


Neglecting duties may cost state govt employees dear

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Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said she would impose fines on state government employees if they cause a delay in issuing ration cards, death, birth, and caste certificates to applicants.

At a tribal welfare program organised by the state government at Netaji Indoor Stadium in the city today Miss Banerjee said under the Right to Public Service, 2013, of the Consumers Welfare Department there is a provision to impose fine on government employees and penalise them if they are found neglecting their duties and not serving the people.

She urged tribal artists to register their names in block development offices as the government is eager to provide full support for their welfare.

Miss Banerjee said: "I have created a Tribal Welfare Department and I have kept the ministry under my purview so that I can monitor the progress and welfare of tribals."

Miss Banerjee also awarded certificates to some tribals for their outstanding contribution to literature, dance and poetry. Mr Satyajit Todo, Mr Banadra Sonali, Mr Rupchand Hembram and Mrs Padmashree Sonam Singh Lepcha were awarded.

The chief minister also gave away cheques worth Rs 1 lakh each to 10 tribal self-help groups and also provided cycles to some people. Under the state government's Gitanjali scheme, Miss Banerjee provided houses to some tribals and handed over the keys to around 1.67 lakh beneficiaries.

She said for the welfare and uplift of tribals she has set up Sahitya Academy and also a development board at the Tribal Welfare Department.

The need of the hour is to encourage the tribals so that they can achieve their goals, she maintained.