

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Social Welfare Department – **YSR KALYANAMASTHU** for SC/ST/BC/Minorities other than Muslims/Differently Abled & **YSR SHAADI TOHFA** for **Muslim** Minorities–Enhancing Marriage Financial Assistance to brides of SC/ST/BC/Minorities/Differently Abled categories - implementation of assurance made in Manifesto – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (EDN.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.47

Dated:10-09-2022

ORDERS:

Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing several Welfare schemes to all eligible citizens irrespective of caste, creed, religion, region in a transparent manner at the door steps of the citizens under NAVARATNALU.

2. Marriage is a special event in the life of a woman. Parents of the un-married girls also feel that it is their social obligation to perform their daughter's marriage in a dignified manner. Poor families with limited financial resources need support in fulfilling this social obligation. Keeping this in view the Manifesto promised enhanced scale of assistance for the marriages of brides belonging to SC/ST/ BC/ Minority communities.

3. On analysis of the marriage incentive scheme implemented during the previous Government it is observed that the scheme was made without comprehensive coverage of all eligible beneficiaries of various social categories and not implemented properly. For instance, BC's were included only in October-2017. Further, marriage incentives were not paid in time as envisaged, and had long pendency of applications. During the year 2018-19, marriage incentives amounting to Rs.68.68 crores were not paid to (17709) beneficiaries. There were several administrative issues like non availability of comprehensive guidelines, procedure for application and how it will be processed, non-availability of a proper digital or IT system for filing application and processing the claim. As a result of this beneficiaries were made to visit multiple offices. There was lack of time bound service delivery and grievance redressal mechanism. This resulted in large number of eligible beneficiaries not getting the intended benefits even though they were eligible. Further, during the terminal year only the previous Government issued common guidelines on Marriage incentive scheme only with the view of approaching elections as a populist measure while neglecting the long-term benefits to the eligible brides. It is also noticed by not paying the amount due to large number of beneficiaries, previous government effectively discontinued the scheme.

4. In view of the poor implementation of the Scheme by the previous government, to financially empower the eligible brides and their families, the Government decided to implement **Marriage Financial Assistance** Scheme named as **YSR KALYANAMASTHU** for SC/ST/BC/ Minorities other than Muslims/Differently Abled & **YSR SHAADI TOHFA** for **Muslim** Minorities. The aim of the Government is to implement the above better Schemes on saturation basis, in transparent manner through the Grama/Ward Sachivalayam with enhanced scale of financial assistance.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby orders to extend one-time financial assistance to the brides of SC/ST/BC/Minorities other than Muslims/ Differently Abled/ Building and Other Construction Workers registered with Welfare Board (BOCW/B) categories under the scheme "**YSR KALYANAMASTHU** and **YSR SHAADI TOHFA** for **Muslim** Minorities" with enhanced financial benefits as given below:

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| Sl. No. | Category | Existing (in rupees) | Financial Assistance under YSR Kalyanamasthu & YSR Shaadi Tohfa (in rupees) |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | Scheduled Caste | 40,000/- | 1,00,000/- |
| 2 | Scheduled Caste –Inter caste | 75,000/- | 1,20,000/- |
| 3 | Scheduled Tribe | 50,000/- | 1,00,000/- |
| 4 | Scheduled Tribe – Inter caste | 75,000/- | 1,20,000/- |
| 5 | Backward Classes | 35,000/- | 50,000/- |
| 6 | Backward Classes – Inter caste | 50,000/- | 75,000/- |
| 7 | Minorities | 50,000/- | 1,00,000/- |
| 8 | Differently Abled | 1,00,000/- | 1,50,000/- |
| 9 | BOCWWB | 20,000/- | 40,000/- |

6. The eligibility conditions for availing the Marriage Financial Assistance are:

| Sl. No. | Criteria | Description |
|---------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Age | i. Bride shall have completed 18 years of age, as on the date of marriage. ii. Bridegroom shall have completed 21 years of age, as on the date of marriage. |
| 2 | Number of Marriages | Only for 1 st marriage, except in the case of Widows. (Widowers are not eligible). |
| 3 | Educational Qualifications | Bride and the Bride groom shall have completed Class X. (This condition is relaxed for marriages conducted up to June 30,2024). |
| 4 | Income Criteria | The families of both the bride and the bridegroom: i. Income should be less than Rs.10,000/- per month in rural areas and Rs. 12,000/- per month in urban areas. ii. Land holding should be less than 3.00 Acres of wet land or 10.00 Acres of dry land or 10.00 Acres of wet and dry land put together iii. No family member should be a Government Employee/ Pensioner, including Central Government/PSU/ Other State Governments/Government Organizations. The families of Sanitary Workers are exempted iv. Should not own a 4-wheeler (taxis, tractors, autos are exempted) v. Monthly electricity consumption (average of last 12 months) should be less than 300 Units vi. No family should be an Income Tax payee vii. In municipal areas, should not own property more than 1,000 Sq. Ft. of built-up area |

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7. The scheme YSR Kalyanamasthu & YSR Shaadi Tohfa will be implemented w.e.f. 01.10.2022. The applications will be invited through Navasakam Beneficiary Management Portal (<https://gsws-nbm.ap.gov.in/>) and the scheme will be implemented through Village/ Ward Secretariats. The detailed guidelines for filing the application will be issued separately.

8. This order supersedes all the orders / guidelines issued earlier on Marriage Related Incentive Scheme.

9. The Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare/Backward Classes Welfare/Minorities Welfare/ Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens/ Labour Employment Training & Factories/ Municipal Administration & Urban Development / GVWV & VSWS / Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Departments shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

1. The Special Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government, Tribal Welfare, BC Welfare, Minority Welfare, WCDA&SC, LET & FD, MA&UD, PR & RD, and GV/WV & VS/WS Departments.
2. The Commissioner/Director, Social Welfare, Tribal Welfare, BC Welfare, Minority Welfare, Municipal Administration, Panchayat Raj, and GV/WV & VS/WS Departments.
3. The Spl. Commissioner, Differently Abled.
4. The CEO, APBOCWVB
5. The Welfare Commissioner, APLWB
6. The C.E.O, RTGS

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The Pay & Accounts Officer, AP
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All the District Collectors in the State
The PS to Secretary to CM
The PS to Minister for SW
The PS to Chief Secretary to Govt.
The PS to Prl. Secretary to Govt (SW)
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