NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by section 23, read with section 17 and section 18, of the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 (West Ben. Act XXXIX of 1979) (hereinafter referred to as the Act), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following rules:

RULES

1. Short title—These rules may be called the West Bengal Public Libraries (Local Library Authority Fund) Rules, 1984.

2. Local Fund Account-A Local Fund Account in the name of Local Library Authority in each district shall be opened at the District Treasury and the withdrawal out of the account shall be made by the “(District Magistrate or the Deputy Commissioner, as the case may be, as) Chairman of Local Fund Authority and the District Library Officer as Secretary of Local Fund Authority or the District Social Education Officer, who may discharge the functions of the District Library Officer, as the case may be.

3. Payments—

   (1) All payments of grants to the Libraries shall be made by Account Payee cheques.

   (2) Salaries, allowances, Provident Fund contribution, pension, deputation salaries and / or allowances, gratuity, etc may be paid to the (i) staff and officer of Local Library Authority, (ii) staff of different categories of Libraries under its control as per scales and allowances approved by Government and as per instructions of the Director of Library Services and / or order of Government.

   (3) Maintenance grant other than salaries and allowances, deputation salary and / or allowances, gratuity, pension, or provident fund contribution may be paid from the Fund to different categories of Libraries as per orders of Government and / or instructions of the Director of Library Services.

   (4) Any other incidental charges including traveling expenses/dear-ness allowance to the staff and members of Local Library Authority, and expenditure for holding seminar, exhibition and training for improvement of Public Library Services may be paid from the Fund subject to its availability after obtaining approval from the Director of Library Service and / or Government.

4. Monthly statements and annual accounts—

   (1) Monthly statement of receipt and payment as well as annual statement of accounts of the Fund shall be maintained by the District Library Officer as Secretary of Local Library Authority of the respective district through introduction of appropriate Books of Accounts for information of Local Library Authority / State Library Council / Director of Library Services and the Government as well as for the information of the individual member of Local Library Authority / State Library Council.

   (2) Such Annual Accounts shall be maintained and audited in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 18 of the Act.

5. Audit and inspection of accounts—The Local Library Authority or the Secretary thereof of the respective district may make necessary arrangement for audit and inspection of the accounts of any Library receiving grants of any type from it by appointing qualified auditors and officials respectively. Subject to the approval of the Director of Library Services and / or the Government.
NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 (West Bengal Act XXXIX of 1979), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendment in the West Bengal Public Libraries (Local Libraries Authority Fund) Rules, 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules):

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, to rule 2, add the following proviso:— "Provided that in respect of the Local Library Authority, Calcutta, a Local Fund Account in the name of Local Library Authority, Calcutta shall be opened at the Treasury of Calcutta Pay and Accounts Office and withdrawal out of the account shall be made by the Director of Library Services as Chairman of the Local Library Authority and the District Library Officer as Secretary of the Local Library Authority or the District Social Education Officer, who may discharge the functions of the District Library Officer, as the case may be.

By order of the Governor.

Sd/- A. K. Bose
Secy, to the Govt, of West Bengal

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by section 23, read with section 17 and Section 18, of the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 (West Bengal Act XXXIX of 1979), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendment in the West Bengal Public Library (Local Library Authority Fund) Rules, 1984, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the said rules):

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, for rule 2, substitute the following rules:— 2. Local Fund Account—(1) A Local Fund Account in the name of the Local Library Authority in each district shall be opened at the District Treasury and the withdrawal out of the said account shall be made by the District Magistrate or his nominee, not below the rank of Sub-Divisional Officer, as the Chairman of the Local Library Authority and the District Library Officer as the Secretary of the Local Library Authority or the District Social Education Officer, discharging the functions of the District Library Officer as the case may be.
NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by section 23, read with 17 and section 18, of the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 (West Bengal Act XXXIX of 1979), the Governor is pleased to make the following amendments in the West Bengal Public Libraries (Local Library Authority Fund) Rules, 1934, published under this Department Notification No. 290-Edn (SE), dated 21st April, 1984, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) :—

Amendments

In the said rules, (i) in rule 2, (a) for sub rule (4), substitute the following sub-rule :—

"(4) The receipts and payments shall be exhibited under the head "8448-Deposits of Local Fund-120-Other Funds-Local Library Authority of the State Budget" ;

(5) after sub-rule (5), insert the following sub-rules :—

(6) The Treasuries shall maintain the banking account of the transactions of Funds and furnish the monthly plus-minus memoranda of such transactions to the office of the Accountant General (A and E) West Bengal along with list of payments / Cash Account.

(7) The balance as credit on the account are subject to verification in accordance with the provisions of S. R. 444 of the West Bengal Treasury Rules, volume 1, read with Finance Department (Audit Branch) Memo No. 13092-F dated the 1st November, 1983.

(8) The Secretary of each Local Library Authority should obtain the prior approval of the Office of the Accountant General (A and E), West Bengal for operating the Personal Ledger Account :—

(2) for rule 5, substitute the following rules :—

"Audit and inspection of accounts—The Secretary of the Local Library Authority shall make necessary arrangements for audit and inspection of accounts of any Library receiving grants of any type by appointing qualified auditors and officials, respectively, subject to the approval of Director of Library Services and / or the Government.

The detailed account of the Local Library Authority shall be maintained by the Secretary of the Local Library Authority and shall be subject to audit by India Audit and Accounts Department.

By order of the Governor

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