

**Financial Assistance Section
Department of social Welfare
GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate, New Delhi-02.**

F.N. 41(45)/ FAS/ DSW/ Infn. Act 2005/213/2013-14/ 608

Dated: 03/11/14

To,

**Ms/Mr. Anandhi Viswanathan,
194, 2nd 'C' Cross, Domlur, 2nd stage,
Bengluru-560071 .**

Sub: Application under RTI Act. 2005.

Sir,

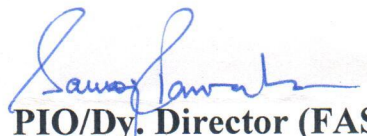
With reference to your application under RTI Act. 2005, it is to inform you that the Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Delhi is running only one Financial Assistance Scheme namely "**Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs**" for the welfare of handicapped persons. Under this scheme an assistance of Rs. 1500/- p.m. is provided. Pension is remitted on quarterly basis into the saving accounts of the beneficiaries maintained in any Bank.

Eligibility-(Disabled Persons)

The applicant shall be entitled for financial assistance if he/she is-

- The applicant shall be between the ages 0- 60 years.
- A resident of the National Capital Territory of Delhi for at least 5 years preceding the date of submission of application.
- His/her annual family income should not be more than Rs. 75,000/- p.a. from all sources
- Has a 'singly-operated' account in any Bank for receiving the payment through electronic clearing system.
- The applicant should have disability not less than 40%.
- The applicant should not be a recipient of any such assistance from any other source.

A copy of notification of above mentioned scheme is enclosed. The scheme of Scholarship to Physically Handicapped has been discontinued w.e.f. 01/4/2010. Other scheme mentioned in the list has not been implemented by this unit.


PIO/Dy. Director (FAS)

Encl: As above.

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1. The PIO/ Asstt. Director (Disab.), Persons With Disability Branch, Department of Social Welfare, GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate, ND-02 in ref. to the letter No. FN.82/916/RTI/AD-III/DSW/2012-13 dt. 18/12/2013.


PIO/Dy. Director (FAS)

Handicapped Pension

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Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Department of Social Welfare
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Dated: 4/11/09

NOTIFICATION

F 3(1)/FAS/UAPWD/DSW/06-07:- In supersession of 'Delhi Unemployment Allowance & Subsistence Allowance Scheme for Persons with Special Needs, 2008' published vide notification no. F 3(1)/FAS/UAPWD/DSW/06-07/9164-174 dated 17 April, 2008, the Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is pleased to frame the following rules for assistance of the caregivers of children with special needs and unemployed persons with disabilities:

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement:

- (a) These rules may be called 'Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs, 2009'.
- (b) These rules shall extend to the whole of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- (c) These rules shall come into force with effect from date of notification.

2. Aims and Objectives:

1. To facilitate the care of children with special needs, acknowledging the high cost of care giving.
2. To facilitate training and employability of persons with disability, so that they may fulfill their role and potential in society and lead a life of dignity.
3. To help ensure survival of the person with special needs and their family.

3. Definitions:

In this scheme unless the context otherwise requires:-

- a. "Act" means the 'Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995' (1 of 1996)
- b. "Applicant" means 'a person with special needs', between 0- below 60 years of age, 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;
- c. "Application form" means form prescribed under these rules.
- d. "Competent authority" means the authority competent to sanction the financial assistance under paragraph 6;
- e. "Family" means parents or if the parent(s) are not alive then legal guardian in case of the minor, unmarried, unemployed disabled person(s). In case of married disabled persons; it means wife /husband and minor or disabled adult children solely dependant on him/her.

- f. "Financial Assistance" means recurring financial aid till the age of below 60 years or the death of the person, as prescribed in these rules.
- g. "Guardian" means as defined in the 'Handbook on Legal Guardianship' referred to in 'The National Trust'.
- h. "Investigator" means an official appointed by the Department of Social Welfare.
- i. "Person with special needs" means a person suffering from not less than forty per cent of any disability as certified by a medical authority.
- j. "Disability" means-
 - (i) Blindness – refers to a condition where a person suffers from any of the following conditions, namely:-
 - a. Total absence of sight; or
 - b. Visual acuity not exceeding 6/60 or 20/200 (snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses; or
 - c. Limitation of the field of vision subtending angle of 20 degree or worse;
 - (ii) Low vision – means a person with impairment of visual functioning even after treatment or standard refractive correction but who uses or is potentially capable of using vision for the planning or execution of a task with appropriate assistive device;
 - (iii) Leprosy-cured – means any person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from:-
 - a) Loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;
 - b) Manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
 - c) Extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall be construed accordingly
 - (iv) Hearing impairment – means loss of sixty decibels or more in the better ear in the conversational range of frequencies.
 - (a) Locomotor disability – means disability of the bones, joints or muscles leading to substantial restriction of the movement of the limbs or any form of cerebral palsy.
 - (b) Cerebral palsy- means a group of non-progressive condition of a person characterized by abnormal motor control posture resulting from brain insult or injuries occurring in the pre-natal, peri-natal or infant period of development.
 - (c) Autism- means a condition of uneven skill development primarily affecting the communication and social abilities of a person, marked by repetitive and ritualistic behaviour.
 - (d) Mental retardation- means a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, which is specially characterized by sub normality of intelligence.
 - (e) Mental illness- means any diagnosable behavioural, mood, thought, perception or cognitive disorder that interferes with or limits a person's ability to live, work, learn and participate fully in his or her community.

4. Eligibility:

The applicant shall be entitled for financial assistance on the fulfillment of following conditions:-

- (v) The applicants shall be between the ages 0-60 years;
- (vi) The applicant shall be a resident of the National Capital Territory of Delhi for at least five years preceding the date of submission of application;
- (vii) The applicant should have disability not less than forty per cent of any disability as defined under Section 3 (1) (b) above;
- (viii) The applicant shall not have the annual family income more than Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) from all sources;
- (ix) The applicant shall have a 'singly-operated' account in any Bank for receiving the payment through electronic clearing system. This provision may be relaxed in the case of minors, mentally challenged applicants or those who come under the purview of Legal Guardianship as per rules of National Trust.

5. Application for financial assistance:

- (a) An application for financial assistance under these rules shall be made on prescribed form, which shall be available from GRC-SK, Deputy Commissioner's Office (District Resource Centre), the office of the District Social Welfare Officer, area MLA/ MP, Financial Assistance Section, Department of Social Welfare, GNCT of Delhi, GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate, New Delhi or electronically downloaded from official websites of Samajik Suvidha Sangam or Department of Social Welfare.
- (b) The applicant shall submit the duly filled application form to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer/ GRC-SK/ DRC Unit, alongwith the following documents:-
 - i. Proof of residence, which clearly shows at least 5 years of residence in Delhi. Any one of the following documents of any of the family members (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) Death certificate issued by MCD/ Registrar- Births & Deaths
 - (7) Insurance policy document
 - (8) Immunization card of the family member
 - (9) Medical records of treatment in Delhi
 - (10) Electricity Bill
 - (11) Water Bill
 - (12) Telephone bill
 - (13) Gas connection receipt
 - (14) Bank passbook
 - (15) Caste certificate
 - (16) Student I-card

- (17) Service identity card of public/ private sector company/ established concern
- (18) Freedom fighter identity card
- (19) Pension document
- (20) Ex-serviceman dependant certificate
- (21) Property document
- (22) Any other which clearly shows at least 5 years of residence in Delhi
- ii. A copy of disability certificate issued by the Medical Board of the notified Hospitals of Govt. of NCT of Delhi or Govt. of India.
- (c) A self-declaration by the applicant regarding his/her family income & employment status as given in the form.
- (d) All documents shall be self-attested in case of applicants submitting their forms directly to District Social Welfare Officer and by the GRC-SK or DRC Coordinators, if the application is being made through GRC-SK/ DRC.
- (e) In case 'No Documentary Evidence' is available with the applicant in r/o proof of residence, proof of unemployment-
 - i) The field staff deputed by GRC-SK Coordinator shall record statements of at least two of any of the following persons from the area about the applicant.
 - ii) In case the applicant is applying directly to the District Social Welfare Officer, in a similar situation, the applicant will need to produce any of the two witnesses from the following list in front of the DSWO/ any official deputed by the DSWO for the said purpose.
 - a. Public representative such as MP of the area, MLA of the area
 - b. President or General Secretary of RWA of the locality
 - c. Two neighbours of the applicant with their contact details
 - d. Registered women SHGs/ Mahila Mandals' President or General Secretary
 - e. ICDS Supervisors/ ASHA workers of the area
 - f. Gazetted Officer of the Central/ Delhi Govt.
 - iii. Along with the witness's statement, the relevant document for the photo identity proof, residence and length of stay for the witnesses shall also have to be appended with the application, clearly showing that the witnesses themselves have been around in the same area for the number of years they claim to have known the applicant. This would apply for all except Public representative such as MP of the area, MLA of the area.

6. Verification and sanction of assistance:

The concerned District Social Welfare Officer shall be the competent authority for verification and sanction of the payment of unemployment allowance on the basis of survey report of GRC-SK/ DRC as also by screening the contents of the documents submitted. As a test check, in 5% of all cases submitted by the GRC-SK/DRC or in doubtful cases, the Competent Authority may get the verification conducted through the departmental investigators or other officials or Anganwadi workers specially deputed for the purpose.

7. Quantum of assistance & Mode of payment:

- a. Subject to the fulfillment of the provisions of the scheme, an allowance will be remitted quarterly in the bank account of the beneficiary @ Rs. one thousand per month per head through ECS of RBI.
 - b. The assistance shall become payable from the month from which it is sanctioned.
8. **In case of attaining employment/ change of disability status of the beneficiary:**
- i) If the beneficiary accepts/ joins any employment, it will be mandatory upon the beneficiary to inform the Competent Authority within one month of attaining such a job, for discontinuation of allowance.
 - ii) Similarly, if the disability level of the beneficiary becomes less than forty per cent, it will be mandatory for the beneficiary to inform the Competent Authority within one month of change of status, for discontinuation of allowance.
 - iii) If the beneficiary fails to do so, the Competent Authority shall have the right to recover the amount of allowance remitted since the attainment of the aforesaid employment/ change of disability status.
9. **Stopping of the Financial Assistance:**
1. The Competent Authority shall have the right to stop payment of assistance, if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on furnishing of false information or the conditions for which the allowance was granted no longer exists.
 2. Also, if the assistance was sanctioned on furnishing of false documents, penal action shall be initiated and appropriate liability levied against people furnishing false documents.
 3. If a person resorts to professional begging, i.e. if the person has been apprehended and warned or any other proceedings conducted by the court in this regard against him/ her, the assistance shall be forfeited.
 4. Assistance shall cease to be payable on the death of the beneficiary and if the person dies before receiving assistance for a particular period, the same shall lapse.
10. **Change of Address:**
1. The applicant shall intimate any change of address alongwith proof of residence to the Competent Authority within one month of such change.
 2. Persons shifting to a place outside Delhi permanently shall not be eligible for this assistance.
11. **Appellate Authority:**
In case of any grievance, the applicant may appeal to the Director, Deptt. of Social Welfare for redressal of his /her grievance in this regard. The decision of the Director shall be final.
12. **Miscellaneous:**
- a) The beneficiaries who attain the age of 60 years shall automatically be transferred to the Old Age Pension Scheme;

- b) If the applicant has already taken one-time assistance under the scheme 'Financial Assistance to Socially and Physically Disadvantaged- Old & Infirm Persons' they can still avail of assistance under this scheme if they fulfill the other eligibility criteria;
- c) The beneficiaries of the scheme shall not be debarred from seeking assistance in the following schemes of financial assistance- Ladli, NFBS, Jan Shree Beema Yojana, Widows' daughter marriage and/or any other financial assistance scheme in existence in the Department of Social Welfare and Women and Child Development simultaneously, provided they fulfill the norms.
- d) The Scheme would be reviewed and evaluated every three years.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF
THE LT. GOVERNOR OF THE NCT OF DELHI

(Debashree Mukherjee)
Secretary, Social Welfare

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Dated: 11/11/09

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- (v) Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- (vi) Secretary to the Chief Minister of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- (vii) Secretary to the Speaker of Delhi Legislative Assembly, Delhi
- (viii) Secretary to the Dy. Speaker of Delhi Legislative Assembly, Delhi
- (ix) Secretary to the Minister of Food & Supply, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- (x) Secretary to the Minister- Finance, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- (xi) Secretary to the Minister Industries, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
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- (xiv) Secretary to the Minister Urban Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
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(Debashree Mukherjee)
Secretary, Social Welfare