The Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 2002

(Bill No. 5 of 2002)

(To be introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa)
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A BILL

further to amend the Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1964 (Act 3 of 1965).

Be it enacted by the legislative Assembly of Goa in the fifty-second year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Act, 2002.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from 1-2-2002.

2. Amendment of section 4.— In section 4 of the Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1964 (Act 3 of 1965), the expression, “and in addition, a sum equal to the electricity and water charges, if any, paid by him in respect of his place of residence” shall be omitted.
Statement of Objects and Reasons

In terms of section 4 of the Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1964 (Act 3 of 1965), each Minister shall be entitled without any payment, to the use and maintenance of a furnished residence throughout his term of office and for a period of fifteen days immediately thereafter, and so long as such residence is not provided, to a compensatory allowance of seven thousand rupees per month and in addition, a sum equal to the electricity and water charges, if any, paid by him in respect of his place of residence.

The matter has now been re-considered by the Government and it is noted that payment of Rs. 7000/- per month as compensatory allowance is in lieu of rent free accommodation and its maintenance. Hence, further provision for payment of electricity and water charges in respect of the personally owned residence of the Minister is not justified. It is, therefore, proposed to suitably amend section 4 of the Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1964 (Act 3 of 1965) so as to do away with the aforesaid provision relating to payment of electricity and water charges in respect of the personally owned residence of the Ministers.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

Financial Memorandum

There is no financial implication involved in the proposed Amendment, as it is proposed to suitably amend the section 4 of the Goa Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1964 (Act 3 of 1965).
SECTION 4

4. Residence of Minister.— Each Minister shall be entitled, without any payment, to the use and maintenance of a furnished residence throughout his term of office and for a period of fifteen days immediately thereafter, and so long as such residence is not provided, to a compensatory allowance of seven thousand rupees per month, and in addition, a sum equal to the electricity and water charges, if any, paid by him in respect of his place of residence”.

Explanation.— for the purpose of this Section,

(i) ‘residence’ includes the staff quarters and other buildings appurtenant thereto and the garden thereof but does not include such portion of the residence or buildings appurtenant thereto as is exclusively set apart for use as office at the residence and is used as such;

(ii) “maintenance” in relation to a residence includes payment of local rates and taxes and provision of electricity and water, which shall be paid by the Government.”

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