

**ODISHA BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' WELFARE BOARD**  
(Office of the Labour Commissioner, Odisha, Bhubaneswar)

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Letter No. 835 (30) / OB&OCWWB date 25.04.2018

**From: Sri Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, I.A.S.,**  
**Labour Commissioner, Odisha-cum-**  
**Member Secretary, OB&OCWW Board.**

**To**

**All Collector and District Magistrates.**

**Sub.: Clarification for sanction of marriage assistance extended under the Odisha Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.**

**Ref.:** This office Memo No. 969 (30) dated 28.04.2016.

**Madam/ Sir,**

With reference to the above subject, I am to say that while delegating the sanctioning power of different benefits extended by the Board to the district level, guidelines for sanction of such benefits were also circulated wherein marriage certificate issued by Sarpanch / Chairman of Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parisada Member/ Councillor / Corporator / Executive Officers of ULBs was being entertained for grant of marriage assistance. Subsequently, instances of large number of fake marriage certificates were detected at different districts. Hence, in the monthly review meeting of District Labour Officers held on 23.07.2015 in presence of the Hon'ble Minister Labour and ESI and the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Board, it was decided that for sanction of marriage assistance the certificate issued by Sarpanch will not be entertained and certificate issued by Government officers would only be taken into account.

However, in the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Odisha Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board held on 25.04.2016, the Board members espoused their concern regarding pendency of different benefit applications at district level. Hence, the Board approved that all applications of marriage assistance pending at district level, without accompanied with marriage certificate issued by the competent marriage registering authority can be approved on submission of marriage certificate issued by the competent authority or self affidavit before the Executive Magistrate by

the applicant. However, the applicants may also be asked for further verification if required by the competent authority.

The District Labour Officers were accordingly instructed to follow the above direction strictly in letter and spirit. However, it is learnt that while sanctioning pending marriage applications, some of the districts are not entertaining the self affidavit made before the Executive Magistrate.

It is therefore requested to follow the above direction issued vide letter No. 967 dt. 28.04.2016 (copy enclosed) and entertain the self affidavit made before the Executive Magistrate in case of applications received prior to 23.07.2015, in view of the observation / feedback that in such old cases the applicants face difficulties in obtaining marriage certificates now.

Yours faithfully,

  
Labour Commissioner, Odisha-cum-  
Member Secretary, OB&OCWWB

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District Labour Officer for of information and necessary action.

  
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Member Secretary, OB&OCWWB