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## Jharkhand Council of Ministers | Jharkhand | 16 Jul 2022

### Why in News?

- A number of important decisions were taken at a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on July 15, 2022.

### Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it has been decided to provide 75 percent reservation for local people in appointments up to 40,000 rupees salary in the private sector.
  - Taking a step towards providing the benefits of the old pension scheme to the state employees, the Government decided to constitute a three-member committee under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner. The committee will have Principal Secretary, Department of Finance and Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel as members. It is only on the recommendation of this Committee that the draft implementation of the old pension scheme will be prepared.
  - The Council of Ministers has decided to extend the benefit of the old pension scheme to those personnel whose appointment process was completed by December 1, 2004 (the date of implementation of the New Pension Scheme) but who could not get the appointment letter.
  - In addition, the Cabinet approved the extension of the period under the pre-run Centrally Sponsored Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan Yojana-2.0 till further orders of the Central Government.
  - The Council of Ministers has decided that those consuming up to 100 units of monthly power in the state will get free electricity. There are about 31 lac 52 thousand 773 consumers in rural and urban areas who consume less than 100 units of electricity. The electricity bill of such consumers will be completely waived off.
  - The Council of Ministers approved the implementation of the Seventh Revised Pension with effect from 01.01.2016 to the retired teachers/scientists/office bearers-director, founder, registrar and other equivalent pensioners of Birsa Agricultural University, Kanke.
  - Other decisions of the Council of Ministers-
    - Approval of the Azim Premji University Bill, 2022 was approved.
    - Approval was given for rationalization of existing posts of professors and creation of new posts in Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University.
    - The Pandit Raghunath Murmu Tribal University Bill, 2022 was approved.
    - A family court was sanctioned in Ramgarh district.
    - The PREJHA Foundation has been entrusted with the operation of 8 new polytechnic colleges opened at Khunti, Chatra, Lohardaga, Hazaribagh, Jamtara, Godda, Bagodar and Palamu.
    - The State Council of Ministers has also approved the proposal for restructuring of the Finance Department. Under this, 505 old posts have been surrendered and 515 new posts have been created.
    - The state government has decided that Tana Bhagats will be given Rs.4000 annually for buying clothes twice a year. This benefit will be available to all Tana Bhagats above the age of 25 years.
  - The cabinet has decided to give 1 kg of Chickpeas dal to all the ration card holder families of the state at the rate of Rs 1 per month. Along with this, approval was given to the process of simplification for amendment in ration cards under the public distribution system.
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