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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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S.R.O. No. 53/2023—The following draft of certain rules to amend the Odisha Education (Employees Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Rules, 2017 which the State Government proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 27 read with sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the Odisha Education Act, 1969 (Odisha Act 15 of 1969), is hereby published as required under sub-section (1) of Section 27 of the said Act for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the *Odisha Gazette*.

Any suggestion or objection which may be received by the Secretary to the Government in the Department of School & Mass Education from any person with respect to the said draft before expiry of the period so specified will be considered by the State Government.

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1. Short title and commencement —(1) These rules may be called the Odisha Education (Employees' Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Amendment Rules, 2022.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Education (Employees' Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Rules, 2017, in Rule 5 for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

“(1) An *ex gratia* of Rs. 5 lakhs (Rupees five lakhs) shall be paid to the next of kin of any employees who dies while in service and in case of permanent incapacitation, an *ex gratia* of Rs. 3.5 lakhs (Rupees three lakhs fifty thousand) shall be paid to such employees.”

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By order of the Governor

ASWATHY S.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government