



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Social Welfare Department
Civil Secretariat; (J&K)**

Subject: Adoption of Special Assistance Scheme for COVID Mortalities (SASCM/Saksham) in the UT of J&K- Special relief measures for families of COVID victims.

Reference No: Administrative Council Decision No.62/10/2021 dated 28-05-2021.

**Government Order No. 72 -JK(SWD) of 2021
Dated: 28 -05-2021**

Sanction is, hereby, accorded to the adoption of Special Assistance Scheme for COVID Mortalities (SASCM/Saksham) in the UT of J&K as per the guidelines attached as Annexure 'A' to this order and the creation of a Special Cell in the Social Welfare Department for handholding of COVID affected families.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.

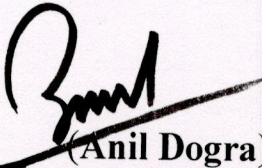
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Sheetal Nanda, IAS
Secretary to the Government,
Social Welfare Department
Dated:- 28 -05-2021

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Annexure - 'A'



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**GUIDELINES
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME
FOR
COVID MORTALITIES
(SASCM/Saksham)**

Special Assistance Scheme for Covid Mortalities(SASCM)

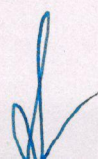
The Scheme shall be called the Special Assistance Scheme for COVID Mortalities (SASCM/Saksham). The scheme shall be applicable to the domiciles of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The aim of the scheme is to provide Special Financial Assistance in the shape of pension to those families who have lost their only or all earning member(s) and scholarships in favour of those children (upto two), who have lost their earning parent(s) or earning sibling(s) or earning legal guardian(s) due to COVID-19. The scheme shall not be applicable in the case of employees who are eligible for family pension or are getting similar benefits under any other scheme.

The scheme shall be implemented as per the detailed guidelines as under:-

I. Special pension:-

- i. The family shall comprise of spouse, children, dependent parents, dependent un-married brother/ sister.
- ii. The family which has lost its only or all bread earning member(s) due to COVID-19 shall be eligible under this scheme.
- iii. The pension shall be payable from the month following the month in which the COVID victim expired.
- iv. Surviving spouse plus one eldest surviving member of the family would be sanctioned special pension (one each) provided they are not otherwise receiving any pension under any scheme of UT/ Centre.
- v. Each eligible family shall be sanctioned upto two special pensions- one for spouse and one for eldest surviving member (other than children).
- vi. These special pensions shall be paid to each beneficiary at the same rate of ISSS/NSAP i.e Rs 1000/- per month.
- vii. On attainment of eligibility for any other pension scheme of the UT or Central Government, their cases shall be switched over to those schemes.

II. Special Scholarship: -

- i. The Scholarship shall be disbursed for children(upto 2) who have lost either their earning parent(s) or earning sibling(s) or earning legal guardian(s) to COVID and are pursuing education.
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- ii. The scholarship shall be paid at the rate of Rs 20,000/- per annum for children studying upto 12th class in any recognized institute anywhere in India and Rs 40,000/- per annum for children studying in colleges/ institutes recognized anywhere in India (Professional / Non Professional).
- iii. The existing scholarship holders amongst COVID victim families can opt for the scholarship scheme which is more beneficial to them as per their eligibility.
- iv. A joint account will be opened for credit of scholarship amount and the beneficiary child will operate this account through his/her legal guardian till such time he/she becomes eligible to operate the bank account independently as per the banking norms in vogue.
- v. The special scholarship would be released at the start of the academic year/ session subject to the production of valid certificate of admission from the concerned educational institution to the Deputy Commissioner and shall be applicable from academic year 2021-2022.
- vi. In case of such children who are too young to go to school, the scholarship shall become operative from the date they are admitted in a school.

III. Procedure:-

- i. The concerned Deputy Commissioner(s) shall identify/ verify the eligible victim families, hailing from their respective districts and shall provide consolidated data separately for special pension and special scholarship (**on monthly basis**) to Director, Social Welfare, Jammu/Kashmir not later than 15th of the month as per the performa enclosed. The cumulative data upto May 2021 be provided not later than 20th of June 2021.
- ii. A Certificate is to be issued by the Deputy Commissioner(s) to the effect that the only/sole or all bread earner(s) of the family or earning parent(s) or earning sibling(s) or earning legal guardian(s) of children have expired due to COVID-19, under his/her seal and signatures (death certificate to be enclosed for the purpose of pension and scholarship respectively).
- iii. The beneficiary has to furnish an undertaking to the Deputy Commissioner(s) concerned to the effect that he/she is not

claiming any other financial assistance under any scheme of UT/Central Government. Also, a valid certificate of admission from the concerned education institution shall have to be provided to the Deputy Commissioner by the beneficiary for the purpose of availing scholarship.

- iv. The Deputy Commissioner(s) shall recommend the cases by 15th of next month (after the month of reported deaths) without fail.
- v. The Deputy Commissioner(s) shall ensure that bank accounts of the beneficiaries are mandatorily Aadhaar linked.
- vi. After sanctioning of the pension/scholarship, the amount will be disbursed to the beneficiaries in their bank accounts directly through DBT mode.
- vii. Deputy Commissioners shall also ensure that only the domicile certificate holders are recommended for special pension/special scholarship as the case may be.
- viii. The names of those availing scholarships under this scheme shall be deleted from other scholarship lists (SC/ST/OBC/Minority/PSP/PMS etc.).
- ix. The Director Social Welfare Jammu/Kashmir shall ensure that the pensions are sanctioned and disbursed not later than 1st of the month succeeding the month of report by Deputy Commissioners and the scholarships are sanctioned and disbursed not later than 15 days after receipt of report from Deputy Commissioners. They shall also ensure that the amounts are disbursed only through DBT and a complete database of all such beneficiaries is maintained and updated regularly.
- x. Both Divisional Commissioners shall ensure adherence to timelines and guidelines and ensure effective implementation of the scheme.

In case any clarification is required during the implementation of the current scheme (SASCM/Saksham), the mandate to issue such clarification shall lie with the Social Welfare Department.

Sheetal Nanda, IAS 27/5/21

Secretary to the Government,
Social Welfare Department

Format to be sent by Deputy Commissioners in respect of eligible beneficiaries for special pension/special scholarship

Name of the covid victim	Name of the beneficiary	Relationship with the covid victim	Residence of the beneficiary y/legal heir	Aadhaar No. of the beneficiary	16 digit Bank Account No duly linked	Details of dependent family members of the deceased covid victim(s)

**Seal and Signature
Deputy Commissioner**

NOTE:-1. The Deputy Commissioner also has to provide certificate as detailed at Point III (ii) of the guidelines of the scheme.