V. UNNIKRISHNAN NAIR,
Secretary.