

# Guidelines for Implementation of “Dulari Kanya” Scheme

## 1. INTRODUCTION:

- The census 2011 data shows the sex ratio is 920 females per 1000 males, which below the National average of 940 females per 1000 males. Although there has been a rise in the sex ratio of the State, still the disparity exists. The child Sex Ratio (CSR) of the State as per 2011 census is 972 girls per 1000 boys, which is above the National average of 918. Dibang Valley district has the lowest CSR in the State with 889 females per 1000 males as per 2011 census, which has now increased to 916 girls per 1000 boys. Thus, over a period of one decade a slow rise is seen in the CSR in the State which leaves scope for improvement in women empowerment. The declining CSR in the State as pointed out in the 2011 census data also call for urgent action.
- Though female foeticide cases have not been reported so far in the State, Arunachal Pradesh being a patriarchal society, male child preference over female child exists. As per NFHS -4, the rate of the institutional delivery is only 51%. Full Immunisation among infants is 68% as per HMIS 2017-18. The female literacy rate as per 2011 census is 66.95%. Cases of Child Marriage are also reported in some districts from time to time. Thus, to motivate for ending preference between male and female child, encouragement of institutional delivery, immunisation of children, to end child marriage and overall empowerment of females in all spheres of their life, there is an urgent need for a special scheme which the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh announced on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to be called “**Dulari Kanya**” Scheme for girl child.
- Under the scheme “**Dulari Kanya**”, an amount Rs. 20,000/- shall be deposited in the fixed deposit Bank Account ( Minor Account) of the girl child born in any Government Hospital or Government recognised private hospital. Maturity amount can be withdrawn by the beneficiary on attaining the age of 18 years, which would be subject to verification by the concerned DMO of the respective districts.
- This guideline is effective from the date of issue of the Government notification.

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF “DULARI KANYA” SCHEME**

- Under the Scheme, birth of a girl child shall be celebrated and enable her to grow physically & mentally to pursue higher education, resist child marriage and empower the girl for her self-reliance after 18 years of age.
- The objectives of the Scheme are:-
  - a) To encourage institution deliveries.
  - b) To promote birth registration of girl child.
  - c) To improve Sex ratio.
  - d) To change negative family and community attitudes towards the girl child at birth and also towards her mother and treat both equally at par with the male child/father.
  - e) To promote education among the girls and reduce drop-out rates.
  - f) To provide economics security and self reliance to girl students for their higher education.
  - g) To raise the age of marriage of girls and thereby end child marriage.
  - h) Overall reduction of maternal / infant mortality.

## **3. TARGET GROUP**

- All female newborn to Arunachal Pradesh Scheduled Tribe (APST) parents and to a domiciled resident of Arunachal Pradesh who have lived in the State for 5 years continuously.
- The total birth cohort in the state is approximately 32000 per year.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- The following are the eligibility criteria for availing the scheme:
  - a) Girl child should be an Arunachal Pradesh Schedule tribe or a domicile resident of Arunachal Pradesh who have lived in the State for 5 years continuously.
  - b) Girl child should be born in a Government Hospital or Government recognised Private Hospital.
  - c) The benefit of the scheme is restricted to maximum of first 2 (two) live girl children.
  - d) At the time of maturity of the amount, the beneficiary should have possessed a minimum qualification of class 10 pass from recognised school/Institution and should be more than 18 years of age.
  - e) The girl child should be unmarried when she attains the age of 18 years.

f) In case of non fulfilment of any of the above said conditions, the amount would be re-deposited to the government account.

- **Required Documents:**

- 1) Application Form at **Annexure A** duly filled up in duplicate.
- 2) A copy of delivery / discharge certificate by the MO of the hospital (as a proof of Institution delivery).
- 3) A copy of MCP card.
- 4) A copy of birth certificate issued by the registrar of Birth & Death.
- 5) A copy of schedule tribe certificate of father /guardians or domicile certificate (in case of non APST) clearly indication the time from which parents/guardians are living in Arunachal Pradesh.
- 6) Two numbers of group photographs of girl child with parents/ guardians.
- 7) A copy of Aadhar Card of the parents/guardians and also of the child (If child is enrolled under Aadhar).
- 8) Signed declaration by the applicants (parents/guardian) as per **Annexure-2**.
- 9) All documents should have self attestation by the parents/ guardian of the girl child beneficiary.

## **5. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 20000/- shall be deposited in the fixed deposit Bank accounts (Minor Account) of the girl child in the State Bank of India (SBI). After attaining the age of 18 years by the girl child beneficiary, the amount shall be transferred to her Saving Banks Account on meeting all conditions above. Cash withdrawal of maturity amount shall not be allowed.

## **6. HOW TO APPLY**

- Application for availing the benefit under the scheme should be applied to the office of the concerned Medical Officer in-charge / Medical Superintendent in the prescribed form at **Annexure –A**.
- The concerned Medical Officer in-charge / Medical Superintendent after verification, shall in turn forward the document to the concerned District Medical Officer.

## **7. PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING THE APPLICATION**

- The scheme will be implemented through the District Medical Officer.

- The prescribed application forms will be available in the offices of the Medical officer in charge / Medical Superintendent of health facilities in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The filled-in Application Form in duplicate with documents is to be submitted in the respective office of the Medical officer in charge / Medical Superintendent.
- The Medical officer in charge / Medical Superintendent will scrutinize the application and recommended to the District Medical Officer.
- The District Medical Officer will obtained sanction from the concerned Deputy Commissioner in the name of the girl child and deposit in the Fixed Deposit Bank Accounts of the girl (Minor Account). The period of Fixed/ Term deposit shall be the date on which the girl child attains the age of 18 years.
- The concerned DMO shall ensure that Fixed Deposit Receipt of Bank of such deposit is handed over to the parents/guardians of the girl child on time with proper office record/receipt.
- On meeting all criteria, the maturity amount shall be transferred to the Saving Bank Account opened in the name of the girl child beneficiary in any branch of State Banks of India.

## 8. PROCEDURE FOR CLAIM OF MATURITY

- The girl child beneficiary, on attaining the age of 18 years and after passing at least the class-X exam, shall file a maturity claims in the prescribed application form at **Annexure-B** to the concerned DMO. The prescribed application form should be duly filled up by the girl child beneficiary herself.
- Along with the duly filled up maturity claims in **prescribed form at Annexure B**, the following self following self attested documents are to be enclosed by the girl child beneficiary:
  - a) A copy of class X passed certificate with a copy of Mark sheet.
  - b) A self declaration about being unmarried on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. (This declaration shall be liable to be verified by the concerned Medical officer in charge / Medical Superintendent from the registrar of marriages, Panchayat/ Municipality).
  - c) A copy of Bank Pass Book opened in the name of girl beneficiary in State Bank of India.
  - d) All these documents should have self attestation by the girl child beneficiary.
  - e) After receipt of maturity claims application in prescribed form, the concerned DMO will obtain prior approval of the concerned Deputy Commissioner to transfer the maturity amount in the bank accounts of the girl child beneficiary.

## **9. Non-claimant or non-release of the maturity amount.**

- In case of receipt of information from parents or any other source and if found correct on verification about non passing of class X exam or solemnising marriage before 18 years or premature death of the girl child beneficiary, the DMO shall take approval of concerned Deputy Commissioner and submit the report to Director Family Welfare for initiating action to withdraw & deposit in the government account with interest accrued by way of Treasury Challan after obtaining approval of the Commissioner/Secretary of the department. A copy of the withdrawal order shall be issued to the parents/Guardians and beneficiary for information.
- In such case, if the maturity amount is not claimed by the beneficiary up to 2 years from the date of her attaining 18 years of age, the amount shall be withdrawn by the department and deposited in the Government account by way of Treasury Challan after obtaining approval of the Commissioner/Secretary of the Department. A copy of the withdrawal order shall be issued to the parents/Guardian & beneficiary for information.
- The amount withdrawn and deposited in the government account shall be further utilised for coverage of other girl child beneficiary under the scheme.
- The concerned DMO shall undertake 5 yearly periodic verification of the beneficiary and submit photograph with personal identification to the Directorate of Family Welfare.

## **10. MONITORING MECHANISM**

- The DMO will monitor the progress of implementation in the district on regular basis and file comprehensive report on quarterly basis to the Director Family Welfare as per the **prescribed reporting format at Annexure C**. A consolidated report on the progress will be furnished to planning and finance department by DFW on quarterly basis

## **11. BUDGETARY PROVISION**

- The budgetary support and concurrence of annual grants for implementing the Dulari Kanya Scheme will be released to the Department of Health & Family Welfare by state Govt.
- The scheme shall be implemented through Director Family Welfare.
- The Department shall transfer the fund to the concerned DMO with intimation to concerned Deputy Commissioner of the district.

- The concerned DMO will transfer the amount in the fixed deposit account of the girl child beneficiary after obtaining approval of the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
- The DMO will intimate the parents of the beneficiary concerned and hand over a copy of the fixed deposit documents retaining a copy of it.
- A copy of the letter, transferring the amount in the accounts of the beneficiary, shall be sent by the DMO to the Director Family Welfare along with a copy of the Fixed Deposit Receipt of the Banks for record.
- A separate file for each girl child beneficiary with all relevant records in the file under the scheme shall be opened & maintained at DFW office / DMO office.
- 5% administrative / program maintenance cost shall be utilised at state and district.

## Annexure-A

### Application format for “Dulari Kanya” Scheme

GROUP PHOTO  
OF GIRL CHILD  
WITH  
PARENTS/GAURDI

1. Name of the Girl Child : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of the Mother : \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of the Father : \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of Guardian (If No Parents) : \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of birth of the girl Child : \_\_\_\_\_
6. Permanent Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Temporary Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Name of Govt. Hospital where the girl  
Child delivered. (Certificate from competent  
Authority of the hospital) : \_\_\_\_\_
9. Indicate whether the girl child is : 

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1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter
10. APST certificate of father/Guardian or  
Domicile Certificate in case of Non-APST  
(Copy to be enclosed) : \_\_\_\_\_
11. Immunization card (copy to enclosed) : \_\_\_\_\_
12. Aadhar No. of Mother :
13. Aadhar No. of Father :
14. Aadhar No. of Guardian (if no parents) :

Signature of Parents  
(Mother and Father Both with Name

Signature of Guardian (if no parents)  
with Name

**Annexure-B**

**UNDERTAKING BY THE PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF GIRL CHILD BENEFICIARY**

I/ we parent(s) / Guardian of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that my / our daughter/ward was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Govt. Hospital and is the 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> girl child for whom this application is submitted.

That we are permanent resident of \_\_\_\_\_ and applying for financial benefit under “Dulari Kanya” Scheme in the name of our daughter/ward under \_\_\_\_\_ district and that we have not applied for the benefit under this Scheme in any other district of the State.

**Signature of Parents**

**Signature of Guardian (if no parents)**

**(Mother and Father)Both with Name**

**with Name**

**Place**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**For Office use by MO i/c / MS**

The applicant of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ D/O or ward of \_\_\_\_\_ of Village/Ward \_\_\_\_\_ of P.O / P.S \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ has been examined and found to be in order. Her application is recommended for further consideration and approval for providing benefit under “Dulari Kanya” Scheme.

**Place**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of MO i/c / MS**

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**For Office use by DMO**

The applicant of Miss \_\_\_\_\_ D/O or ward of Sri \_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ of Village/Ward \_\_\_\_\_ of PO/PS \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ has been sanctioned vide order No, ..... dated .....Beneficiary ID .....

**Place**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**DMO**

