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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE AND
SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE SECRETARIAT

(G.O. Ms. No. 03/2019-20/Wel./SCW-II/387,
Puducherry, dated 11th March 2020)

NOTIFICATION

The Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to notify the rules appended hereunder for the implementation of the Scheme "Grant of Financial Assistance to the families of fire/fatal accident victims of

Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes People and Persons/People engaged in Unclean Occupation as defined in section 2 (1) (d) of Manual Scavengers Act” in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S. YESVANTHAIYAH,

Under Secretary to Government (ADW&STW).

Rules for grant of Financial Assistance to the Families of Fire/Fatal Accident Victims of Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribes People and Persons/People Engaged in Unclean Occupation

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (i) These rules may be called the Government of Puducherry, Grant of Financial assistance to the Families of Fire/Fatal Accident Victims of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes People and Persons/People Engaged in Unclean Occupation without employer as defined in section 2 (1)(d) of Manual Scavengers Act.

(ii) Road accident shall not be covered under these rules.

(iii) They shall come into force at once.

(iv) They shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

2. *Definitions.*—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(i) “Department” means, the Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department;

(ii) “Director” means, the Director of the Department;

(iii) “Family” includes the spouse and unmarried children;

Explanation: In this clause, children includes both natural and adopted children.

(iv) “Government” means, the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(v) "Hut" means, temporary, made of thatch, mud, plastic sheets, *etc.*, traditionally recognized as hut by Union Territory Administration/ District Authorities.

(vi) "Poor Scheduled Caste people" means, a poor family belongs to Scheduled Caste, the income of family from all sources does not exceed rupees two lakh;

(vi) "Scheduled Castes" means, the castes which have been so declared in relation to the Union territory of Puducherry under Article 341 of the Constitution;

(vii) "Scheduled Tribes" means, the castes which have been so declared in relation to the Union territory of Puducherry under Article 342 of the Constitution;

(viii) "People engaged in unclean occupation" means, a person engaged in hazardous cleaning as defined in Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013;

Note: The damaged house should be dwelling Unit duly authenticated and certified by the Competent Authority of the Union territory of Puducherry.

3. *Eligibility and Conditions.*—A poor Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes family of Puducherry and all community manual Scavengers are eligible under these rules for financial assistance subject to the following conditions namely:—

(i) The family member(s) shall produce caste certificate from an Officer of the Revenue Department and not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsildar, in respect of the victim;

(ii) The total annual income of the family from all sources shall not exceeding rupees two lakh and this should be supported by a certificate issued by an Officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsildar;

(iii) The fire/fatal accidents victims family shall be a citizen of India and a native of Puducherry and a certificate to that effect shall be furnished from an Officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsildar;

(iv) The family member(s) shall produce a report obtained from an Officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsildar relating to the incident/accident occurred for claiming the financial assistance and shall also produce a certificate for not claiming the financial assistance from the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management for the same incident/accident;

Explanation-I: In this clause, the expression “native of Puducherry” means,—

(a) a person, he/she was born in Puducherry, or resided in Puducherry for a period not less than five years preceding the date of application;

(b) a person, who has resided in Puducherry for a period of less than five years but, who has chosen the Union territory of Puducherry as a permanent residence, which fact shall be borne out by material evidence like Aadhaar Card, Family Ration Card, Electoral Identity Card, *etc.*, undertaking of a permanent employment or possession of property in the Union territory of Puducherry.

Explanation-II: If, any doubt arises whether a person is a permanent resident of the Union territory of Puducherry under sub-clause (b) of Explanation-I, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary to Government in-charge of the Welfare and the decision thereon shall be final.

4. *Quantum of financial assistance.*— The amount of financial assistance that can be granted under rules shall be:

(i) ₹ 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) for reconstruction of thatched houses which is completed damaged due to fire accident subject to certification regarding cause of accident from appropriate authority.

(ii) ₹ 10,00,000 (Rupees ten lakh only) per deceased person including those involved in relief operations or associated in preparedness activities subject to certification regarding cause of death from appropriate authority.

5. *Procedure for grant of assistance.*—(1) Any person desiring to avail the abovesaid assistance under these rules shall submit an application in Form-I to the Director within one month from the date of occurrence with the following certificates, namely:—

(a) The certificates specified under clause (i) to (iv) under rule 3 above;

(b) On receipt of the application, the Director shall satisfy himself of the veracity of the particulars furnished in the application in such manner and by making such inquiries as the Director may deem it fit.

(c) Where the Director decides that the applicant is not eligible for the financial assistance under these rules, he shall inform the applicant furnishing reason therefor.

(d) Where the Director decides that the applicant is eligible for the financial assistance under these rules, he may forward the application to the Government for sanction.

(e) On receipt of the sanction from the Government, the Director shall draw the amount so sanctioned and disburse the sum to the applicant through DBT mode.

(f) In case, the grantee of the assistance has obtained the same by fraud or by misrepresentation or by suppression of material facts, the applicant shall, on demand by the Director, forthwith refund the amount granted to him within 30 days from the date of issue of the notice together with interest at the rates applicable to the Government loans.

(g) All moneys recoverable from the grantee under the foregoing sub-rule may be recovered as if, they were arrears of land revenue.

S. YESVANTHAIYAH,

Under Secretary to Government (ADW&STW).

FORM-I

[See rule 5(1)]

Application for Financial Assistance to the Families of Fire/Fatal Accident Victims of Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribes People and Persons/People Engaged in Unclean Occupation

1. Name of the applicant :
2. Aadhaar No. :
3. Relationship to the deceased :
4. Address :
5. Age :
6. Profession :
7. Total annual income including the income of his/her spouse. :
- I. (1) Name of the deceased person :
 - (2) Aadhaar No. :
 - (3) Age :
 - (4) Date of death :
 - (5) Cause of death : Fatal Accident/Fire Accident/
(Certificate to be attached) Sewerage Cleaning
 - (6) Religion :
 - (7) Caste/Community :
 - (8) Place of occurrence happened :
- II. (1) Type of hut :
 - (2) Address in which fire accident :
occurred.
 - (3) Date of accident :
 - (4) Cost of damage :
(Certificate to be attached)

III. Savings Bank account details of the
Applicant. (enclose copy of the Bank
Passbook)

- (1) Account No. :
(2) Name and address of the Bank :
(3) IFSC and MICR Code :

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The particulars furnished above are correct and true to the best
my knowledge and belief.

Signature of the applicant.
