

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 18th September, 2006

No. 1803-SW (4)-2006.—A Scheme named as 'Ladli Social Security Allowance' on the pattern of old age allowance scheme for the families having only girl child/children is to be started for person having the age of 55 years and above. This scheme will start from 1st January, 2006. Under this scheme a sum of Rs. 300/- per month, per family will be given to these families. As the primary reasons for 'Son preference' is usually the old age protection. In a patriarchal society followed by almost virtual absence of social security and old age support system, the birth of a son is seen as insurance to all the problems related to old age especially the economic security. Since parents hope to live with their sons in their old age as a matter of right; as per the recognized Indian family pattern, the girl children as often seen as burden and liability (Paraya Dhan).

2. Eligibility

1. Any family where biological single parent/parents are domicile of Haryana or working for Govt. of Haryana and having no son, biological or adopted but only daughter/ daughters are eligible to get benefit under the scheme.
2. The enrolment of families under this scheme will commence from the 55th birthday of the mother or the father whoever is older of the two till their 60th birthday *i.e.* for 5 years (Thereafter they will be eligible for old age Allowance). In case of the death of either of the parents, the surviving partner will get this benefit (*i.e.* Rs. 300 P.M.) till he/she turn 60 years.
3. In case of single parent families; the age of the surviving parents will be the deciding factor. Family will start getting the benefit of Rs. 300 p.m. from the day the surviving parents turns 55 years.
4. The scheme will not be restricted to BPL/SC/ST families, it will be open for all sections of the society irrespective of their caste, race, creed, religion.
5. The following persons shall be excluded for grant of benefit under this scheme.
 - (a) those who themselves or their children are sales tax assesses.
 - (b) those whose children are Class-I/Class-II Gazetted Officers in the services of the Government or hold equivalent post of public sector undertaking or are employed under a private employer and draw a salary equivalent to that of a Class-II Gazetted Officer (Rs. 12,000/- per month minimum).
 - (c) those whose children are professional *i.e.* (a) Doctor, (b) Lawyer, (c) Chartered Accountant, (d) Income Tax Consultant, (e) Dental Surgeon, and (f) Engineer or Architect, (g) Contractor etc. (This is only illustrative and all such professionals of a similar nature may also be included).
 - (d) those who themselves or their children are Income Tax Assesses.
 - (e) those who themselves/ their children are ex-sitting Members of Parliament/M.L.As./Chairman of Boards/ Corporation.
2. (a) The amount of Allowance to be paid to a beneficiary per month shall be decided by State Government from time to time.

3. Committee for Scrutiny for Identification of beneficiaries

Regarding identification of beneficiaries, a committee will be constituted, comprising of a Doctor from Health Department, Child Development Project Officer and Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar as its members.

- (a) In the rural areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants shall be conducted in the village/block itself

in an assembly of the village/local community. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting shall be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer sufficiently in advance in consultation with the Circle Revenue Officer concerned. Adequate publicity about the date, time and venue of the meeting as well as criteria of eligibility shall be made by the Circle Revenue Officer/District Public Relation Officer to enable all applicants desirous of grant of pension to appear before the Committee. In particular, Circle Revenue Officer will invite Lambardars and other respectable persons of the village.

- (b) In the urban areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants residing in one or more municipal wards, may be conducted at a time, in order to facilitate the process of scrutiny. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting will be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer in consultation with the Officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee concerned. Adequate publicity will be made by the Officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee sufficiently in advance about the date, time and venue of the meeting. Municipal Wards to be covered in a particular meeting and the eligibility criteria. All persons desirous of grant of allowance shall appear before the Committee for scrutiny. Present as well as former Municipal Commissioners and other respectable persons belonging to the Municipal Wards to be covered in the meeting shall be invited to attend the meeting.
- (c) The Committee shall make available application forms to all persons desirous of obtaining allowance and will also guide them in filling up application forms if necessary. The Committee shall scrutinize each application thoroughly to verify the eligibility of the applicants, for the grant of allowance and will take into account all available, oral and documentary evidence, for this purpose. Information supplied by respectable persons of the area and the neighbours of the applicants will also be given due weightage by the Committee in forming an opinion about the eligibility of an applicant. The Committee shall exercise reasonable judgment in deciding each case.
- (d) In case of those applicants where the Committee is satisfied about the eligibility of applicants for grant of allowance, the Committee shall record its sanction and will send the original applications along with a list of such applications on a proforma prescribed by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department for this purpose to District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of allowance.
- (e) In those cases where the Committee comes to a definite conclusion that an applicant is ineligible for grant of allowance, the Committee shall record its reasons. The Committee will prepare a list of such applications on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department for this purpose and forward the list along with original applications to District Social Welfare Officer, for record.
- (f) In those cases where the Committee expresses serious doubts about the eligibility of an applicant but is not able to come to a definite conclusion, the Committee will prepare a list of such application on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department for this purpose and forward the list of such applications along with original applications to District Level Committee for its decision.
- (g) The grant of allowance shall be conveyed by the District Social Welfare Officers to the persons to whom allowance has been sanctioned.

4. District Level Committee

- (a) A District Level Committee comprising of Deputy Commissioner of the District or his representative as Chairman, District Social Welfare Officer as Member- Secretary and Chief Medical Officer as a Member will also be constituted.
- (b) The District Level Committee shall make a detailed examination of those applications where the Committee for scrutiny has been unable to make clear cut recommendations. It will take into account all available evidence for reaching a conclusion and may also collect or cause to be collected further evidence to come to a decision. The Committee may also subject the applicant to a detailed medical examination in order to ascertain her/his age. The decision of the Committee shall be final.
- (c) The Committee will prepare a list of those applications to whom the allowance is granted on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Department for this purpose and forward this list along with original applications to the District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of allowance. It will also prepare a list of rejected applications on a *pro forma* prescribed for this purpose by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department and will forward this list to the District Social Welfare Officer along with original applications, for record.

5. Sanctioning of New Cases.—All fresh applications for claim of allowance received, examined and found eligible from time to time will be sanctioned, and brought on the role and made payable the allowance from the date he/she is attaining 55 years of Age already decided by the Government in para-2 of eligibility.

6. Verification of Persons.—(i) During its visit to the village/ward for the purpose of verification of fresh applicants Committee for Scrutiny may also investigate if any of the persons is no longer eligible for allowance. For this purpose, all the existing beneficiaries will be required to present themselves before the Committee. Allowance to those persons who fail to present themselves before the Committee will become liable for suspension.

(ii) In those cases where Committee comes to a definite conclusion that a beneficiary is no longer eligible for allowance, the Committee will terminate the allowance of such beneficiaries and will send intimation to District Social Welfare Officer of such termination, for further necessary action. However, the Committee shall exercise reasonable judgment to decide these cases. The District Social Welfare Officer shall intimate the fact of termination of allowance to the beneficiary. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee whose decision shall be final and will not be subjected to any further investigation.

(iii) In those cases where the beneficiary has not presented himself/her self before the Committee and the Committee suspects the eligibility of a beneficiary, the Committee may direct District Social Welfare Officer to discontinue further disbursement of allowance to such beneficiary. District Social Welfare Officer shall issue a notice to the beneficiary asking him/her to show cause why his/her allowance should not be terminated. If the beneficiary fails to satisfy the District Social Welfare Officer regarding his/her continued eligibility of allowance, the allowance shall be terminated by District Social Welfare Officer. An appeal shall lie within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of allowance. Otherwise, the allowance shall be resumed after the beneficiary satisfies the District Social Welfare Officer about his/her eligibility for allowance.

7. Stoppage of Allowance.—(i) allowance shall be disbursed from 55 years to 60 years and after 60 years the allowance will be converted into Old Age Allowance Scheme and beneficiary will continue to draw allowance for the entire life of the applicant. However, the District Social Welfare Officer shall have the right to stop payment of allowance, if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or false information or the condition for which the allowance was granted no longer exist.

(ii) Allowance shall cease to be payable on the death of a beneficiary and if the grantee dies before receiving allowance for a particular period, the same shall lapse.

(iii) In case allowance is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant in his/her application form the amount given would be recovered as arrears of land revenue. In case of deliberate wrong information, the beneficiary shall be liable for prosecution.

(iv) Allowance under this scheme shall not be liable to attachment under any court of law.

8. Change of address.—It shall be obligatory for a beneficiary to intimate any change of address to the District Social Welfare Officer. A beneficiary shifting to a place outside Haryana State for a period exceeding three months shall not be ordinarily eligible for payment of allowance during the period of his/her stay outside Haryana State. However, in a case involving real hardships the District Social Welfare Officer may permit payment of allowance to such a person for a period of absence up to one year if he is satisfied that the shifting of residence was absolutely essential for the beneficiary.

9. D.D.O.—District Social Welfare Officers of Social Justice & Empowerment Department presently DDO of Old Age Allowance Scheme will be the DDO of this scheme.

10. Mode of payment.—(a) Allowance shall be disbursed through the Officials/Officers decided by the Govt. from time to time. It may also be disbursed like Old Age Allowance Scheme or any other System decided by the Government.

(b) The amount of allowance to be paid to a beneficiary per month shall be decided by State Govt. from time to time.

(c) The periodicity of payment of allowance shall be decided by Director, Social Justice and Empowerment from time to time.

11. No further payment shall be made if the acknowledgement of disbursement/ payment has not been received for two consecutive months.

(a) The allowance which have remained unpaid for two consecutive months or more shall be enquired into by the concerned District Social Welfare Officer who will take necessary action in this regard. Payees acknowledgement shall be recorded and kept under lock and key by the District Social Welfare Officer or any other Officer designated for this purpose till the accounts have been audited by Accountant General, Haryana.

12. Handling cash payment to the disbursing officials shall be made, as far as possible, through bank drafts issued in favour of them.

13. All the undisbursed amount shall be received by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned. A proper record of such amounts shall be kept in a separate register. The undisbursed amount received back shall be taken in the cash book and the entire amount thus received shall be refundable by short drawl from subsequent pension bill.

14. The Director, Social Justice and Empowerment shall be over all incharge of the "Ladli Scheme" and necessary instructions in regard to its proper enforcement and accounting procedure shall be issued by him from time to time.

15. The expenditure on the administration of the "Ladli" including the cost of computerization charges or any other expenditure on disbursement of allowance shall be debitible to the head of accounts as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

16. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department oonveyed- vide their U.O.No. 1(13) 2006-3FGH(17GE), dated 29th August, 2006.

ANURADHA GUPTA,
Commissioner and Secretary to Govt. Haryana,
Social Welfare Department.

[Extract from Haryana Government Gazette, dated the 22nd May, 2007]

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 4th May, 2007

No. 861-SW(4)-2007.—In partial modification of Haryana Government Social Welfare Department Notification No. 1803-SW(4)-2006, dated 18th September, 2006, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to make the following amendments in the "Ladli Social Security Allowance Scheme". These amendments shall come into operation w.e.f. first April, 2007.

- (i) These Amendments shall be called "Ladli Social Security Allowance Scheme (first amendment) 2007."
- (ii) In the said notification wherever the words "55 years and Rs. 300/- per month" occur the same shall be substituted as 45 years and Rs. 500/- per month respectively.
- (iii) In sub para 2 of para 2 of the said notification under the criteria of eligibility the existing words "55th birthday and 5 years" the words "45th birthday and 15 years" respectively shall be substituted.

ANURADHA GUPTA,
Commissioner and Secretary to Government Haryana,
Social Welfare Department.

[Extract from Haryana Government Gazette (Extra.), dated the 10th June, 2011]

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 10th June, 2011

No. 470-SW(4)-2011.—In partial modification of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department Notification No. 1803-SW(4)/2006, dated 18th September, 2006 as amended by Notification No. 861-SW(4)-2007, dated 4th May, 2007, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to substitute sub-para Para No. 2 of the "Ladli Social Security Allowance Scheme" with the following :

"2. Eligibility Criteria—

- (i) Any family where biological single parent/parents are domicile of Haryana or working for Government of Haryana and having no son, biological or adopted, but only daughter/daughters are eligible to get benefit @ ₹ 500/- per month under this Scheme.
- (ii) The gross annual income from all sources of the family must not exceed ₹ 2,00,000/- to be eligible for getting benefit under this Scheme.
- (iii) The eligible family will be entitled to receive benefit under this Scheme for a period of 15 years from the date either of the two parents completes 45 years of age. The benefit will be paid to the mother, if surviving. In case the mother is not surviving, the benefit will be paid to the father."

This issues with the approval of the Council of Ministers, Haryana, as conveyed *vide* U.O. No. 9/54/2011-2 Cabinet, dated 26th May, 2011.

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Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to
Government Haryana,
Social Justice and Empowerment Department.