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PART – I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 4th October, 2018

No. 1517 /SW(4)-2018.— The Governor of Haryana is pleased to formulate a scheme namely “Financial Assistance to Women and Girl Acid Attack Victims” to acid victims, financial assistance to help them lead their lives with dignity in the society.

1. INTRODUCTION

The State Government through the Women and Child Development Department has notified a scheme “Relief and Rehabilitation of Women Acid Victims” vide notification No. 337-SW(3)-2016 dated 25.03.2016. Under Clause 8 of the scheme, it has been provided “that monthly financial assistance of Rs. 8000/- to acid victims who come in the definition of disability under clause (r) (s) and (zc) of section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 should be provided by the Social Justice & Empowerment Department”.

2. OBJECTIVE:

Acid attack is not something unheard of in India. It has shocked the conscience of our nation again and again with mutilated faces, unbeaten survivors coming to the frontlines to share their horrific stories, and families driven to bankruptcy supporting recovery costs. Acid attack is possibly one of the worst inflictions on another human – leading to complete debilitation, loss of income and opportunity, and even social sequestration.

Acid attack on women & girls is the result of an uneven socio-gender set-up. Quarrels, disobedience or willfulness and even the lack of any reason have resulted in acid attacks on women.

In some cases women & girls have lost their ability to hear due to the attack. When acid enters the wind pipe or the food pipe, it can lead to fatal diseases. Many deaths have been reported after acid attacks. Treatment calls for a huge amount of money & it is not possible for every victim to afford such costly treatment. This social security scheme will allow a monthly pension to a woman or girl acid attack victim and allow her a continuous source of income until the end of her life. Thus, it seeks to restore, to an extent the right to live with dignity for a woman and girl acid attack victim.

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3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (i) "Acid attack victim" here means a woman or girl who has suffered disfigurement of any part of the body or has become disabled due to acid attack or similar corrosive substance as defined under clause (r) (s) and (zc) of section 2 of "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016".
- (ii) Any woman or girl victim/s facing acid attack on or after 2.5.2011 will be eligible.
- (iii) This scheme will cover women and girl acid attack victims who are residents of Haryana and shall have been residing in Haryana for at least 3 years prior to the date on which acid attack took place.
- (iv) An application may be filed either by the victim or by her heir claiming on her behalf in cases where the victim herself is unable to make an application.
- (v) Financial assistance would be admissible to the acid attack victim at the rate of pension under the scheme Divyang Pension as decided by the Govt. from time to time applicable from the month on which the application for claim of financial assistance is submitted.

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance due to disability arising on account of acid attack will be granted. It is made clear that acid attack is defined as an attack by another person and does not include self- inflicted acid injuries, made advertently or inadvertently. Financial assistance shall be admissible as under:-

For women & girls in case of disfigurement of any part of the body assistance shall be given as under:-

Percentage of disability	Financial Assistance
40-50%	2.5 times of Divyang pension
51-60%	3.5 times of Divyang pension
> 61%	4.5 times of Divyang pension

5. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

- The victim herself, parents or her legal heirs may apply to the District Social Welfare Officer for relief.
- In case of a minor victim, the application may be made on her behalf by a parent or guardian.
- In case of victim being a married woman, the application may be made on her behalf by husband or parent or guardian.
- The application shall be supported by the following documents:-
 - (i) Medical certificate issued by the Medical Board at District level where the application is being made by or on behalf of victim.
 - (ii) Copy of the FIR/Complaint.
 - (iii) Copy of application made to or benefit received from Women & Child Development Department.

For the purpose of assessment of percentage of disability, the notifications of Health Department, Government of Haryana, bearing No. 28/195-82-5HB-I dated 21st March, 1989, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, Bearing No. 16-18/97-NI.1 dated 1st June, 2001, No. 16-18/97-NI.1 dated 18th February, 2002 & subsequent notifications issued from time to time will apply.

Chandigarh:
The 4th October, 2018.

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