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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Social Welfare - Child Welfare - Girl Child Protection Scheme - Implementation of - Revival - Orders Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE & NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAMME (S.W.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.199

Dated 31.12.2001.

Read again

1. G.O.Ms.No.533, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 13-10-92.
2. G.O.Ms.No.42, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 15-2-93.
3. G.O.Ms.No.184, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 13-7-93.
4. G.O.Ms.No.279, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 6-10-93.
5. G.O.Ms.No.309, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 11-11-93.
6. G.O.Ms.No.21, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 19-1-94.
7. G.O.Ms.No.110, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 31-3-94.
8. G.O.Ms.No.9, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 6-1-96.
9. G.O.Ms.No.166, Social Welfare & Nutritious Meal Programme Dept., Dated 14-5-97.

Read also

10. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, letter No.36952/CW.2/2001, dated 4-7-2001 and dated 26.7.2001

ORDER

The Honourable Chief Minister had introduced the revolutionary Girl Child Protection Scheme in 1992 to promote family planning, to eradicate female infanticide and to discourage preference for male child. In the Budget Speech for 2001-2002, it was announced that this scheme will be restructured to confer increased financial benefit to the girls belonging to poor families. The Commissioner of Social Welfare

has sent proposals in his letter tenth read above for revival and restructuring of the existing schemes.

2. The Government have carefully examined the proposals in the context of changing trends in educational and other expenses for Girl Children and they have decided to restructure the scheme as proposed by the Commissioner of Social Welfare so as to confer more financial benefits and security to these vulnerable girl children. They accordingly sanction a sum of Rs.2270.75 lakhs (Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and Seventy Five lakhs) for implementation of the scheme during 2001-2002.

3. This scheme shall be called as Girl Child Protection Scheme

4. The Government direct that the Girl Child Protection Scheme shall be governed by Rules issued hereunder and pronounced in the Annexure to this Order.

5. The Commissioner of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme is further vested with the power to issue suitable instructions / guidelines in furtherance of the said rules for the successful implementation of the scheme.

6. The Government further direct all the District Social Welfare Officers shall keep the Deposit Receipt in the Strong Room of the District Treasury and the District Treasury Officers shall make necessary arrangements to this effect.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 2 above shall be debited to "2235. Social Security and Welfare - 02. Social Welfare - 102. Child Welfare - JX. Assistance to scheme for Girls Child Welfare - 09. Grants-in-Aid - 03. Grants for specific schemes. (D.P.Code No. 2235 - 02 - 102 JX - 0939)

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.3676/FS/P/2001 dated 06.12.2001.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.K.GARIYALI,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, Chennai, 5.00 and 00.00 hours.

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All District Collectors.
All District Social Welfare Officers through Commissioner of Social Welfare,Chennai.5.
The Chairperson and Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation, Chennai.18.
The Director of Treasury and Accounts, Chennai.15.
All Treasury Officers.
All Pay and Accounts Officers.
The Accountant General (A&E) Chennai.18.(By name)
The Accountant General (Audit I/I), Chennai.9./Chennai.35.(By name)
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The Finance (SW&NMP)Dept., Chennai.9.(2 copies)
The Special P.A. to the Minister (SW) Chennai.9.

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ANNEXURE

(To G.O.Ms.No. 109 SW & NMP Dept., dt.31.12.2001.)

GIRL CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME, 2001

RULES

1.1.2001

1. Short title: These Rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Girl Child Protection Scheme Rules, 2001.

2. Scope of the Rules:- The scope of these rules is to constitute a separate fund for Girl Child Protection Scheme hereinafter referred to as "The Scheme", which aims at smel family norms eradicating female infanticide/foeticide and promoting the welfare of the girl children through more meaningful programmes.

3. Extent, commencement: (1) These rules shall extend to the whole State of Tamil Nadu.

(2) These rules shall come into force with effect on and from the 31st December, 2001.

4. Mode of Deposits under the scheme: A sum of Rs. 22,200/- under Scheme-I and a sum of Rs. 15,200/- under Scheme-II shall be deposited in the name of the child, who is admitted in the respective schemes in the form of fixed deposit with an investment Organisation.

5. Eligibility for admission to the scheme:- (1) These rules shall apply to families having not more than two girl children and have no male child and the living parents or the grand parents of such children, as the case may be, who are domicile of Tamil Nadu for a period not less than ten years prior to the date of application to the scheme.

(2) Under Scheme-I, the family having only one girl child and under Scheme-II, the family having only two girl children shall be the beneficiaries of the scheme.

(3) Children of parents who have undergone sterilisation alone are eligible for benefits under the scheme. The age of the parents who have undergone sterilisation shall be less than thirty five years on the date of sterilisation.

(4) For both the schemes, there shall not be any living male child in the family and the parents shall not adopt a male child subsequently also.

(5) The annual income of the family shall not exceed Rupees fifty thousand for Scheme-I and the annual income of the family shall not exceed Rupees twelve thousand for Scheme-II. However, the above income limit shall not apply in respect of girl child brought up in an Orphanage/Home.

(6) If the first child born happens to be a male and died subsequently, the next female child is eligible for assistance under the scheme subject to the satisfaction of other eligibility criteria.

(7) In case of twins, if one happens to be a male child and the other happens to be a girl child, the girl child is not eligible for assistance under the scheme.

(8) The girl babies received by the parents through adoption are not eligible for assistance under this scheme. However, babies who were not given on adoption and kept in recognised Orphanages/Homes are eligible for assistance under the Scheme.

(9) The parents or guardian (if both the parents are not alive) of the girl child or the Head of the Orphanage/Home in respect of the girls kept in such Orphanages/Homes, shall make an application in the prescribed format to the District Social Welfare Officer of the District concerned.

6. Benefits under Scheme-I: (one girl child scheme)

(1) The parents / guardian or the Head of the Orphanage/Home in respect of the girls kept in such Orphanages/Homes shall make an application to the concerned District Social Welfare officer within one year from the date of birth of the girl child or within one year from the date on which the girl child is brought to the Orphanage/Home as the case may be.

(2) The District Social Welfare Officer shall, on receipt of the application, scrutinise the applications received and forward the applications of the eligible girl children to the Commissioner of Social Welfare.

(3) On registration under the Scheme, a sum of Rs. 22,200/- (Rupees twenty two thousand and two hundred only) shall be deposited in the name of the child with the Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation in a specially designed cumulative interest payment scheme for five years by the Commissioner of Social Welfare.

(4) The deposit will be renewed periodically once in five years by the Commissioner of Social Welfare till the completion of twenty years of deposit.

(5) An amount of Rs. 150/- (Rupees one hundred and fifty only) as monthly incentive shall be given to the child on completion of 5th year and upto 20th year of deposit for her educational purposes. However, the maturity value shall be payable only if the girl child studied upto 10th standard and appeared for the Public Examination.

(6) On completion of twenty years of deposit, the girl child will receive a lumpsum amount that actually accrues from the cumulative deposit.

7. Benefits under Scheme-II: (two girl children scheme) (1) The parents/guardian (if both the parents are not alive) of the girl children shall make an application to the concerned District Social Welfare officer within one year from the date of birth of the second girl child.

(2) The District Social Welfare Officer shall, on receipt of application, scrutinise the applications received and forward the applications of the eligible girl children to the Commissioner of Social Welfare.

(3) On registration under the Scheme by the parents of the girl children, a sum of Rs. 15,200/- (Rupees fifteen thousand and two hundred only) shall be deposited in the name of each of the two girl children separately with the Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation in a specially designed cumulative scheme and interest payment scheme initially for five years by the Commissioner of Social Welfare.

(4) The deposit shall be renewed periodically once in five years by the Commissioner of Social Welfare, till the completion of twenty years.

Provided that, under Scheme-II, the first girl child is allowed to foreclose the account on completion of twenty years of age if she has studied upto 10th Std. and appeared for public examination and with the concurrence of District Social Welfare Officer concerned and in such cases, renewal of deposit shall be stopped at the appropriate time.

(5) An amount of Rs. 150/- (Rupees one hundred and fifty only) as monthly incentive shall be given to the child on completion of 5th year and upto 20th year of deposit for her educational purposes. However, the maturity value shall be payable only if the girl child studied upto 10th Standard and appeared for the Public Examination.

If the children do not appear for the 10th Standard Public Examination before the completion of 20 years of deposit, such children are not eligible to receive the maturity value and it shall be forfeited to the Government Account.

(6) On completion of twenty years of deposit, the girl child shall receive a lump sum amount that actually accrues from the cumulative deposit provided she has appeared for the 10th Standard Public Examination.

6. Procedure for Registration:- (1) The parents/guardian of the girl child shall submit an application in the prescribed form to the District Social Welfare Officer of the District concerned.

(2) On receipt of applications, the District Social Welfare Officers concerned shall register them chronologically and assign seniority number, taking into account the date of receipt of applications. The District Social Welfare officer shall open separate registers for the Scheme I and II and enter the details chronologically.

(3) The registers should have sufficient space for affixing the Passport size photo of the girl child, taken once in five years and specific columns for recording the name of the girl child, date of birth, parent's name, residential address, parental income, sterilisation details etc.. The register shall have columns for migration/death of the girl child also.

(4) The District Social Welfare officer shall personally verify all the entries in the application with reference to the certificates, viz. income certificate, nativity certificate, date of birth certificate, sterilisation certificate, produced by the applicant and satisfy whether the applicant is a bonafide applicant or otherwise.

(5) The District Social Welfare Officers should immediately carry out any change of address of the child/parent in the registers maintained by them and also intimate the fact immediately to the concerned District Social Welfare Officer/Commissioner of Social Welfare/Investment Company.

(6) The District Social Welfare Officers, who are the District controlling officers, shall forward the applications of the eligible girl children to the Commissioner of Social Welfare. The Commissioner of Social Welfare thereupon shall arrange to draw and deposit the amount in the name of the respective girl child and then forward the deposit receipt to the District Social Welfare Officer for safe custody and for monitoring the Scheme. A xerox copy of the deposit receipt shall be sent to the Parent/Guardian/Head of the Orphanage or Home, by registered post by the District Social Welfare Officer.

(7) The District Social Welfare Officers are the Scheme Implementing Officers in the respective districts, who will report to the District Collectors concerned and Commissioner of Social Welfare on the functioning of the scheme.

(8) The scheme shall be implemented by the Commissioner of Social Welfare at the State level in coordination with Health, Education, Rural Development and Revenue Officials.

(9) The District Collectors are responsible for the successful implementation of the scheme in their respective districts. The progress of the scheme shall be periodically reviewed by the District Collectors every month and copies of such reviews shall be sent to Commissioner of Social Welfare. The Commissioner of Social Welfare shall in turn forward the same to Government in Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department along with his comments or suggestions if any.

(10) There will not be any maximum limit fixed for the receipt of applications and hence all the eligible applications will be registered by the District Social Welfare Officers concerned. Whereas, fixed deposits shall be made as per the seniority and on the availability of funds under the Scheme.

(11) The application form, registers and periodicals shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Social Welfare and made available to District Social Welfare Officers to ensure uniformity.

(12) At least 15% random check shall be done by the officials of the Commissionerate of Social Welfare to ensure the genuineness of the beneficiaries, for every quarter in every district.

(13) The mother of the child shall be the guardian of the minor account. If the mother predeceases, the father shall be the guardian of the minor account. In the event of both expiring, the legal guardian shall be the guardian of the minor account. In the case of girl child being brought up by an Orphanage/Home, the Head of such Orphanage/Home shall be the guardian of the girl child.

(14) The investment organisation shall send the monthly incentive by way of post dated interest warrants to the Commissioner of Social Welfare. The Commissioner of Social Welfare shall in turn send the incentive warrants to the District Social Welfare Officers concerned. The District Social Welfare Officer should get the child details like attendance in school from the Headmaster concerned once in a year and disburse it to the parents/guardians/Head of the Orphanage/Home concerned under due acknowledgement.

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(15) If the girl child and the family shift their residence to another area or District, the District Social Welfare Officer with whom the registration has been originally made shall carefully watch the movement and report the matter to the investment organisation, the Commissioner of Social Welfare and the District Social Welfare Officer concerned, so as to enable her to take necessary action to issue the incentives through interest warrants and the maturity value of the deposit.

(16) If the girl child drops out in middle of her studies and discontinues before the completion of studies specified in rule 6(5) and 7(5), the child is not eligible for any figure assistance under the Scheme and the girl's name will be removed from the Scheme and the register. The deposit shall be forfeited and credited to the Government Account.

(17) If a natural death occurs to the girl child or dies due to accident prior to the completion of twenty years of deposit, the amount accrued till the date of death of the child under the scheme shall be given to the mother of the child. If the mother of the child predeceases the girl child, this amount shall be paid to the father. The money shall not be paid to anyone else and shall be credited to the Government Account.

(18) In the event of death of either of the children, the benefit may be given to the surviving girl child.

(19) The one time deposit and the renewal of deposit cannot be foreclosed before completion of 20 years. Even if the girl gets married before the completion of 20th year of deposit, foreclosing is not allowed and the maturity value will be given only on completion of 20 years of deposit. However, under Scheme-II, the first girl child is permitted to foreclose the account on completion of 20 years of age with the concurrence of the District Social Welfare Officer concerned.

(20) The annual income of the family at the time of initial registration under the Scheme alone shall be taken into account for eligibility under the Scheme.

(21) The girl child benefited under this scheme is not eligible under any other marriage assistance schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The District Social Welfare Officers concerned shall ensure this.

(22) The District Social Welfare Officer shall issue necessary passbook immediately to the beneficiaries after registration.

(23) The birth certificate produced shall bear the name of the girl child.

(24) The deposit made with the Finance Organisation in the name of the girl child shall be in the joint account along with respective District Social Welfare officers.

(25) (a) An agreement shall be entered into between the Commissioner of Social Welfare and the Finance Organisation to abide these Rules.

(b) The agreement shall also include the conditions for prompt payment of interest, maturity value, automatic renewal of deposit once in five years, continued payment of interest and maturity value.

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(26) The Commissioner of Social Welfare shall be vested with powers to make initial deposit of Rs. 22,200/- per girl child under Scheme-I and Rs. 15,200/- per girl child under Scheme-II with the Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation and on completion of fifth year of each deposit, reinvest it in an appropriate way under appropriate scheme, so that each girl child shall get a monthly incentive of Rs. 150/- from the sixth year to till the end of the twentieth year and on maturity to draw and disburse the amount actually accrued on the deposits.

(26) An acknowledgement shall be sent to the applicant by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned, indicating the serial number in the register and the date of registration, after its registration.

(27) The Government shall have the right to revise, modify and give up the Schemes at any time. The mere initial deposit shall not be a commitment for the entire twenty years.

(28) Income Certificate and Nativity Certificate shall be obtained from an officer of Revenue Department not below the rank of Head Quarters Deputy Tahsildar of the respective Taluk and the date of birth certificate/storilisation certificate shall be obtained from the authorities concerned.

(29) The District Social Welfare Officer shall send the particulars of the deposit to be renewed at the expiry of five years of each deposit well in advance to the Commissioner of Social Welfare to enable him to make arrangements for reinvestment of such deposit.

C.K.GARIYALI,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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