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From

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

Sub: Revised Guidelines for Award of Incentive for Marriage between Persons with Disabilities and other Person.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the guidelines on award of incentive for Marriage between Persons with Disabilities and other Persons communicated in the then Women & Child Development Department letter No.22680 dtd.28.11.2013 is in operation in the State since 2013-14. With the creation and functioning of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department w.e.f. 01.07.2015, the subject matter relating to welfare of Persons with Disabilities has come to domain of this Department after bifurcation from Women & Child Development Department. During implementation of this scheme, some operational problems were brought to the notice of this Department. Thus, to protect the interest of the deserving cases and wider coverage of benefit, guidelines have been revised giving its effect from 1st April 2017.

The revised guidelines with prescribed formats are enclosed here with for your information and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

N. Chandra
Principal Secretary

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Copy forwarded to State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, SIDR Building, Capital Hospital Campus, Unit-VI, Bhubaneswar for information.

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Guidelines for Award of Incentive for Marriage between Person with Disability and other Person.

The State Government after careful consideration have been pleased to decide to Award Incentive for the marriage between Person with Disability (PwDs) and other person, irrespective of category of the disability so as to mainstream the Persons with Disabilities in the society and enable them to lead a normal and dignified life and also to encourage the other person to marry the Person with Disability. With the intention of providing timely incentives to genuine persons, to avoid misutilization of such incentives and to streamline sanction, drawal and disbursement of incentives, the Government hereby prescribe the following comprehensive guidelines for award of marriage incentive for marriage between PwDs and other person in respect of all the cases from now onwards.

To facilitate and fulfill mandates under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999; the State Government have been pleased to formulate this Comprehensive Guideline for **Award of Incentive for Marriage between Person with Disability and other Person.**

The Guidelines shall come into effect from the 1st April, 2017.

1. Definition of Persons with Disabilities:

Definitions of Persons with Disabilities and categories for the purpose of Award of Incentive shall be as per the provisions under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 with its amendments/ modifications from time to time.

2. Eligibility:

- (a) Cash incentive award can be given to either of the spouse with disability if other person marries a Person with Disability.
- (b) The bridegroom and the bride must have completed 21 years and 18 years of age respectively at the time of the marriage.
- (c) Either of spouses should have not availed the incentive award under this scheme earlier.
- (d) The said marriage should be dowry free.
- (e) Should be resident of Odisha State.

3. Amount of Incentive:

The amount of incentive is fixed at ₹50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only)

4. Time Limit for Submission of Application:

The application in the prescribed form (Annexure-1) should be submitted to the concerned Collector & District Magistrate in the District where the couple is residing within one year from the date of solemnization of marriage.

Provided that the collector concerned may entertain applications from couples by condoning delay beyond one year on considering specific circumstances and genuineness of the reasons of delay.

5. Application Form:

The eligible persons shall submit the application form as enclosed in Annexure-I to the Collector & District Magistrate in the District where the couple is residing.

6. Filling up of Application Forms:

Eligible Couple shall apply in the prescribed form for Incentive award along with self-attested copies of the following documents:

- a) Disability Certificate Issued by District Medical Board as notified by the Government.
- b) Marriage Registration Certificate issued by the competent registration authority of marriages.
- c) Three self-attested Post Card Size Joint Photograph of the couple.
- d) Residential certificate issued by the Tahsildar or any other authentic Proof of residence.
- e) Proof of joint account of husband & wife along with Bank authorization for e-transfer of the fund.

7. Registration of Application;

The Collector & District Magistrate on receipt of filled in applications in full shape along with required certificates shall Cause –

- a) The details shall enter in the Record of Marriage Incentive Awards and a computer generated common seniority number shall be assigned irrespective of category of the disability.

- b) Acknowledgement be given, to the applicant or his authorized representative in case of hand delivery, and its despatch by post in other cases and the acknowledgement shall specify, inter alia, the i.e. seniority number and date of receipt of the application.
- c) The DSSO Office shall be custodian of such Registers and Files and they shall be responsible for proper maintenance of records.

8. Preliminary Scrutiny of the application;

- a) On receipt of an application under Incentive Award, the Collector & District Magistrate shall satisfy himself/herself that the application is complete and in case he/she finds any lacunae in the application, he/she shall direct the applicant within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of the application to rectify such lacunae within a reasonable time limit. Such incomplete applications should not be assigned seniority number.
- b) On receipt of the prescribed application in full shape, the Collector & District Magistrate shall forward the application to the concerned Verification Officer within two weeks from the date of receipt of the application.

9. Verification:

- a) Tahsildars are designated as Verification officers for the purpose of Marriage Incentive Awards,
- b) On receipt of the application from the District Collector the Verification Officer shall undertake physical verification of the couple, certificates and other relevant details, The Verification Officer shall inform the date of the verification to the couple in advance.
- c) The couple shall be physically present on date of visit of the Verification Officer along with required original certificates and with other details.
- d) Verification Officer shall
 - (i) verify identity of applicant
 - (ii) shall verify the disability of persons with reference to the disability certificate,
 - (iii) the fact of marriage or otherwise
 - (iv) whether such marriage is first marriage or whether applicant or spouse has availed same benefit earlier or not.

- e) After verification of the genuineness of the application the Verification officer shall forward the report along with application to the Collector & District Magistrate within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application.
- f) The Collectors may also get the genuineness of application verified by the DSSO.

10. Sanction and Disbursement of Marriage Incentive Award

- a) The Collector & District Magistrate shall be the sanctioning authority for Marriage Incentive Award.
- b) The Collector & District Magistrate shall ensure that either spouse should not have availed the incentive award under this scheme in the District or any other district in the State.
- c) Sanctions shall be accorded strictly following the common Disability Seniority.
- d) The Collector & District Magistrate shall satisfy himself and accord sanction subject to availability of budget and after thorough scrutiny with reference to the guidelines and other relevant rules.
- e) Copy of the sanction order of Marriage Incentive Award by District Collector shall be marked to the concerned Verification Officer, Applicant and Director, Department of Social Security & Empowerment Persons with Disabilities for information.
- f) The amount of Marriage Incentive Award shall be disbursed to the Couple through e-transfer.
- g) The amount of incentive shall be fixed for 3 years and thereafter the couple can withdraw under joint signature. The Bank shall be advised accordingly.
- h) The names of couple who are sanctioned Marriage Incentive Awards sanctioned shall be displayed on the web-site of the District and State Department of Social Security & Empowerment Persons with Disabilities along with scanned Joint Photograph of the Couple.
- i) If rejected, the reasons thereof shall be intimated to the applicant by the Collector & District Magistrate.

11. Allotment of funds and review:

- a. Allotment of funds in favour of Director, Department of Social Security & Empowerment Persons with Disabilities by the Government shall be communicated to the Accountant General, Odisha with a copy to the Collector & District Magistrate.
- b. The placement of funds to the Collector & District Magistrate shall be made by the Director, Department of Social Security & Empowerment Persons with Disabilities as per their demand and availability of funds. The funds shall be e-transferred to DSSO's Account.

- c. The Director, Department of Social Security & Empowerment Persons with Disabilities shall review the status periodically with the Collector & District Magistrate and other Departments to ensure that the objective of the scheme is fully achieved and to sort out problems if any,
- d. The DSSOs shall be responsible for proper maintenance of Accounts.
- e. The Accounts shall be audited by AG, Odisha and also Departmental Auditors.

12. Action for fraudulently availing any benefit meant for Persons with Disabilities:

Those who fraudulently avail or attempt even after having availed once the same benefit shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,00,000/- or with both as prescribed under Section 91 of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. In such cases, the Collector & District Magistrate, who is the sanctioning authority, shall initiate action accordingly, besides recovery of disbursed amount with 12% interest.

13. Evaluation:

The evaluation shall be done at an interval of 5 years by a third party appointed by Social Security & Empowerment Persons with Disabilities Department.



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SOCIAL SECURITY & EMPOWERMENT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION FORM FOR AWARD OF MARRIAGE INCENTIVE FOR
MARRIAGE BETWEEN DISABLED & NORMAL PERSON

PART-A

(To be filled in by the Couple)

I. Details of Persons with Disabilities (Spouse)

- a) Full Name :
- b) Sex(Male/Female) :
- c) Nature of disability :
- d) Father's Name :
- e) Date of Birth :
- f) Age at the time of marriage :
- g) Religion and Caste :
- h) Educational Qualifications :
- i) Native Place & Address :
- j) Present Place of living and Address :
- k) Occupation :
- l) Contact Phone Nos. :
- m) Mail-ID (if any) :

II. Details of other Person (Spouse)

- a) Full Name :
- b) Sex (Male/Female) :
- c) Father's Name :
- d) Date of Birth :
- e) Age at the time of marriage :
- f) Religion and Caste :
- g) Educational Qualifications :
- h) Native Place & Address :
- i) Present Place of living and Address :
- j) Occupation :
- k) Contact Phone Nos. :
- l) e-Mail-ID (if any) :

III. **Date and place of Marriage**

IV. Certificates Enclosed (Self attested copies):

- (i) Disability Certificate Issued by District Medical Board as notified by the Government : YES/NO
- (ii) Marriage Registration Certificate issued by the competent Registration Authority of Marriages : YES/NO
- (iii) Three Post Card Size Joint Photograph of the couple self-attested : YES/NO
- iv) Residential certificate issued by the Tahsildars / Residential Proof: YES/NO

- v) Proof of joint account of husband & wife along with
Bank authorization for e-transfer of the fund: YES/NO

V. Declaration of Husband & Wife.

We certify that the information furnished above are true and correct. We also certify that we have not claimed the Marriage Incentive Award previously. If in any case, the information submitted by us are proved to be wrong at any time, we understand we are liable for prosecution entailing of Rs. 1,00,000/-, imprisonment up to 2 years and recovery of Marriage Incentive Award paid along with 12% interest thereon.

Signature of other Person (Spouse)

Signature of Person
With Disability

Date :

Place:

PART -B
(to be filled in by the Verification Officer)

I have verified the contents of the application with Original Certificates and physically identified the Couple and certify that :

- | | | |
|-------|---|-------------------|
| (i) | The Couple are married and living together : | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Joint Photographs of the couple. : | Correct/Incorrect |
| (iii) | Disability Certificate: | Correct/Incorrect |
| (iv) | Marriage Registration Certificate: | Correct/Incorrect |
| (v) | Residential Certificate/Proof of address: | Correct/Incorrect |
| (vi) | As per enquiry the coupled have not availed the incentive award earlier : | Correct/Incorrect |

I recommend / do not recommend for sanction of Marriage Incentive Award for the following reasons:

a)

b)

c)

Name of the Verification Officer

Designation

Office Address

**Signature of the Verification
Officer with Stamp**

Date:

Place:

PART-C

(To be filled in by the Sanctioning authority)

I have scrutinized the application form of Sri/
Smt.....Bearing number.....
Dt....., enclosures and Verification Report of the Verification Officer
..... Dt..... with reference to the guidelines and other relevant rules
and sanction the request for the Marriage Incentive Award to the applicant vide
No....., dt.....

(or)

Reject the same for the following reasons:-

Collector and District Magistrate

Date:

Place :