

Assistance to the children orphaned  
during Covid-19 pandemic

Government of Gujarat  
Social Justice & Empowerment Department  
Resolution No. JJA/102021/218702/Chh  
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar  
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**Preamble :-**

Due to Covid-19 pandemic Since March, 2020, many children in the State have lost father and mother both. The scheme to extend economical support and other type of assistance to such orphan children on priority basis was under consideration. After careful consideration, the Government resolves to implement the scheme to extend assistance to the children orphaned during Covid-19 pandemic as under.

**Resolution :-**

The Government resolves to implement a new scheme namely “Mukhya Mantri Bal Seva Yojana” to extend the benefits to the children who have lost both the parents during the period of Covid-19 pandemic, of various schemes pertaining to nutrition, education, health, training for self-employment, loan and assistance covering different Departments as under.

**Eligibility :-**

- (A) Children having age of 0 to 18 years who have lost both the parents during the period of Covid-19 pandemic, will be eligible for the benefits under the Scheme without considering the income-limit.
- (B) The children who have lost both the parents before the period of Covid-19 pandemic and if they have lost their both the adoptive parents during the

period of Covid-19 pandemic then such children will also be eligible for the benefits under the Scheme without considering the income-limit.

- (C) The child who have lost one parent (Father or Mother) before Corona period and the other parent has died during the period of Covid-19 pandemic, such orphan child will also be eligible for the benefits under this Scheme without considering the income-limit.

As per the above mentioned criteria of eligibility, Department-wise assistance will be available as under.

**(A) Social Justice & Empowerment Department**

- (1) Child shall be eligible to receive the monthly assistance of Rs. 4000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) from the month he/she has become orphan till he/she attains the age of 18 years.
- (2) The child who has completed 18 years of age and continues his/her study shall be covered under After Care Scheme of the State Government without considering any income limit and shall be eligible for all the benefits until he/she attains the age of 21 years.
- (3) In case of study (education) continues even after completion of the age of 21 years, benefits of the After Care Scheme shall be extended till the education is completed or he/she attains the age of 24 years, whichever is earlier.
- (4) For above point no. (3) and (4) all types of Certificate / Diploma Courses, Graduation and Post Graduation curriculums, shall be considered valid. Skill Development Training imparted by the Government shall also be considered valid.
- (5) Orphan children will be given admission on priority basis in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (only for girls) run by the Central /State Government,

Residential Schools, Samras Hostels, Government Hostels after being followed the procedure of the concerned department.

- (6) Girl children orphaned during the period of Covid-19 pandemic shall be eligible for the assistance for marriage under Kunvarbainu Mameru Yojana without consideration of income-limit.
- (7) The children of Scheduled Caste, Socially and Economically Backward Class, Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes, Economically Backward Class and Scheduled Tribe category shall be sanctioned scholarships as per Government Resolutions, Circulars and Rules of Social Justice & Empowerment Department and Tribal Development Department respectively.
- (8) Benefits of all the schemes of all Corporations under Social Justice & Empowerment Department and Tribal Development Department shall be extended to eligible children without considering any income limit.
- (9) Loan for Education in the State or abroad shall be sanctioned on priority basis by the concerned department without considering any income limit.

**(B) Education Department**

- (1) Orphan Children shall be given benefits of Mukhya Mantri Yuva Swavlamban Yojana (MYSY) for higher education on priority basis without taking income-limit in to consideration.

**(C) Labour and Employment Department**

- (1) Vocational Training to the children of having age above 14 years and Skill Development Training to the children of having age above 18 years shall be imparted on priority basis.

**(D) Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department**

- (1) The guardians of orphan children shall be given benefits under National Food Security Act on priority basis.

**(E) Health and Family Welfare Department**

- (1) Benefits of medical treatment under Mukhya Mantri Amrutam Card (MA Card) Scheme shall be given to the orphan children on priority basis without taking income-limit into consideration.

**General Conditions of the Scheme**

- (1) Social Justice and Empowerment Department shall act as a Nodal Department for implementation of “Mukhya Mantri Bal Seva Yojana”.
- (2) Benefits under this scheme shall be available for the period from March, 2020 till the end of Covid-19 pandemic.
- (3) The orphan child, whose family originally belongs to Gujarat or have settled in Gujarat for last ten years, shall be eligible for the benefits under this scheme.
- (4) In case of the orphan child is older than 10 years of age, the amount of assistance shall be deposited by direct benefit transfer(DBT) into the bank account opened in the name of the orphan child. While in case of the orphan child having age of 10 years or less, the amount of assistance shall be deposited by direct benefit transfer (DBT) in the bank account opened in the single name of the guardian of such child. In such case, when younger child attains age of more than 10 years, a new bank account in his/her single name shall be opened and the amount of assistance shall be deposited in that account.
- (5) If the child getting this assistance is of school going age the assistance shall be continued till his/her school education is continued.
- (6) The decision regarding approval or rejection of the application shall be taken by the Sponsorship & Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC) of the

concerned district within seven days from the date of receipt of the application.


(7) To avail the benefits of this scheme, application in the prescribed format along with relevant documents will have to be submitted online or offline to the District Child Protection Unit.

(8) The expenditure shall be incurred in this regards, as per the standing orders of the State Government and the provisions of Government Resolutions and Circulars issued from time to time.

The expenditure under the scheme of Social Justice & Empowerment Department shall be booked under the relevant budget head of the scheme whereas the expenditure under the scheme of other Departments shall be booked under relevant budget heads of the schemes of those Departments.

This resolution is issued with the approval obtained as on 11/06/2021 of the State Government in the file of even number.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

  
(G.P. Patel)

Deputy Secretary (S.D)

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