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MALTA**KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI****HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Agatha Barbara, M.P., Ministru tax-Xoghol, Ghajnuna Soċjali u Kultura, u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta ta' l-14 ta' Frar, 1977.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Agatha Barbara, M.P., Minister of Labour, Welfare and Culture, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 14th February, 1977.

ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar l-Għajnuna Nazzjonali.

AN ACT further to amend the National Assistance Act, 1956.

C. MIFSUD*Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati***C. MIFSUD***Clerk to the House of Representatives*

ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI

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ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar l-Għajnuna Nazzjonali.

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:—

Titolu fil-qosor
u bidu fis-sehh.

1. (1) Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-1977 li jemenda l-Att dwar l-Għajnuna Nazzjonali, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar l-Għajnuna Nazzjonali, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att prinċipali".

(2) Dan l-Att għandu jitqies li beda jsehh fis-7 ta' Marzu, 1977.

Emenda ta'
l-artikolu 12
ta' l-Att
prinċipali.

2. L-artikolu 12 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) id-disposizzjoni preżenti għandha tiġi numerata mill-ġdid bħala subartikolu (1) tiegħu, u

(b) minnufih wara s-subartikolu (1) tiegħu għandu jżidied is-subartikolu ġdid li ġej:

"(2) Meta talba għal għajnuna taht dan l-Att għandu jkollha magħha ċertifikat mediku, ebda ċertifikat bħal dak ma jkun aċċettat bħala validu jekk ikun iffirmat minn tabib li jkun ukoll membru tal-Kamra tad-Deputati."

Emenda ta'
l-Ewwel Skeda
li tinsab ma'
l-Att prinċipali.

3. L-Ewwel Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandha tiġi emendata kif ġej:

(a) minflok il-Paragrafu Wiehed tagħha għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

"Paragrafu Wiehed

RATA TA' SKALA

Numru ta' persuni fil-familja	Kolonna A £	Kolonna B £	Kolonna Ċ £
1	6.50,0	6.20,0	2.05,0
2	8.45,0	8.05,0	2.65,0
3	10.15,0	9.70,0	3.20,0
4	11.75,0	11.25,0	3.75,0
5	13.15,0	12.55,0	4.15,0
6	14.35,0	13.70,0	4.55,0
7	15.35,0	14.70,0	4.85,0
8	16.25,0	15.55,0	5.15,0
9	16.80,0	16.05,0	5.30,0
10	17.30,0	16.55,0	5.55,0
11	17.80,0	17.00,0	5.65,0
12 jew iżjed	18.30,0	17.50,0	5.80,0

Kolonna A tapplika meta l-familja ma tkunx proprjetarja tad-dar ta' residenza jew parti minnha.

Kolonna B tapplika meta l-familja tkun proprjetarja tad-dar ta' residenza li l-valur tagħha ma jkunx iżjed minn £750.

Kolonna Ċ tapplika meta l-familja tkun proprjetarja tad-dar ta' residenza li l-valur tagħha ma jkunx iżjed minn £3,000," u

(b) minflok il-figura "38c5" fil-Paragrafu Tnejn tagħha għandha tidhol il-figura "40c".

4. (1) Il-paragrafu 1 tat-Tieni Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) il-partita (ċ) tas-sub-paragrafu (1) tiegħu għandha tiġi numerata mill-ġdid bhala partita (f);

(b) minflok il-partita (b) ta' l-imsemmi sub-paragrafu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

"(b) il-valur fil-gimgha ta' kull dhul miġbur jew li jista' jingabar minn kull membru tal-familja, hliet xi dhul li jkun ġej minn investiment jew użu bi qliegh ta' proprjetà u xi paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor ta' xi membru tal-familja li ma jkunx il-kap tal-familja jew, jekk il-kap tal-familja jkun il-missier, ma jkunx martu:

Izda m'għandu jittiehed kont ta' —

(i) ebda ghajnuna taht dan l-Att jekk ma tkunx ghajnuna dwar lebbra;

(ii) ebda benefiċċju għal mard imhallas minn soċjetà karitattiva jew *trade union*;

(iii) ebda somma mħallsa minn fond ta' karità;

(iv) ebda pensjoni mħallsa taht l-Att dwar il-Pensjonijiet lil Nisa Romol u Tfal Iltiema, taht l-Iskim ta' l-1941 għal Malta dwar il-Korrimenti fil-Persuna li jiġru lil Pajzani, jew bhala konsegwenza ta' korrimenti jew mewt li jkunu graw minhabba gwerra; jew

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(v) ebda allowance taht it-Taqsima VIII ta' l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali;

(c) terz tal-paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor fil-gimgha, ta' wlied il-kap tal-familja;

(d) terz tal-paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor fil-gimgha ta', jew ta' xi pensjoni ricevuta minn, hut il-kap tal-familja meta la l-missier u lanqas l-omm ma jkunu l-kap tal-familja;

(e) nofs il-paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor fil-gimgha ta', jew ta' xi pensjoni ricevuta minn, xi membru iehor tal-familja barra mill-kap tal-familja jew, meta l-kap tal-familja jkun il-missier, ta' martu;"; u

(c) minnufih wara s-sub-paragrafu (3) tieghu ghandu jzied il-paragrafu gdid li ghej:

"(4) Ghall-finijiet ta' dan il-paragrafu, "paga jew salarju" tfisser il-paga jew is-salarju totali barra kull spejjez li jsiru ghal tragitt minn u ghall-post tax-xoghol."

(2) Minflok il-kliem "tal-paragrafu 1 (1) (b) (iv)" fil-paragrafu 2 ta' l-imsemmija Skeda ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "tal-partiti (d) u (e) tas-sub-paragrafu (1) tal-paragrafu 1".

Emenda tat-Tielet Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

5. Minnufih wara l-partita 11 tal-Parti I tat-Tielet Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali ghandha tizdied il-partita gdida li ghejja:

"12. Il-marda ta' *Paget*:

(a) il-marda ġeneralizzata ta' *Paget* li turi attività kif murija minn livell ta' *alkaline phosphatase* ta' mhux inqas minn 100 *King Armstrong Units*;

(b) il-marda spinali ta' *Paget* li tipproduci sintomi newrologici."

Sostituzzjoni tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

6. Minflok ir-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali ghandu jidhol dan li ghej:

"IR-RABA' SKEDA

Artikoli 8, 25

Rati ta' Skala tal-Qagħda Finanzjarja li jirregolaw l-Għajmuna għal Mard

Numru ta' persuni fil-familja	Rata ta' Skala
	£
1	5.50,0
2	6.75,0
3	8.00,0
4	9.20,0
5	10.45,0
6	11.65,0
7	12.90,0
8	14.10,0
9 jew iżjed	15.35,0"

7. Minflok il-Hames Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

Sostituzzjoni tal-Hames Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

“IL-HAMES SKEDA

Artikoli 8, 9, 25

Rati ta' Skala tal-Qagħda Finanzjarja li jirregolaw l-Għajnuna ta' Sptar jew Istitut u Għoti ta' Għajnuna Medika

Numru ta' persuni fil-familja	Rata ta' Skala
	£
1	17.70,0
2	19.15,0
3	20.60,0
4	22.15,0
5	23.60,0
6	25.05,0
7	26.50,0
8	28.05,0
9 jew iżjed	29.50,0”.

8. Is-Sitt Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandha tigi emendata kif ġej:

Emenda tas-Sitt Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

(a) minflok il-Parti I tagħha għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

“PARTI I

Għajnuna għal Mard, Għoti ta' Halib u Għajnuna dwar il-Lebbra

Xorta ta' Għajnuna	Rata fil-gimgha
1. Għajnuna għal Mard —	
dwar l-ewwel membru tal-familja ...	£2.60,0
dwar kull membru ieħor ta' l-istess familja	£1.05,0
2. Għoti ta' Halib	£1.65,0
3. Għajnuna dwar il-Lebbra —	
(i) dwar il-kap tal-familja li jkun lebbruž	£5.45,0
(ii) dwar kull membru ieħor tal-familja li jkun lebbruž iżda li ma jkunx jaħdem bi qliegh —	
(a) jekk taħt is-16-il sena	£1.65,0
(b) jekk ikollu 16-il sena jew aktar	£5.45,0
(iii) dwar kull membru ieħor tal-familja li ma jkunx jaħdem bi qliegh	£1.65,0”;

(b) minflok il-figura "£2.98,0" fil-paragrafu 1 tal-Parti II tagħha għandha tidhol il-figura "£3.65,0", u

(c) minflok il-figura "£0.60,0" fil-paragrafu 3 tal-Parti II tagħha għandha tidhol il-figura "£0.75,0".

Emenda tas-
Seba' Skeda
li tinsab ma'
l-Att prinċipali.

9. (1) Il-paragrafu (1) tas-Seba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) il-partita (c) tas-sub-paragrafu (1) tiegħu għandha tiġi numerata mill-ġdid bħala partita (g);

(b) minflok il-partita (b) ta' l-imsemmi sub-paragrafu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

"(b) il-valur fil-ġimgħa ta' kull dhul miġbur jew li jista' jingabar minn kull membru tal-familja, hliet għal dhul li jkun ġej minn investiment jew użu bi qliegħ ta' proprjeta' u kull paga jew salarju jew qliegħ ieħor ta' kull membru tal-familja li ma jkunx il-kap tal-familja jew, jekk il-kap tal-familja jkun il-missier, li ma jkunx martu:

Izda m'għandu jittiehed kont ta' —

(i) ebda għajjuna taħt dan l-Att jekk ma tkunx għajjuna ta' lebbra;

(ii) ebda benefiċċju għal mard imħallas minn soċjetà karitattiva jew *trade union*;

(iii) ebda somma mħallsa minn fond ta' karità;

(iv) ebda *allowance* taħt il-Parti VIII ta' l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali;

(v) f'każ ta' għajjuna dwar it-tuberkulozi, ebda pensjoni mħallsa taħt l-Att dwar il-Pensjonijiet lil Nisa Romol u Tfal Iltiema, taħt l-Iskim ta' l-1941 għal Malta dwar Korrimenti fil-Persuna li jiġru lil Pajżani, taħt l-Att ta' l-1948 dwar il-Pensjonijiet għax-Xjuħ, jew bħala konsegwenza ta' korrimenti jew mewt li jkunu graw minhabba gwerra;

(vi) fil-każ ta' għajjuna għal mard, —

(a) ebda pensjoni mħallsa taħt l-Att dwar il-Pensjonijiet lil Nisa Romol u Tfal Iltiema, taħt l-Iskim ta' l-1941 għal Malta dwar Korrimenti fil-Persuna li jiġru lil Pajżani, jew bħala konsegwenza ta' korrimenti jew mewt li jkunu graw minhabba gwerra;

(b) ebda pensjoni mħallsa taħt l-Att ta' l-1948 dwar il-Pensjonijiet għax-Xjuħ, meta ma titħallasx b'zieda ma' xi pensjoni oħra msemmiya fil-partita (a) ta' dan il-paragrafu;

(c) ebda pensjoni mħallsa taħt l-Att ta' l-1948 dwar il-Pensjonijiet għax-Xjuħ, meta titħallas b'zieda ma' xi pensjoni oħra msemmiya taħt il-partita (a) ta' dan il-paragrafu iżda nieqes l-ammont ta' kull pensjoni oħra bħal dik li titħallas lill-benefiċjarju;

(d) ebda *allowance* ta' armla jew pensjoni oħra li titħallas taħt l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali, u ebda pensjoni li titħallas taħt l-Att ta' l-1948 dwar il-Pensjonijiet għax-Xjuħ, meta dik

il-pensjoni ta' l-aħħar tithallas bħala supplementari għall-ammont ta' l-*allowance* ta' armla jew xi pensjoni mhallsa taht l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali;

(e) dik il-parti ta' kull *allowance* ta' armla jew kull pensjoni oħra li tithallas taht l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali, li ma tkunx iżjed mill-oghla rata ta' pensjoni li tithallas taht l-Att ta' l-1948 dwar il-Pensjonijiet għax-Xjuh;

(c) terz tal-paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor fil-gimgha ta' wlied il-kap tal-familja;

(d) terz tal-paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor fil-gimgha ta', jew tal-pensjoni riċevuta minn, hut il-kap tal-familja meta la l-missier u lanqas l-omm ma jkunu l-kap tal-familja;

(e) nofs il-paga jew salarju jew qliegh iehor fil-gimgha ta', jew nofs kull pensjoni riċevuta minn, xi membru iehor tal-familja barra mill-kap tal-familja jew meta l-kap tal-familja jkun il-missier, ta' martu;

(f) fil-każ ta' għajjnuna dwar it-tuberkolozi, tlieta minn hamsa tal-paga jew salarju jew ta' qliegh iehor fil-gimgha ta', jew ta' kull pensjoni riċevuta minn, il-kap tal-familja jew, meta l-kap tal-familja jkun il-missier, ta' martu;"

u

(c) minnufih wara s-sub-paragrafu (2) tiegħu għandu jizdied is-sub-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:

"(3) Għall-finijiet ta' dan il-paragrafu "paga jew salarju" tfisser il-paga jew is-salarju totali barra kull spejjeż li jsiru għal traġitt minn u għall-post tax-xogħol."

(2) Minflok il-kliem "tal-paragrafu 1 (1) (b) (iv)" fil-paragrafu 2 ta' l-imsemmija Skeda għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "tal-partiti (d), (e) u (f) tas-sub-paragrafu (1) tal-paragrafu 1".

Għanijiet · Ragunijiet

L-Għan ta' dan l-Abbozz huwa li jzid ir-rati ta' għajjnuna li jithallsu taht l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar l-Għajjnuna Nazzjonali.

Ittiegħdet l-okkażjoni biex ċerti disposizzjonijiet ta' l-Att jitqiegħdu b'mod aktar ċar.

A BILL

entitled

AN ACT further to amend the National Assistance Act, 1956.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1977, and shall be read and construed as one with the National Assistance Act, 1956, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 7th day of March, 1977.

Amendment of section 12 of the principal Act.

2. Section 12 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) the present provision shall be re-numbered as subsection (1) thereof, and

(b) immediately after subsection (1) thereof there shall be added the following new subsection:

"(2) Where a claim for assistance under this Act is to be accompanied by a medical certificate, no such certificate shall be accepted as valid if it is signed by a medical practitioner who is also a member of the House of Representatives."

Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal Act.

3. The First Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) for Paragraph One thereof there shall be substituted the following:

"Paragraph One

SCALE RATE

Number of persons in households	Column A	Column B	Column C
	£	£	£
1	6.50,0	6.20,0	2.05,0
2	8.45,0	8.05,0	2.65,0
3	10.15,0	9.70,0	3.20,0
4	11.75,0	11.25,0	3.75,0
5	13.15,0	12.55,0	4.15,0
6	14.35,0	13.70,0	4.55,0
7	15.35,0	14.70,0	4.85,0
8	16.25,0	15.55,0	5.15,0
9	16.80,0	16.05,0	5.30,0
10	17.30,0	16.55,0	5.50,0
11	17.80,0	17.00,0	5.65,0
12 or more	18.30,0	17.50,0	5.80,0

Column A shall apply where the household does not own house of residence or part thereof.

Column B shall apply where the household owns house of residence the value of which does not exceed £750.

Column C shall apply where the household owns house of residence the value of which does not exceed £3,000", and

(b) for the figure "38c5" in Paragraph Two thereof there shall be substituted the figure "40c".

4. (1) Paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) item (c) of sub-paragraph (1) thereof shall be renumbered as item (f);

(b) for item (b) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the following:

"(b) the weekly value of any income which is or could be received by any member of the household, other than any income derived from the investment or profitable use of property and any wage or salary or other earnings of any member of the household not being the head of household or, if the head of household is the father, not being his wife:

Provided that no account shall be taken of —

(i) any assistance under this Act other than leprosy assistance;

(ii) any sickness benefit paid by a benevolent society or trade union;

(iii) any sum paid out of a charitable fund;

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principal Act.

(iv) any pension paid under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, under the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1941, or in consequence of injuries or death sustained as a result of war action; or

(v) any allowance under Part VIII of the National Insurance Act, 1956;

(c) one third of the weekly wage or salary, or of other earnings, of the children of the head of household;

(d) one-third of the weekly wage or salary of, or of other earnings of, or of any pension received by, the brothers and sisters of the head of household when neither the father nor the mother is the head of household;

(e) one-half of the weekly wage or salary of, or of other earnings of, or of any pension received by, any other member of the household other than the head of household or, where the head of household is the father, of his wife;" and

(c) immediately after sub-paragraph (3) thereof there shall be added the following new sub-paragraph:

"(4) For the purposes of this paragraph, "wage or salary" means the total wage or salary less any expenses incurred for travelling to and from the place of work."

(2) For the words "paragraph 1(1)(b)(iv)" in paragraph 2 of the said Schedule there shall be substituted the words "items (d) and (e) of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1".

Amendment of the Third Schedule to the principal Act.

5. Immediately after item 11 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the principal Act there shall be added the following new item:

"12. Paget's Disease:

(a) Generalised Paget's Disease showing activity as manifested by an alkaline phosphatase level of not less than 100 King Armstrong Units;

(b) Spinal Paget's Disease producing neurological symptoms."

Substitution of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act.

6. For the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

"FOURTH SCHEDULE

Sections 8, 25

Scale Rates of Means Governing Sickness Assistance

Number of persons in household	Scale Rate £
1	5.50,0
2	6.75,0
3	8.00,0
4	9.20,0
5	10.45,0
6	11.65,0
7	12.90,0
8	14.10,0
9 or more	15.35,0"

7. For the Fifth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

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Schedule
to the
principal Act.

"FIFTH SCHEDULE

Sections 8, 9, 25

*Scale Rates of Means Governing Institutional Relief and
Medical Aids Grant*

Number of persons in household	Scale Rate
	£
1	17.70,0
2	19.15,0
3	20.60,0
4	22.15,0
5	23.60,0
6	25.05,0
7	26.50,0
8	28.05,0
9 or more	29.50,0".

8. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of
Sixth Schedule
to the
principal Act.

(a) for Part I thereof there shall be substituted the following:

"PART I

Sickness Assistance, Milk Grant and Leprosy Assistance

Kind of Assistance	Weekly Rate
1. Sickness Assistance —	
in respect of the first member of the household	£2.60,0
in respect of any other member of the same household	£1.05,0
2. Milk Grant	£1.65,0
3. Leprosy Assistance —	
(i) in respect of the head of household who is a leper	£5.45,0
(ii) in respect of every other member of the household who is a leper and not gainfully occupied —	
(a) if under 16 years of age	£1.65,0
(b) if 16 years of age or over that age	£5.45,0
(iii) in respect of any other member of the household who is not gainfully occupied	£1.65,0";

(b) for the figure "£2.98,0" in paragraph 1 of Part II thereof there shall be substituted the figure "£3.65,0", and

(c) for the figure "£0.60,0" in paragraph 3 of Part II thereof there shall be substituted the figure "£0.75,0".

Amendment of
the Seventh
Schedule
to the
principal Act.

9. (1) Paragraph 1 of the Seventh Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) item (c) of sub-paragraph (1) thereof shall be renumbered as item (g);

(b) for item (b) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the following:

"(b) the weekly value of any income which is or could be received by any member of the household, other than any income derived from the investment or profitable use of property and any wage or salary or other earnings of any members of the household not being the head of household or, if the head of household is the father, not being his wife:

Provided that no account shall be taken of —

(i) any assistance under this Act other than leprosy assistance;

(ii) any sickness benefit paid by a benevolent society or trade union;

(iii) any sum paid out of a charitable fund;

(iv) any allowance under Part VIII of the National Insurance Act, 1956;

(v) in the case of tuberculosis assistance, any pension paid under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, under the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1941, under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, or in consequence of injuries or death sustained as a result of war action;

(vi) in the case of sickness assistance, —

(a) any pension paid under the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, under the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1941, or in consequence of injuries or death sustained as a result of war action;

(b) any pension paid under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, when not paid in addition to any other pension referred to under item (a) of this paragraph;

(c) any pension paid under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, when paid in addition to any other pension referred to under item (a) of this paragraph but less the amount of such other pension as is paid to the beneficiary;

(d) any widow's allowance or any pension paid under the National Insurance Act, 1956, and any pension paid under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, when such latter pension is paid as supplementary to the amount of widow's allowance or any pension paid under the National Insurance Act, 1956;

(e) such part of any widow's allowance or any pension paid under the National Insurance Act, 1956, as does not exceed the highest rate of pension payable under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948;

(c) one-third of the weekly wage or salary, or of other earnings of the children of the head of household;

(d) one-third of the weekly wage or salary of, or of other earnings of, or of any pension received by, the brothers and sisters of the head of household when neither the father nor the mother is the head of household;

(e) one-half of the weekly wage or salary of, or of other earnings of, or of any pension received by, any other member of the household other than the head of household or where the head of household is the father, of his wife;

(f) in the case of tuberculosis assistance, three-fifths of the weekly wage or salary of, or of other earnings of, or of any pension received by, the head of the household or, where the head of household is the father, of his wife;"

and

(c) immediately after sub-paragraph (2) thereof there shall be added the following new sub-paragraph:

"(3) For the purposes of this paragraph "wage or salary" means the total wage or salary less any expenses incurred for travelling to and from the place of work."

(2) For the words "paragraph 1 (1) (b) (iv)" in paragraph 2 of the said Schedule there shall be substituted the words "items (d), (e) and (f) of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1".

Objects and Reasons

The Object of this Bill is to increase the rate of assistance payable under the National Assistance Act, 1956.

Occasion has been taken to render more clear certain provisions of the said Act.