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further to amend the Kerala Tailoring Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 1994.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Tailoring Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 1994 (16 of 1994) for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Tailoring Workers’ Welfare Fund (Amendment) Act, 2011.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 7.*—In sub-section (1) of section 7 and the proviso thereto of the Kerala Tailoring Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 1994 (16 of 1994), for the words “five rupees each per worker per month” and “three rupees each per worker exceeding hundred, per month”, the words “ten rupees each per worker per month”, and “seven rupees each per worker exceeding hundred, per month”, shall respectively be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the circumstances in which the registration of employees is very low and the receipt of contribution to the Fund is also too low, with the objectives to collect more contribution by expediting the registration of employers, to enhance the contribution of members according to the increase being made in the benefits of the members and the Board to attain self-sufficiency, the Government made amendments in the Kerala Tailoring Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 1994 in the year 2008. Though the beneficiary contribution was enhanced, the employer contribution and Government contribution were not enhanced. To a question in this respect, the Government had given assurance to the Legislative Assembly

that according to the financial position of the Government, enhancement of Government contribution is not under consideration for the time being, but the matter of enhancement of employer contribution would be considered.

This Bill is intended to achieve the above object.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill, if enacted and brought into operation, would not involve any additional expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

SHIBU BABY JOHN.

EXTRACT FROM THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE KERALA
TAILORING WORKERS' WELFARE FUND ACT, 1994

(16 OF 1994)

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7. *Contribution to the Fund.*—(1) Every tailoring worker and every self employed person shall pay twenty rupees per month and every employer, on the basis of the number of tailoring workers engaged by him, shall pay five rupees each per worker per month respectively as contribution :

Provided that in the establishments where more than hundred workers are working, it is sufficient for the employer to pay to the Fund, three rupees each per worker exceeding hundred, per month.

(2) Every employer shall alongwith the amount of monthly contribution in respect of each tailoring worker engaged by him pay to the Fund fifteen rupees including the amount of workers' contribution.

(3) The amount which has been remitted by the employer as contribution of a tailoring worker can be deducted from the salary of the tailoring worker notwithstanding any contract to the contrary but shall not be so deducted in any other manner.

(4) The Government shall contribute to the Fund every year by way of grant an amount equal to ten per cent of the contribution paid by tailoring workers and self-employed persons in a year :

Provided that where the amount of monthly contribution increases above ten rupees, the Government have no liability to provide grant to the Fund in proportion to such increase.

(5) The contribution shall be paid to the Chief Executive Officer or to any officer of the Board authorised by the Board or in any other manner as may be decided by the Board in this behalf.

(6) The amount of contribution collected shall be deposited in the Treasury Savings Bank Account of the State or in a Nationalized Bank or Scheduled Bank or Co-operative Bank.

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