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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

*[G.O. Ms. No. 08/2023-WCD(SW-IV)/1056,
Puducherry, dated 06th July 2023]*

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry is pleased to make the following rules to provide, the Financial Security to Girl Children as a measure of her empowerment in the Union territory of Puducherry, namely:-

“CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of the New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023”.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, *vide* their I.D. No. 30374/FC/FD/F5/A1/2023-24, dated 06-07-2023.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

P. MUTHU MEENA,
Under Secretary to Government
(Women and Child Development).

**CM CARES SCHEME FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF NEW BORN
GIRL CHILD OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY
RULES, 2023**

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement.— (i) These rules shall be called the “CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023”.

(ii) These rules shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) These rules shall come into force on and from the date of their notification in the Official Gazette.

2. Object.— The object of the Scheme is to provide for the Financial Security of a Girl Child as a measure of her Empowerment.

3. Definitions.— In this rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(i) “Appellate Authority” mean, the Secretary to Government in-charge of the Department of Women and Child Development;

(ii) “Department” means, the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Puducherry, implementing the “CM Cares Scheme for Empowerment of the New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023”.

(iii) “Director” means, the Director of Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Puducherry.

(iv) “Girl Child” mean, a new born Girl Child delivered by a Biological Mother and includes any abandoned or adopted or surrendered New Born Girl Child.

(v) "Government" means, the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President of India under Article 239 of the Constitution of India.

(vi) "Guardian" means, a person who is legally responsible for the care of a Girl Child and includes Adoptive parents, Superintendent of Child Care Institutions or State Adoption Agency registered in the Union territory of Puducherry, as may be applicable.

(vii) "Resident" means, the parents/adoptive parents, who have been continuously residing in the Union territory of Puducherry for the preceding five years as on the date of birth of the Girl Child.

(viii) "Sanctioning Authority" mean, the Director of Women and Child Development.

(ix) "Scheme" means, the 'CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023'.

(x) "Sukanya Samridhi Account" mean, the account created in accordance with the guidelines of the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana Scheme of the Government of India.

(xi) "Union Territory" mean, the Union territory of Puducherry.

4. Eligibility.— (i) The Girl Children born on or after 17-03-2023 are eligible to receive the Financial Assistance under this Scheme.

(ii) The parents/guardian of the Girl Child should be a citizen of India and should be a resident of the Union territory of Puducherry.

5. Receipt and Verification of Birth Data.— (i) The Data of Girl Children born on or after 17-03-2023, to the parents who are residents of Puducherry shall be provided by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Puducherry/Office of the Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Puducherry/Any other Government Department in possession of such information, to the Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry.

(ii) In case of any Girl Child whose data has been left out, the parents/adoptive parents of such child, may submit an application to the Director for availing the benefit under the Scheme.

(iii) The data of abandoned/surrendered girl children shall be provided by the Union territory of Puducherry Child Protection Society to the Director for availing the benefit under the Scheme.

(iv) The data shall be verified by the Department of Women and Child Development through Anganwadi Workers within 60 days from the date of obtaining the information about the Girl Child, from the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Puducherry or the Office of the Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Puducherry or any other Government Department providing such information, as the case may be.

(v) (a) After verification, the parents/guardian shall be informed that his/her child is eligible for the assistance under this Scheme and they shall submit an application in the format given in Annexure-II. A letter addressed to the Post Office/Scheduled Commercial Bank as prescribed in Annexure-III shall be handed over to the parents/guardian.

(b) In case of a Girl Child under the care of parents, after receipt of the application the parent is required to open a Sukanya Samriddhi Account in Post Office/a Scheduled Commercial Bank in the Union territory of Puducherry in which the mother/father has a personal savings account. He/She shall be issued, a letter addressed to the Bank Manager in which he/she holds a personal account.

(c) In case of a Girl Child under the care of the State Adoption Agency, Puducherry, the Agency shall submit to the Director, the Aadhaar Card obtained/updated by capturing the individual biometrics in respect of every abandoned/surrendered girl children under their guardianship, in whose favour, a Sukanya Samriddhi Account has been opened under this scheme, within one month from the date of opening the account or on completion of five years of age by the child concerned, whichever is later.

(d) The adoptive parents of any child given away in adoption by the Society, shall likewise, submit to the Director, the Aadhaar Card obtained/updated by capturing the individual biometrics of the adopted child in whose favour, the Sukanya Samriddhi Account has been opened under the Scheme, within one month from the date on which the Account is opened or on completion of five years of age by the child concerned, whichever is later.

6. Quantum of Assistance.— An amount of ₹ 50,000 shall be deposited in the name of the Girl Child in a Post Office/Scheduled Commercial Bank in the Union territory of Puducherry in which either of the parents/guardian holds a personal savings/current account.

7. Mode of Payment.— (i) The amount shall be deposited in the name of Girl Child in Sukanya Samriddhi Account in a Post office/Scheduled Commercial Bank in the Union territory of Puducherry within 90 days of the birth of the child.

(ii) The original Passbook will be affixed with a seal containing the name of this Scheme and handed over to the parents/guardian of the Girl Child concerned.

(iii) The Maturity value will be given to the Girl Child on attaining twenty-one years of age.

8. Forfeiture of the Deposit.— (i) If, the grant, has been sanctioned on mistaken grounds or on the strength of the particulars furnished that are proved to be false or untrue later on, the amount deposited shall be forfeited.

(ii) The Director shall be competent to order the forfeiture. The reasons for such forfeiture shall be recorded in writing.

(iii) Before forfeiture, the parents/guardian/child (if major) shall be given an opportunity of being heard.

(iv) The decision of the Director shall be final and binding.

9. Death or Loss of the Girl Child.— (i) In case of death of the Girl Child, the amount deposited in the Sukanya Samriddhi Account shall be remitted back into the Head of Account created for the Scheme.

(ii) (a) In case, the Girl Child is missing, the parents/guardian, as the case may be, shall file a First Information Report with the concerned Police Station immediately;

(b) The Station House Officer concerned, shall report the same to the Director along with the copy of the FIR;

(c) The Director, shall maintain a register of such missing cases of Girl Children and shall monitor the case;

(d) In case, the missing Girl Child is found, the case shall be treated as closed;

(e) In case, the child is missing for more than 7 years, the death of the Girl Child shall be presumed and the amount Deposited shall be closed immediately and the amount shall be remitted back into the Head of Account created for the Scheme.

10. Appeal.— (i) In case of any dispute arising with regard to Non-Deposit of the financial assistance in favour of any Girl Child or, with regard to settlement of assistance upon any Girl Child attaining the age of twenty-one years, the aggrieved person may submit a representation in writing with all supporting documents to prove his/her claim, to the Director within six months.

(ii) The Director shall be competent to decide the issue on the basis of the documents made available and shall pass an order in writing within two months.

(iii) If, the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the order passed by the Director, he/she may prefer an appeal to the Appellate authority, *viz.*, Secretary to Government (Welfare), in-charge of the Department of Women and Child Development within two months of the order passed by the Director.

(iv) The Secretary to Government (Welfare), in-charge of the Department of Women and Child Development, shall pass an order on the appeal within two months of its receipt.

11. Amendment of the Rules.— The Government shall have the right to amend, modify, supercede or nullify any of these rules without any notice or assigning any reasons therefor.

12. Interpretation.— If, any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the same shall be referred to the Secretary to Government (Welfare), in-charge of the Department of Women and Child Development, whose decision thereon, shall be the final and binding.

P. MUTHU MEENA,

Under Secretary to Government
(Women and Child Development).

ANNEXURE-I

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE

Take note that your Girl Child born on in Puducherry/ Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam is eligible for the Financial Assistance under the “CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023.”

You are hereby directed to approach this office with the following documents to avail the benefits of the Scheme:-

1. Birth Certificate of the Girl Child
2. Photo Identity of both parents/legal guardian
3. Address proof of parents/legal guardian
4. Other KYC proofs such as Aadhaar/PAN/Voter's Identity Card

DIRECTOR,

Department of Women and Child Development.

To

Thiru/Tmt.

ANNEXURE -II

**CM CARES SCHEME FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF NEW BORN
GIRL CHILD OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY
RULES, 2023**

Applicant(s)
Photo(s)

1. Name of father :
2. Aadhaar number of father :
3. Name of mother :
4. Aadhaar number of mother :
5. Date of Birth of the Girl Child :
(DD/MM/YYYY) in words :
6. Details of Birth Certificate :
7. Paste photograph of applicant/s : Yes/No
8. Present address :
9. Permanent address :
10. Contact details :
11. Telephone number :
12. Mobile number :
13. E-mail Identity :
14. Details of Bank Account
 - (a) Father :
 - (b) Mother :
 (A/c. No./Type of Account/
Bank Name/Branch Name/
IFSC No./MICR No./
address of the Bank).

I hereby undertake to abide by the Scheme provisions and amendments issued thereto from time to time.

Date :

*Signature or thumb impression
of applicant/guardian*

Proof of KYC

1. Proof of identification

2. Address proof

(The following documents are accepted as officially valid documents for the purpose of identification and address proof : 1. Passport, 2. Driving Licence, 3. Voter's Identity Card, 4. PAN Card, 5. Aadhaar Card, 6. Job Card issued by NREGA signed by the State Government Officer.)

ANNEXURE-III

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

No. Puducherry, the

To

The Manager/Postmaster,
Name of the Bank/Post Office
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Dear Sir,

Sub.: DWCD - Opening of Sukanya Samridhi Yojana Account under "CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023."

It is informed that the Baby (name) born on to Thiru (name of father) and Tmt. (name of mother) residing at is eligible for the Financial Assistance under the "CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023."

Thiru (name of the father)/ Tmt.
(name of the mother) is holding a Savings Account in your Bank/Post office. They may be permitted to open a Sukanya Samriddhi Account in your Bank/ Post Office in the name of the new born Girl Child, viz., Baby the details of the Sukanya Samriddhi Account may be intimated to this Department for depositing an amount of ₹ 50,000.

DIRECTOR,

Department of Women and Child Development.

ANNEXURE-IV

**LETTER TO THE BANKS AT THE TIME OF DEPOSITING THE
AMOUNT IN FAVOUR OF THE NEW BORN GIRL CHILD OF
THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY**

To

The Manager/Postmaster,
Name of the Bank/Post Office,
Branch Address,
Puducherry/Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.

Sir,

Sub.: DWCD - Deposit of ₹ 50,000 in the Sukanya Samriddhi Account in the name of Baby (name of the Girl Child) – Reg.

Ref.: Your letter No., dated

An amount of ₹ 50,000 in the form of a cheque/advice slip/ is forwarded herewith for depositing the same in Sukanya Samriddhi Account No. opened in the name of Baby D/o. Thiru/Tmt. / C/o. (guardian).

The Bank/Post Office shall ensure that,-

- (i) The Passbook issued shall be affixed with the name of “CM Cares Scheme for the Empowerment of New Born Girl Child of the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2023.”

- (ii) Annual subscription of ₹ 250 shall be deducted from the account of Thiru /Tmt. on an undertaking obtained from him/her.
- (iii) An auto debit card shall be issued to the parents/guardian to this effect.
- (iv) An annual report shall be submitted by the Bank/Post Office on the status of the annual payments made by the parents, defaults made, if any.
- (v) Withdrawal of the amount after maturity period shall be intimated to this Department.
- (vi) The deposited amount shall not be allowed to be withdrawn before the maturity period.
- (vii) Annual returns shall be submitted by the Bank/Post Office on payments made by the beneficiaries.

DIRECTOR,

Department of Women and Child Development.
