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Central Municipal Office Building,
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Municipal Commissioner's Office

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Municipal Commissioner's Circular No. 16 of 2017-18.

Sub: Revised Circular of SOMOBYATHI Scheme.

KMC is set to implement scheme SOMOBYATHI as per guidelines of Govt of West Bengal details of which has recently been sent by the State Govt. vide Memo No. 1151/1(300) - FB , dt.24/11/2016. The scheme is being implemented to give benefit to the poor people by providing one time financial assistance amounting to Rs.2000/- to next kin of family members in cash at Burning Ghat / Burial Ground at the time of issuance of cremation / burial certificate.

The salient points of the scheme and the decisions to be taken are detailed below:

1. This Welfare Scheme is to help the poor families living in the State of West Bengal for performing rites / rituals of Cremation / Burial / purchase of articles required for rituals / charges for carrying dead body / other incidental expenses.
2. This is one time benefit amounting to Cash payment of Rs 2000/- to next of kin of the deceased person and if not available, to the nearest family member of deceased person. In exceptional case, where the deceased person has left no family member or near relation and where such grant is essentially required to meet funeral expenses, any member of the immediate neighbourhood who will apply for issuance of cremation/burial certificates may submit an application for getting the assistance. The authorised officer may disburse the cash to him after careful examination of the case.
3. For obtaining Such assistance in cash followings documents are needed:-
 - a) Original Death Certificate
 - b) Written Application in plain paper.
 - c) BPL Certificate Or PAUPER CERTIFICATE or authorised letter of Councillor / MLA / MP certifying eligibility for getting one time help meant for poor families.
 - d) If BPL card/pauper certificate is not available copy of the digitalised Ration card or copy of RSBY card will be acceptable.
- 4a. In case, death occurs outside KMC area and body is cremated/buried in KMC burning ghat/burial ground, then cash assistance will also be provided as per Somobyathi Scheme along with Cremation Certificate.
- 4b. In case the body is cremated/buried outside KMC area and the incidence of death occurs in KMC area, then cash assistance during issuance of Death Certificate from KMC can be considered, after production of Non-drawal Certificate from respective ULB to avoid double payment.
5. Manager (System) Health will prepare software for online entries of all the records. The BPL list of KMC will be made available in the software for verification if necessary by Burning Ghat / Burial Ground. A validation on payment must be incorporated in the soft ware so that no duplicate payment is made.
6. For assisting Registrar at Burning Ghat / Burial Ground; extra man power will be provided with one person to each Registrar in each shift by CM (Personnel).

