Important Decisions of Jharkhand Council of Ministers

Why In News?

 On September 14, 2022, along with the approval of the formation of Jharkhand Electric Vehicle Policy-2022, many other important decisions were taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held in the Ministry of Jharkhand.

Key Points

- Keeping in view the low rainfall and low crop cover in the state, it was approved to provide seeds to the farmers at 90% subsidy for contingency and rabi 2022-23 crops for expansion of contingency and rabi crops in the state.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India approved the amended Jharkhand State Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2022 by adopting the draft Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2017 with certain amendments as per the model Act draft.
- In order to provide fresh hot nutrition to the beneficiaries by cooking fresh hot nutrition in Anganwadi centers and mini Anganwadi centers of the state, approval was given to revise the rate of LPG combination and LPG cylinder in the scheme of supply of gas cylinders and cooking stoves under the state scheme.
- Regarding the amendment in Schedule 1 'A' of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and the repeal of the Bihar Recreation Duty Court Fee and Section 5 of the Stamps (Revision of Surcharge) Act, 1948, the Governor's reply on the Jharkhand Finance Bill, 2021 presented earlier. After withdrawing the objection, consent was given on the Jharkhand Finance Bill, 2022.
- In the light of difficulties in the operation/ implementation of 'Mukhyamantri Pashudhan Vikas Yojana' under central plan/state plan, necessary amendment proposal was approved.
- To set up PMU (Project Management Unit) by selecting the Empanelled Agency 'Price Waterhouse Coopers Private Limited' of NICSI on the basis of nomination under Rule 245 of the Financial Rules under the Department of Higher and Technical Education for the implementation of the New Education Policy, 2020 in the state. Approval given.
- Approval was given to appoint Dr. Mary Neelima Kerketa (Retd. IAS) as the Chairman of Jharkhand Public Service Commission, Ranchi.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (Mid-Day Meal Scheme), it was approved to
 provide eggs/fruits or milk five days a week as supplementary nutrition to the children studying in
 schools.
- The pay revision of the state's judicial officers was approved in the light of the recommendation made by the Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC).
- The Jharkhand Reservation in Vacancies of Posts and Services Act, 2001 (as amended) was approved to amend the Bill, 2022.
- Approval was given for implementation of dress supply scheme to children of Anganwadi centers under the State Scheme to provide Winter Uniform to children of 03-06 years attending Anganwadi centers.
- MoU was approved between Azim Premji Foundation and the State Government to make available 120-150 acres of land on 99 years long-term lease for the establishment of the proposed Azim Premji University (Private University), Ranchi.
- It approved the constitution of the Bill, 2022 to extend the definition of local persons of Jharkhand and consequent social, cultural and other benefits to such local persons for the definition and

identification of 'local resident of Jharkhand'.

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