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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
CHIEF SECRETARIAT  
(ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE AND SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE)

[G.O. Ms. No. 05/2025/CS (ADW & STW),  
Puducherry, dated 10th March 2025]

**ORDER**

The Income Ceiling for availing benefits under various Welfare Schemes implemented by the Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department initially fixed at ₹ 15,000 per annum *vide* G.O. Rt. No. 348/97-Wel.(SCW), dated 07-11-1997 of the Chief Secretariat (Welfare), Puducherry. Subsequently, the Income Ceiling was revised to ₹ 24,000 per annum for certain Educational Schemes

and Socio-Economic Development oriented Schemes *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 05/2003-Wel.(SCW), dated 04-02-2003 of the Chief Secretariat (Welfare), Puducherry. Later in order to uplift the status of Scheduled Caste people in the socio-economic and educational sphere on par with other developed communities, the Government of Puducherry removed the income ceiling limit fixed for all Educational Schemes and enhanced the income ceiling limit to ₹ 2 lakh per annum with respect to all Socio-Economic Development Schemes *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 12/2009-Wel.(SCW), dated 21-08-2009 of the Chief Secretariat (Welfare), Puducherry. In order to uplift the poor Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries and for the successful implementation of Welfare Schemes, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the floor of Assembly during the Budget Session 2023-24, that the existing income ceiling will be enhanced from ₹ 2 lakh to ₹ 8 lakh. The Department has therefore proposed to enhance the Income Ceiling of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries from ₹ 2,00,000 to ₹ 8,00,000 per annum.

2. Accordingly, approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is hereby conveyed for the enhancement of income ceiling limit of the eligible beneficiaries from ₹ 2 lakh to ₹ 8 lakh per annum in respect of the following 8 (eight) Socio-Economic Development Beneficiary oriented Schemes being operated by Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department in the Union territory of Puducherry, excluding the persons/family members.

(i) Those who are in receipt of benefits similar to the Scheme operated by the Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department under any Scheme implemented by the Central or State Government;

(ii) Those who are holding constitutional posts *viz.*, MP/MLA/Minister/Chairman of PSUs and professionals such as Doctors, Chartered Accountants, Lawyers, Judges, Engineers, Architects *etc.*, and those who are engaged in trade/business/industry other than Micro Small and Medium Enterprises;

(iii) Those who are in regular employment and in the posts of Group 'A', 'B' and above of the Central/State Government or equivalent posts in PSUs/Autonomous Body/Institutions/Banks under the Central/State Government; and

(iv) Whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets irrespective of the family income:-

- (a) 5 acres of agricultural land and above; or
- (b) Residential flat of 1000 sq.ft. and above; or
- (c) Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified Municipalities; or
- (d) Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified Municipalities.

3. The revised ceiling limit will be made applicable while assessing the eligibility of the beneficiaries oriented Schemes:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme
(1)	(2)
1.	Distribution of free house site pattas to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Other Economically Backward Class people.
2.	Grant of Financial Assistance for performance of marriage of poor Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes brides.
3.	Grant of Financial Assistance to poor Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes Pregnant and Lactating women.
4.	Grant of Financial Assistance to member of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes patients suffering from prolonged diseases.
5.	Grant of Financial Assistance to the below poverty line Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes families for Construction of Sanitary Latrine.
6.	Grant of Financial Assistance to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes people to perform Funeral Rites.
7.	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.
8.	Free supply of Dhoties and Sarees to the poor Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes people.

4. This Government Order shall come into force with effect from the date of its Publication in the Official Gazette.

5. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D.Note No. 30925/FC/FD/F5/A1/2023-24, dated 05-02-2024.

(By order of the Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor)

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