



Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers Meeting

Why in News?

In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on July 14, 2022, many important decisions were taken along with the approval of the draft Bill, 2022 in the Chhattisgarh Ministers (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1972.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it was approved to implement the new fisheries policy in place of the prevailing fish policy in the state. In the new fisheries policy, a provision has been made to give productivity bonus to the fishermen.
- The proposal for sanction of creation of District Strike Force cadre by abolishing the sanctioned posts of Assistant Guards in the State was approved. This will remove the pay anomaly of the Assistant Guards of the Police Department and all the Assistant Guards of the State will get regular pay scales.
- In the context of the Transfer Policy, 2022, it was decided that a Cabinet Sub-Committee will be constituted in this regard, on the basis of whose suggestion/recommendation the approval of the Chief Minister will be obtained.
- The draft of Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill, 2022 was approved in the Legislative Assembly for the first supplementary estimate year 2022-2023.
- The draft of the Salary and Allowances Amendment Bill, 2022 of the Honorable Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Leader of the Opposition and Members of the Legislative Assembly was approved.
- The draft Bill, 2022, which was amended in the Chhattisgarh Ministers (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1972 was approved.
- The proposal to increase the annual amount provided in the Chief Minister's voluntary donation item from Rs.40 crore to Rs.70 crore was approved.
- The proposal for enhancement of 'Additional Excise Duty' for the year 2022-23 to reimburse the excise revenue target and requirement of additional amount for development of Gothan and other development activities was approved.
- Necessary amendments were made in the procedure for grant of compassionate appointment to the dependent family member in case of untimely death of the officers/employees of the Dissolved Transport Corporation.
- The proposal for the Chhattisgarh Ground Water (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022 was approved.
- The proposal to extend the period of **One Time Settlement** Scheme-2020 from 1st April, 2022 to March, 2023 was approved before and after the formation of the State of Chhattisgarh.
- Due to the adverse effects of industrial and economic slowdown, a proposal for relaxation of energy charges under the Special Relief Package from 1st July, 2022 to 31st March, 2023 was approved by the State Government to keep the Stand Alone Rolling Mill under HHV-4 category of steel industry competitive.
- Further amendment to the Chhattisgarh Electricity Tariff Act, 1949 (No.C.,1949) was further approved.

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