

THE KERALA COIR WORKERS' WELFARE FUND

(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

(As passed by the Assembly)

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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), 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 *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Kerala Coir Workers’ Welfare Fund (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (135 of 2021) is hereby repealed.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.

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