INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

IMA Dedicated fund (for IMA Covid martyrs) ordinance (02/2020)

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I, Dr Rajan Sharma, National President of Indian Medical Association by the powers vested in me by Bye laws 37 F proclaim the institution of IMA Dedicated fund (for IMA Covid martyrs) ordinance (02/2020) on this twenty sixth day of October two thousand and twenty.

Preamble:
Covid 19 pandemic has had a serious impact on members of IMA who are in the frontline of Covid care and control. As of today 624 modern medicine doctors have sacrificed their lives in the service of the nation for Covid care.

Indian Medical Association hereby institute a dedicated fund to financially help the families of IMA members who are Covid 19 martyrs. This will exclude the families who have access to the Government solatium and compensation as well as the doctors who were more than 70 years of age.

Relevance and Privilege
Object III 2 of the memorandum of the Association directs and empowers IMA to uphold the interest of the medical profession.

Methods IV 12 of the memorandum empowers the Association to raise money by donations.

IMA Benevolent Fund 70 A Objects a and d enable IMA to help its members and their families.

Source of Funding
The donations raised from the members and the public including registered firms will be parked separately in the name of Indian Medical Association.

The contribution from the IMA Benevolent Fund, the quantum of which would be decided by the National President to be ratified by the Central Working Committee will be transferred to this dedicated account and will form the seed money.

Eligibility criteria for financial help

a. The deceased should have been a life member of Indian Medical Association on the date of death.

b. The cause of death of the member should be due to Covid 19 disease.

c. The member should have been in active practice while acquiring Covid 19.

d. The deceased member should be below the age of 70 years at the time of death.

e. The deceased member should not be eligible for any grant or compensation from the Central or State Governments.
Flexibility criteria

Irrespective of membership and age the case of a modern medicine doctor who has martyred in the service of the nation in Covid 19 will be taken up by the National President of IMA by an appeal from the family if there are genuine situations of need for help.

Who can apply

The legal heir of the deceased member of Indian Medical Association can apply for financial help.

The legal heir can submit the application to the local branch secretary of IMA who will forward it through the State Secretary of IMA to the Honorary Secretary General of IMA. The local branch secretary or the state secretary or the Honorary Secretary General can initiate the process suo moto as well.

Scrutiny and sanction

The scrutiny of the applications and the sanction of the money will be done by the team of office bearers at IMA Hq consisting of

1. National President
2. Immediate Past National President
3. National President Elect
4. National Vice Presidents as per jurisdiction
5. Honorary Secretary General
6. Honorary Finance Secretary

The Quantum of money to be paid will be decided by the National President in consultation with the above team of office bearers as per the availability of funds. The quantum will be determined as per the family situation including employment, income, children, assets, liabilities etc. Money will be paid to the legal heir. In case of more than one legal heir the money will be divided equally between the heirs.

Operation

1. The fund will be operated as per the rules and byelaws of Indian Medical Association
2. Scrutiny and oversight of the accounts will be done by the Finance Standing Committee of IMA.
3. Accounts shall be audited by the auditor of IMA.
4. HSG shall formulate the operational procedures and the application form.

Dissolution

If there is excess of fund after disbursal at the end of one year the money will be transferred to the IMA Benevolent Fund.

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