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PART I.—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DEPARTMENT OF SELF HELP GROUP & SELF EMPLOYMENT

NOTIFICATION

No. I/57294/2019-SHGSE-13099/12/2019-SECTION (SHGSE)-Dept. of SHG&SE.—14th August, 2019.—It has been under the consideration of the State Government to introduce a scheme for Financial Assistance to SHGs to strengthen the Self Help Group movement and empower the deprived rural and urban population participating in SHGs. Now I am directed, by order of the Governor, to set down the guidelines for its implementation.

1. **Short Title:** The “Scheme for Financial Assistance to SHGs” shall be called **জাগো (JAAGO)**.
2. **Objective:** To strengthen the Self Help Group movement and empower the deprived rural and urban population participating in SHGs.
3. **Commencement:** The scheme would come into effect from the financial year 2019 -2020. It shall be a continuous scheme.
4. **Financial Assistance:** An eligible group of SHGs shall be entitled to get a financial assistance of Rs. 5,000/- per annum. The fund may be used as per the decision of the group. Using the assistance as Revolving fund may help in leveraging higher cash credit limit (CCL)/ Term loan.
5. **Eligibility:** A group may be considered eligible after
 - a) A groups received cash credit limit or term loan or
 - b) All graded groups or
 - c) All groups matching the following conditions
 - (i) 1 year from formation of SHG or 6 months from opening of an account whichever is earlier and
 - ii) Minimum deposit of Rs. 5000/- in the account.