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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

(G.O. Ms. No. 10/2025-WCD(SW-IV)/18,
Puducherry, dated 30th December 2025)

NOTIFICATION

In supersession of the Rules for “The Puducherry Free Supply of Clothing Items to the Poor People Rules, 2003”, issued *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 19/2003-Wel(SW-IV), dated 18th March 2003, and published in Part-II of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 11, dated 28th March 2003, save in respect of things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry, is hereby pleased to make the following rules to provide, the Grant of Cash Assistance *in lieu of* free supply of clothing items to the Poor People in the Union territory of Puducherry, namely:-

“Grant of Cash Assistance *in lieu of* free supply of clothing items to the Poor People in the Union territory of Puducherry Rules, 2025”

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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

“GRANT OF CASH ASSISTANCE *IN LIEU OF* FREE SUPPLY
OF CLOTHING ITEMS TO THE POOR PEOPLE IN THE
UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY RULES, 2025”

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (i) These rules shall be called “Grant of Cash Assistance *in lieu of* free supply of clothing items to the Poor People in the Union Territory of Puducherry Rules, 2025”

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

(iii) They shall come into force on and from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Object of the Scheme.*— The object of the Scheme is to disburse cash dole through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the eligible Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) / Priority Households (PHH) families excluding Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes, Fishermen, Weavers and Persons with Disabilities in the Union territory of Puducherry, to enable them to purchase clothing items of their own choice from the open market.

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

(i) “Director” means, the Director for the Department of Women and Child Development, Puducherry;

(ii) “Government” means, the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President of India under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(iii) "Poor people" means, a families possessing Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) / Priority Households (PHH) Ration Cards, issued by the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Puducherry excluding Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes, Fishermen, Weavers and Persons with Disabilities.

4. *Eligibility.*— The Assistance under this Scheme shall be granted to the families possessing AAY / PHH Family Ration Cards belonging to the Union territory of Puducherry by virtue of continuous residence of not less than five years and who are not covered under any other clothing Scheme of the Government.

5. *Nature of Assistance.*— (i) The Cash Assistance equivalent to the value of one lungi, one polyester shirt bit, one polyester saree and one blouse piece shall be credited once in a year through DBT, on the occasion of Deepavali or Pongal festival.

(ii) Value of Assistance : The value of cash Assistance shall be decided by Government from time to time, subject to availability of funds and in parity with the value adopted by other Departments implementing similar free clothing Schemes.

6. *Mode of Selection.*— The eligible families for getting Assistance under this Scheme shall be identified from the AAY / PHH database of the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Puducherry and cross-verified through Unified Data Hub (UDH). The Administrative Department shall ensure eligibility before disbursement.

7. *Mode of Payment.*— The Assistance shall be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode *via* Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) directly into the Aadhaar linked Bank Account of a Family Member registered under the Civil Supplies Database.

8. *Removal of Doubts.*— If any doubt arises regarding the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.