

घ) स्वीकृति प्राधिकारी को सहायता का भुगतान रोकने का अधिकार होगा, यदि किसी भी स्तर पर जिन शर्तों के लिए सहायता प्रदान की गई थी, यदि वे अब विद्यमान नहीं हैं तो उस व्यक्ति से उचित वसूली की जाएगी।

13. अपीलीय प्राधिकारी : —

किसी भी शिकायत की स्थिति में, आवेदक अपनी शिकायत के निवारण हेतु निदेशक, समाज कल्याण से अपील कर सकता है। निदेशक, समाज कल्याण का निर्णय अंतिम होगा।

14. विविध : —

क) वित्तीय सहायता की मात्रा तथा योजना के अन्य प्रावधानों की समीक्षा तीन वर्ष बाद की जा सकती है।

ख) इस योजना के लाभार्थियों को वित्तीय सहायता की निम्नलिखित योजनाओं — राष्ट्रीय पारिवारिक लाभ योजना (एनएफबीएस) और समाज कल्याण विभाग, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार द्वारा विशेष आवश्यकता वाले व्यक्तियों को वित्तीय सहायता — में सहायता प्राप्त करने से वंचित नहीं किया जाएगा, बशर्त वे मानदंडों को पूरा करते हों। इसके अतिरिक्त, इस योजना के लाभार्थियों को भारत सरकार या राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार की किसी भी मासिक वित्तीय सहायता योजना के अंतर्गत लाभ प्राप्त करने से वंचित किया जाएगा।

ग) लाभार्थियों से वार्षिक जीवन प्रमाण पत्र लिया जाएगा। यह प्रक्रिया विभाग के जिला कार्यालयों के कर्मचारियों/स्टाफ द्वारा या विभाग द्वारा अपनाए गए किसी अन्य माध्यम से लाभार्थी के घर जाकर संचालित की जाएगी।

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल के

आदेश से तथा उनके नाम पर,

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

NOTIFICATION

Delhi, the 15th September, 2025

F.82/1167/Scheme for High Support Needs/AD-III/DSW/2017/1301-1313.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Sections (1) and (3) (i) of Section 24 read with Section 38 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, read with S.O. No. 3870 (E.) dated 12th December, 2017 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is pleased to notify the following scheme, titled “Financial Assistance Scheme for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities having High Support Needs” to provide financial assistance in the form of an allowance to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities requiring high support, for the purpose of caregiver support and other necessary assistance, as under:-

1. SHORT TITLE AND EXTENT:

- I. The scheme shall be called as “**Financial Assistance Scheme for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities having High Support Needs**”.
- II. The Scheme shall extend to the whole of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- III. The scheme shall be applicable for the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities having High Support Needs of NCT of Delhi.

2. COMMENCEMENT:

- I. The Scheme shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in Delhi Gazette.

3. AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

- I. The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities who are having High Support Needs. The allowance is intended to help beneficiaries meet expenses related to caregiver support or other essential services, including psychological counselling, medical

treatment, occupational therapy, speech therapy, physiotherapy, assistive aids and appliances, or any other form of support necessary for their well-being and rehabilitation.

4. DEFINITIONS:

In this scheme unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) **“Act”** means the ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016
- b) **“Financial Assistance”** means recurring financial aid till the demise of the Person with Disabilities having High Support Needs as prescribed in this scheme.
- c) **“Applicant”** means a ‘Person with Disabilities’, who has applied for the financial assistance under this scheme or his/her parent(s), or the legal guardian or spouse or an adult child of the person;
- d) **“Family”** means parents or if the parent(s) are not alive then legal guardian in case of the minor, unmarried, unemployed person with disabilities (s). In case of married persons with disabilities, it means wife/ husband and minor or disabled adult children solely dependent on him/her.
- e) **“care-giver”** means any person including parents and other family Members who with or without payment provides care, support or assistance to a person with disability as specified in ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016
- f) **“person with disability”** means a person with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with barriers, hinders his full and effective participation in society equally with others;
- g) **“specified disability”** means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule of ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016
- h) **“person with benchmark disability”** means a person with not less than forty per cent of a specified disability as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016 (where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority);
- i) **“high support”** means an intensive support, physical, psychological and otherwise, which may be required by a person with benchmark disability for daily activities, to take independent and informed decision to access facilities and participating in all areas of life including education, employment, family and community life and treatment and therapy as specified in ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016;
- j) **“person with disability having high support needs”** means a person with benchmark disability certified under clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 58 who needs high support as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016;
- k) **“Application form”** means form prescribed under this scheme.
- l) **“Assessment Board”** means Assessment Board for assessment of applicant’s high support need requirements as notified by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD
- m) **“Sanctioning Authority”** means the authority competent to sanction the financial assistance under paragraph 7;
- n) **“Appellate Authority”** means the Authority for final redressal of grievances of applicant under paragraph 12;

5. ELIGIBILITY NORMS:

The Eligibility Norms for Person with Benchmark Disability having High Support Needs for availing assistance under the scheme shall be as given below:

- a) Should possess a permanent certificate of disability from a notified authority as a Person with Benchmark disability as per provisions of Right of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPwD), 2016;
- b) A resident of Delhi for at least five years;
- c) Should be having a score of 60 to 100 as assessed by the Assessment Board;
- d) Annual family income should not be more than one lakh;
- e) Applicant should not be a government employee;
- f) Having Aadhar card showing the person to be a resident of Delhi.

6. Documents Required:

a). Proof of residence, which clearly shows at least 5 years of residence in Delhi. Any one of the following documents of applicant (as defined above) only may be submitted for residence proof-

1. Ration card
2. Voter card
3. Passport
4. Driving license
5. Birth certificate issued by MCD/ Registrar- Births & Deaths.
6. Electricity Bill
7. Water Bill
8. Telephone bill
9. Gas connection receipt
10. Bank/ Post office passbook
11. Caste certificate issued in Delhi
12. Property document- Registered Sale Deed/ Rent Agreement
13. In case 'No Documentary Evidence' is available with the applicant with regard to proof of residence-the applicant will need to produce statements of any Gazetted Officer, stating the period of applicant's length of stay in Delhi. The Gazetted Officer of the Central / Delhi Govt. has to furnish a self-attested copy of official ID and contact details.

b). A self-declaration by the applicant regarding his/her family income per year.

c). The Applicant should have a bank account (Single/ Joint) in any Bank operational in NCT of Delhi for receiving the payment through PFMS.

d.) One passport size photo of the applicant

7. PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING ASSISTANCE: –

- a) Application shall be submitted online on the e-district portal to the District Social Welfare Office of concerned District under the scheme.
- b) The process of referring to the assessment board by the DSWO shall be through the e-district portal. The District Social Welfare Officer, after scrutiny shall forward/ refer the application to the Assessment Board at the District level as per provisions of Section 38 (2) of the RPwD Act 2016. The same shall be done within a period of 10 days of receipt of the application on the portal.
- c) The Assessment Board constituted by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, GNCTD vide Notification No. 24/Misc. Policy/Disab./DHS/NHC/Part-III(A)/ CD No. 000551595/ 1-12 dated 01/10/2019 shall complete its enquiry within a period of 90 days from the date of receiving request for assessment from the District Social Welfare officer. The decision of the Assessment Board shall be final.
- d) The assessment report will be uploaded on the e-district portal by the Assessment Board. Records of the assessment reports shall also be maintained in hard copy by the respective assessment boards for scrutiny and audit purposes.

8. SANCTIONING AUTHORITY: -

The Sanctioning Authority under the scheme shall be the concerned District Social Welfare Officer. Sanction shall be issued within a period of 15 days of receiving the assessment report on the e-district portal.

9. MODE OF DISBURSAL OF ASSISTANCE: -

The payment shall be disbursed through Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS) of Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

10. QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE: -

Subject to the fulfilment of the provisions of the scheme any Person with Benchmark Disability having High Support Needs would be entitled for an amount of Rs. 6000/- per month from the month of sanction. This amount will be in addition to the amount being given on monthly basis to the beneficiary, if any, under the "Financial Assistance for Persons with Special Needs" scheme by the Department.

11. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY: -

The Scheme shall be implemented at the district level by the District Social Welfare Officer.

- a) Disbursal of allowances will be done by District Social Welfare Officer including that of any corrections in the details of the high support needs person/beneficiary will be the responsibility of the concerned District Social Welfare Officer.
- b) In case of change of district of residence of the beneficiary, the change in district will be initiated from the sanctioning district. Once the case is transferred, all further actions will be the responsibility of the relevant District Social Welfare Officer thereafter.

12. STOPPAGE OF ASSISTANCE:

- a) If a High Support Needs Person/caregiver is found to have availed the allowance by false statements, the allowance will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of allowance paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the District Social Welfare Officer, Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi and shall be punishable under the provisions of section 91 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.
- b) Further, if a High Support Needs Person is deceased, it would be the responsibility of the caregivers/ family to inform the Department about the same within one month of the event. If it is found that the family/ caregivers continues to avail the allowance, the amount of allowance paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi and shall be punishable under the provisions of section 91 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.
- c) However, in the event of demise of the high support needs person, even if the allowance is to be paid retrospectively for the period he/she was alive, it will be given to the family/ nominee of the high support needs person.
- d) The Sanctioning Authority shall have the right to stop payment of assistance, if at any stage, the conditions for which the assistance was granted, no longer exist and appropriate recoveries from the person will be made

13. APPELLATE AUTHORITY: -

In case of any grievance, the applicant may appeal to the Director, Social Welfare for redressal of his/her grievance in this regard. The decision of the Director, Social Welfare shall be final.

14. MISCELLANEOUS: -

- a) The quantum of financial assistance, as also the other provisions of the scheme may be reviewed after

three years.

- b) The beneficiaries of the Scheme shall not be debarred from seeking assistance in the following schemes of financial assistance – National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Financial Assistance to Persons with special needs by Department of Social Welfare, GNCTD provided they fulfil the norms. Further, the beneficiaries of this scheme shall be debarred from availing benefits under any monthly financial assistance scheme of either the Govt. of India or Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
- c) Annual life certificate shall be taken from the beneficiaries. This exercise will be conducted by the employees/ staff of the District Offices of the Department or through any other means adopted by the Department by home visits of the beneficiary.

By Order And In The Name Of Lieutenant Governor
Of National Capital Territory Of Delhi,
Dr. RASHMI SINGH, Secy.