The office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) invites applications from the eligible Master Craftsperson who have completed the age of 60 years on or before 31st March, 2018 for the financial year 2017-18 for Financial Assistance in Indigent Circumstances @ Rs. 3,500/- (Rs. Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) per month in the guidelines as detailed below:-

1. Master craftsperson who are the recipient of Shilp Guru Awards, National Awards or Merit Certificates or State Award in Handicrafts will be eligible for being considered for financial assistance.
2. The annual income of the artisans will not be Rs. 50,000/- or more. An income certificate signed by an officer of Rank 1st class Magistrate is necessary as a proof of income.
3. The applicant should not be a recipient of similar financial assistance from any other source.
4. The artisans should not be less than 60 years of age on 31st March, 2018. Age may be relaxed in case of artisans with disabilities.
5. Details of the applicant filled application should be verified as per guideline of the scheme and his photo on the application should be attested by the concerned officer of HM&SEC/CWTSC/Regional Office, before recommending the application to this office.
6. The award certificate & Photographs should be verified and attested by the concerned Assistant Director/Regional Office of the O/o the DC (Handicrafts).
7. Required Certificate/affidavit regarding age, Income and non-receipt of any financial assistance from other sources should be issued by District Commissioner/Dy. Commissioner/District Collector/1st class Magistrate.

The interested eligible Master craftsperson may submit their application in the prescribed Performa to the concerned Handicrafts Marketing & Service Extension Centre/Regional Design and Technical Development Centres/CWTSC/Regional Office of this department latest by 15.07.2018 to enable them to forward the same with their comments/recommendation to this office latest by 31.07.2018. The Details of the scheme/guidelines/prescribed performs well as other requisite details may be obtained from HM&SEC/CWTSC/RD&TDC. Regional Offices and downloaded from office website Click Here http://www.handicrafts.nic.in/pdf/FORM_OF_APPLICATION_FOR_GRANT_OFFINANCIAL.pdf

The address and telephone number and other requisite information regarding nearby field offices may be obtained from the Regional Office of this department as detailed below:-

1. Regional Director (Central Regional), O/o the DC (Handicrafts), Kendriya Bhawan, 7th Floor, Aliganj, Sector-H, Lucknow-226024 (U.P.). Ph. No. 0522-2324033, Fax. No. 0522-2763056
2. Regional Director (Western Region), O/o the DC (Handicrafts), 294, P. Nariman Point, Haroon House, Fort, Mumbai-400001. Ph. No. 022-22661959, Fax No. 022-22660911
3. Regional Director (Northern Region), O/o the DC (Handicrafts), West Block No. 8 R.K. Puram, New Delhi-66, Ph. No. 011-26109760, 26175784, Fax. No. 011-26168479
4. Regional Director (Southern Region), O/o the DC (Handicrafts), Shastri Bhawan, 26, Haddows Road, Chennai-600006. (Tamil Nadu). Ph. No. 044-28276321, Fax No. 044-28270078
5. Regional Director (Eastern Region), O/o the DC (Handicrafts), CGO Complex, A-Wing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700064 (W.B.) Ph. No. 033-23345403,23596744, Fax No. 033-23345601
6. Regional Director (North Eastern Region), O/o the DC (Handicrafts), Central Block, 2nd floor, Housefed, Office Complex, Beltola Bashista Road, Guwahati-781006 (Assam). Ph. No. 0361-2266123, Fax No. 0361-2260174

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