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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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## NOTIFICATION

The 12th May, 2025

No. WCD-02/2021-22(CPS).— Consequent upon the decision of the State Cabinet vide No. CAB/M-06/3/2025 dated 4th April, 2025 and in pursuance to Clause 12 of the Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister's 'Bal Seva Scheme' (Scheme to support Children Orphaned due to COVID-19 Pandemic), the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is hereby pleased to amend the Guidelines of the "Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister's 'Bal Seva Scheme' (Scheme for support to Children Orphaned in COVID-19 Pandemic)" notified vide Notification No. WCD-02/2021-22(CPS) dated 13th September, 2021 as under:

- (i) **The Title of the scheme**, "Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister's Bal Seva Scheme (Scheme for support to children orphaned in COVID-19 pandemic) shall be renamed as, "Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister's Bal Seva Scheme' (Scheme for support to Children Orphaned in COVID-19 Pandemic and other Orphaned Children)".
- (ii) **In Clause 3**, in the objective of the scheme, after the words "1st March, 2020" and before the words "and are declared as children in need of care and protection under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.", the words "and other orphaned Children" shall be inserted.
- (iii) **In sub-clause (i) of Clause 4**, after the words, "on or after 1st March, 2020", the following shall be inserted:

"and other orphaned children registered under Baal Swaraj Portal and those residing in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA) shall be eligible for the scheme".

- (iv) **In sub-clause (i) of Clause 5**, for the existing entries the following shall be substituted:

- (i) **"Payment of financial assistance to orphan child** : Children in Non-institutional Care (with grandparents/extended family/guardians) will be supported with an amount of ₹ 1500 (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred) only per child per month under BAL SEVA Scheme, and the amount shall be in addition to any other assistance provided under Mission Vatsalya scheme as per the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015".

Further, if a close relative as allowed by Adoption Regulations, 2017 as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 is willing to adopt the child, legal procedure will be followed".

- (v) **In sub-clause (ii) of Clause 5**, for the existing entries, the following shall be substituted after the words, **"Children below 18 years who may not have an extended family/guardian"**; -

In case of orphaned children who do not have an extended family/grandparents/guardian, they shall be housed in one of the Child Care Institutions as a child in need of care and protection and will be provided with financial assistance of ₹ 1500 (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred) only per child per month under Bal Seva Scheme, and the amount shall be in addition to any other assistance provided as per Mission Vatsalya scheme under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015".

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**INTRODUCTION :**

COVID-19 pandemic has created great havoc in the social set up of the society. Many have lost their kith and kin because of the devastation caused by this pandemic. The entire world is facing this situation and India is also not an exception to it. The most affected are children who lost their parents at their tender age. In order to safeguard the welfare and protection of these orphan children the State Government has proposed to formulate a scheme for protecting the childhood and to provide all basic requirements of the child till they attain majority.

**2. Background and Justification :**

In the current global crisis, the citizens of the country have been economically hurt and some have been even marginalized beyond a healthy financial status. The situation becomes even further grim for families who have lost the earning members, creating further setbacks for the surviving family members. The worst sufferers in this situation are Children who have become orphaned, are most vulnerable and likely to fall into the trap of child trafficking and illegal adoption. The State hence needs to safeguard these children by making sure their blood relatives or new guardians don't leave them in such a difficult time.

If these children are not taken care of timely, they shall become vulnerable to early marriage, child labour, violence and abuse. Hence it is essential to devise an administrative support structure to mentally, socially and financially safeguard the interests of these vulnerable children.

**3. Objective :**

The objective of the scheme is to give physical, financial and psychological support from the State Govt. to children (both APST and non APST) who have lost their both parents during the COVID-19 pandemic after 1st March, 2020 and other orphaned children and are declared as children in need of care and protection under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

**4. Eligibility Conditions :**

- (i) Children who have lost both the parents/ surviving parent/ legal guardians/ adoptive parent during active period of the COVID19 disease or eventually due to COVID related complications or post COVID complications and became orphan due to COVID 19 on or after 1st March, 2020 and other orphaned children registered under Baal Swaraj Portal and those residing in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) shall be eligible for the scheme.
- (ii) The child has been declared child in need of care and protection under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- (iii) The child can be both APST and non APST
- (iv) If non APST, the parents of the child should be residing in Arunachal Pradesh at least 5 years before demise.

**5. Assistance to be provided :**

- (i) **Payment of financial assistance to Guardians/ Care taker and assistance to orphan child :**  
Children in Non-institutional Care (with grandparents/extended family/guardians) will be supported with an amount of ₹ 1500 (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred) only per child per month under BAL SEVA Scheme, and the amount shall be in addition to any other assistance provided under Mission Vatsalya scheme as per provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

Further, if a close relative as allowed by Adoption Regulations, 2017 as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 is willing to adopt the child, legal procedure will be followed.

- (ii) **Children below 18 years who may not have an extended family/ guardian :**

In case of orphaned children who do not have an extended family/ grandparents/ guardian, they shall be housed in one of the Child Care Institutions as a child in need of care and protection and will be provided with financial assistance of ₹ 1500 (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred) only per child per month under BAL SEVA Scheme, and the amount shall be in addition to any other assistance provided as per Mission Vatsalya scheme under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

- (iii) **Ensure specific Institutional care and education for Adolescent girls :**

In case of adolescent girls, to take care of their educational needs, preference will be given for their education in institutions such as Sharada Mission, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) and any other girls' residential schools, subject to availability of seats thereinto ensure their sensitive care and proper protection. Special care will be taken by Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) and District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) to ensure the safety of such children and to monitor their growth and wellbeing if they are residing with extended family/ guardians/ grandparents.

- (iv) **Laptop/Tab to school/ college going child or child undergoing vocational training :**

A laptop/ tab will be given to such children, who are school going and have entered Class 11th Standard/ college going or undergoing vocational course.

**(v) Mentorship :**

Every such child will be assigned a mentor by the State Government preferably a Gazetted Group A officer/ social worker who will constantly interact with the child through offline/online mode, will guide him/her, nurture his or her talents/ interests and will bring forth his problems/ issues to appropriate forum/ authority.

**6. Role of Child Welfare Committees and Deputy Commissioners :**

In all the cases, child shall be produced first before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for declaring such child as "child in need of care and protection" under the Juvenile Justice Act and suitable orders will be passed by Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of the concerned district for rehabilitation of the child, so that best interest of the child is secured. Deputy Commissioners are responsible for monitoring through District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) all such children who are orphan and/ or are declared as children in need of care and protection. They shall inspect Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and take stock of facilities suitable for children and also growth and wellbeing of the children. They shall also ensure proper implementation of all the provisions of this Scheme in their district.

**7. Implementing Agency :**

The Scheme will be implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

**8. Procedure for implementation :**

The Scheme will be implemented through District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of respective districts. The concerned CCI or the Child Welfare Committee of the district will take up the matter with concerned DCPU for submission of the proposal to the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh with due recommendation along with all relevant details of the child and case history. All proposals need to be recommended by the Chairman of DCPU (Deputy Commissioner) of the concerned District.

**9. Release of financial assistance :**

The financial assistance shall be released by the Department of WCD to the concerned DCPU as Grants in aid. The amount will be deposited by DPCU in the bank account of the child with concerned fostering member/ grandparent/extended family member/ CCI as the guardian.

**10. Committee to resolve unforeseen situations :**

In case any unforeseen issue is raised at the district level regarding the orphaned child or any matter requires intervention from the State Government, the following Committee will take up the matter for suitable action/ redressal -

(i) Commissioner/Secretary WCD	- Chairperson
(ii) Member Secretary SCPCR	- Member
(iii) Secretary Health or representative	- Member
(iv) Secretary Education or representative	- Member
(v) Secretary Skill Development or representative	- Member
(vi) Secretary Textiles/Handicrafts or representative	- Member
(vii) Director WCD	- Member Secretary

**11. Evaluation and monitoring :**

The concerned DCPU shall be responsible to monitor the scheme to ensure that the benefits actually reach to the beneficiary and evaluate the outcome of the scheme benefits. The DCPU shall be in constant touch with CCI/ Foster parents and to ensure his/ her physical psychological wellbeing. The DCPU will submit quarterly reports on the progress of implementation of the scheme to the Directorate of Women and Child Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

**12. Power to amend :**

The State Government shall have the power to amend any of the provisions of this scheme from time to time as may be deemed expedient.