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UT Secretariat, Leh
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SUBJECT: LADAKH STATE MARRIAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Order: ...(SWD) of 2023

Dated:

The State Marriage Assistance Scheme of erstwhile State of J&K has been implemented in the UT of Ladakh. The Guidelines of the SMAS is being revised as Ladakh State Marriage Assistance Scheme (Ladakh-SMAS) with the aim to provide economic assistance to the Unmarried/Widow/Divorced/Persons with Benchmark Disability, female resident of Ladakh belonging to families living below the poverty line, for their marriage. The scheme shall be effective from 1st April, 2023, and all the eligible beneficiaries marrying after 1st April, 2023 shall be entitled to the benefits of this scheme. The Guidelines for the Ladakh State Marriage Assistance scheme shall supersede all the existing guidelines related to the State Marriage Assistance Scheme being implemented in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

These guidelines shall come into effect from the date of expiry of the notification period on social media and websites publication for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of **fifteen (15) days** from the date on which the copy is made available to the public;

Objection and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to Director, Social & Tribal Welfare, UT of Ladakh or by email at **directorsocialwelfareladakh@gmail.com**

The objections and suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period specified above, will be considered by the Administration of Union territory of Ladakh.

1. Financial Assistance: Under the Ladakh State Marriage Assistance Scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand Only) shall be provided to the eligible individual beneficiary. In case Bride/Groom or both are **person with benchmark disability** (divyangjan) as defined in 'The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016', the amount of financial assistance shall be Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lac Only).

2. Eligibility Criteria:

The prospective beneficiary female should: -

- (1) be a permanent resident of Ladakh. In absence of proof of permanent residence of the female, proof of permanent residence of her parents should be submitted;
- (2) have attained the legal age of marriage i.e. 18 years and the prospective groom should also have attained 21 years;
- (3) possess a valid court's decree of divorce, in case of divorce applicant;
- (4) belong to AAY (Antodaya Anna Yojana) or PHH (Priority House Hold) ration card holder family; and
- (5) Should not have availed the benefit of this scheme earlier or any similar centrally sponsored scheme;
- (6) To encourage girls to get educated, the applicant has to compulsorily produce 8th pass certificate from 01.04.2025. For 2023 and 2024, this shall not be compulsory.
- (7) Applications for Assistance can be submitted for the marriage of 2 daughters only from each family.**

3. Selection Committee:

In each district, the selection committee shall be constituted to verify the application forms and shall include:

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| 1. Deputy Commissioner | Chairman |
| 2. Senior Superintendent of Police | Member |
| 3. District Program Officer | Member |
| 4. District Panchayat Officer | Member |
| 5. Chief Medical Officer | Member |
| 6. District Social Welfare Officer | Member- Secretary |
| 7. Female representative nominated by Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC | Member |

After determining the eligibility, as per the laid down guidelines, the committee may sanction the financial assistance to the beneficiary subject to the availability of funds. The amount of assistance shall be credited to the AADHAR linked saving bank account of the beneficiary.

4. Application & Selection Process:

- (i) Applications shall be invited by the District Social Welfare Officer for the LADAKH SMAS in January every year for marriages to be held in the FY from April to March. *E.g. Applications shall be invited in January 2023 for marriages to be conducted for the period from April 2023-March 2024.*
- (ii) The cut-off date for the receipt of application shall be as decided by the Selection Committee but should **not be later than 15th March**.
- (iii) DSWOs shall ensure wide publicity to the scheme and the cutoff date.
- (iv) The applicants shall apply to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer/Tehsil Social Welfare Officer/Social Worker or nearest Anganwadi Center for the financial assistance under the scheme in the application format as per annexure-1. Concerned

DSWO/TSWO/SW/AWW shall provide the receipt of the application form to the applicant in the format as per annexure-2.

- (v) AWW/SW/TSWO, after due verification at their level shall forward the application form to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer within five days of receipt of the application form. Due care shall be taken in the verification of Account No. of the applicant.
- (vi) District Social Welfare shall present all these forms before the selection committee **by 30th March**.
- (vii) Selection Committee shall sit in April and scrutinize all the application forms and select based on specified criteria and funds/ceiling. **The selection will be completed latest by 30th April** and the applicants shall be informed about the acceptance/rejection of their applications through a public notice.
- (viii) Financial assistance shall be transferred to the applicant's account, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee **through DBT to the AADHAR** seeded account.
- (ix) ***Marriage Certificate shall be submitted by individual beneficiaries to DSWO soon after the marriage and not later than 30th March of the FY.***
- (x) Recoveries shall be made for marriages not conducted during the year.

5. Enclosures to be submitted with Application:

- (i) In the case of the unmarried female applicant, an affidavit stated that she has not been married before.
- (ii) Death certificate of Husband having her name, in case of Widow applicant
- (iii) Decree of Divorce by Court, in case of Divorced female applicant
- (iv) Resident certificate. In case of absence of Resident certificate of applicant, Resident Certificate the father of the applicant.
- (v) PHH or AAY Ration Card with the name of the applicant. of the female applicant. In case of absence of the name of applicant on the ration card, card in name of father of the applicant.
- (vi) Aadhar Card of the prospective beneficiary and prospective groom.
- (vii) Benchmark Disability (Divyangjan) Certificate, wherever applicable, issued by Competent Authority as notified by the Administration to issue these certificates
- (viii) Age proof certificate of the prospective beneficiary and prospective groom. The following documents are acceptable as proof of age:
 - a. School Transfer Certificate;
 - b. Marksheet of 10th;
 - c. Birth certificate issued by the Competent Authority;
 - d. Voter list/ Voter card mentioning Age or Date of Birth;
 - e. Age Certification issued by Medical Officer of District Hospital
 - f. MNREGA job Card
- (ix) 4 photographs each of the applicant and groom.

- (x) 8th pass certificate (from 01.04.2025 onwards)

6. Other :

- (i) Incomplete application shall be outrightly rejected.
- (ii) No fee of any kind shall be charged from the couple or their family.
- (iii) Financial Assistance shall be transferred to the beneficiary **account through DBT only.**
- (iv) In case the applicant or groom is found to be less than the legal age of marriage, necessary action shall be taken under section 6 of the Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 1929 against the concerned family members.
- (v) **Concerned officers shall ensure discontinuation of widow pension, in case of remarriage under the LADAKH SMAS scheme.**

7. Annual Action Plan

After giving wide publicity to the scheme through electronic and print media, District Social Welfare Officer shall submit an annual action plan to the Administrative Department through Director of Social Welfare Department, for projection in the Budget. Subject to the approval of the Budget, Director shall release the funds to the DSWOs proportionately keeping in consideration approximate the number of prospective beneficiaries in each District.

8. Funding Pattern

The funds provided under Major Head: 2235-Social security and Welfare, Minor Head: - State Marriage Assistance Scheme shall be utilized for the scheme. The DSWO shall maintain complete records of the same and furnish quarterly progress report / utilization certificate to the Directorate.

9. Audit: The social audit and performance audit of the Scheme shall be taken up along with the audit for the other schemes like National Social Assistance Programme of MoRD.

10. Sunset Clause- This Scheme will lapse and cease to have effect after 5 years from date of its notification unless extended by further orders.

By the order of Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh.

Sd/-
Padma Angmo (IIS)
Commissioner/Secretary
Social & Tribal Welfare Department

Copy to-

- 1. All the Administrative Secretaries, Administration of UT Ladakh.
- 2. All the Head of Departments, Administration of UT Ladakh.
- 3. Deputy Commissioner, Leh/Kargil.
- 4. Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh/Kargil.

5. District Program Officer, Leh/Kargil.
6. District Panchayat Officer, Leh/Kargil.
7. Chief Medical Officer, Leh/ Kargil.
8. District Social Welfare Officer, Leh/Kargil.
9. All the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Administration of UT Ladakh.
10. All the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Administration of UT Ladakh
11. All the Block Medical Officer, Administration of UT Ladakh.
12. All the Child Development Project Officers, Administration of UT Ladakh.
13. All the Block Development Officers, Administration of UT Ladakh.
14. All the Tehsil Social Welfare Officers, Administration of UT Ladakh.
15. All the President Block Development Council, Administration of UT Ladakh.
16. Chairman, Municipal Committee, Leh/Kargil.
17. All the Chairman, Block Development Council, Administration of UT Ladakh.
18. OSD to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh
19. Private Secretary to Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh.
20. Private Secretary to Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Leh/Kargil.
21. District Information Officer, NIC, for uploading on website

Director (Social & Tribal Welfare)

Annexure-1

Application form for Ladakh State Marriage Assistance Scheme

To

District Social Welfare Officer,

District, Ladakh

Latest
photograph
of Prospective
Beneficiary

Part A- Information of prospective beneficiary

- 1- Name of the Applicant :
- 2- Aadhar No. :
- 3- Educational Qualification :
- 4- Mother's Name :
- 5- Father's Name :
- 6- Date of Birth :
- 7- Prospective Date/Month of Marriage :
- 8- Age on prospective date of marriage :
- 9- Complete residential address :
- 10- Proposed venue of Marriage :
- 11- Resident Certificate No :
- 12- AAY/PHH Ration Card No with name of applicant :
- 13- In absence of RC of applicant, RC No of father :
- 14- In absence of the name of Applicant on AAY/PHH Ration Card, Ration Card No with Father Name :
- 15- Category - Scheduled Caste () Scheduled Tribe () General ()
- 16- Person with Benchmark Disability Yes ()/No()

17- UDID No :

In absence of UDID, Certificate of Disability as per....order ...dated to be enclosed

18- Marital Status – Unmarried () Divorced () Widow ()

(enclose supporting document*)

19- Aadhar linked Account No (in which assistance to be provided) -

- i. Name of the Bank :
- ii. Branch :
- iii. Account No :

It is certified that the above information provided by me is true and relevant certificates have been enclosed. If this information or the certificates are found false, I shall be held responsible, and for which legal action can be taken against me.

I agree to return the amount if, due to any reason, the marriage/wedding does not take place.

Place:

Date:

Applicant's Signature

Name.....

Part B- Information of prospective Groom

- 20- Name of the Prospective Groom :
21- Aadhar No :
22- Educational qualification :
23- Mother's Name :
24- Father's Name :
25- Date of Birth :
26- Age on prospective date of marriage:
27- Complete address :
28- Whether PHH/AAY Yes ()/ No()
29- If Yes, Ration Card Sr. No. :
30- Category: Scheduled Caste () Scheduled Tribe () General ()
31- Person with Benchmark Disability Yes ()/No()
32- UDID No :

Latest
photograph
of Prospective
Groom

In absence of UDID, Certificate of Disability as per....order ...dated to be enclosed

- 33- Marital Status – Unmarried () Divorced () Widower ()

It is certified that the above information provided by me is true and relevant certificates have been enclosed. If this information or the certificates are found false, I shall be held responsible, and for which legal action can be taken against me.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Prospective Groom

Name.....

Address.....

Annexures enclosed with the Application form

1. Proof of age of prospective beneficiary & prospective groom.
2. 8th pass certificate (from 01.04.2025 onwards)
3. AAY/PHH Ration card in which Applicant's or her Father/Husband (in case of widow) name is mentioned.
4. Resident Certificate
5. In absence of document at Sr. No. 2/3, Certificate issued by S.D.M/Tehsildar
6. Aadhar Card of the applicant & prospective groom.
7. Two photographs each of the applicant & prospective groom.
8. Death Certificate of ex-Husband in case of widow applicant.
9. Divorce Decree issued by a court in case of the divorced applicant.
10. For unmarried female applicant, an affidavit stated that she has not been married before.
11. UDID Card Copy or Certificate of Disability as per order no.....dated.....

Note: Please strike off which is not applicable. All the copies should be self-attested.

Applicant's Signature

Name.....

Receipt of Application form for Ladakh State Marriage Assistance Scheme

Application of Ms..... D/o..... R/o..... village/city.....
District.....Ladakh under Ladakh State Marriage Assistance Scheme has been
received in this office/through TSWO...../ AWW..... Today.....at AM/PM
along with the following enclosures:

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2. 8th pass certificate (from 01.04.2025 onwards)
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Place:.....

Date:.....

Signature of DSWO/TSWO/SW/AWW

Name.....

District.....

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