

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

RD Department - Social Security Pensions – Aasara Scheme – Social Safety Net Strategy - Implementation of Financial Assistance to Single Women in the State - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.27

Dated: 02- 05-2017.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.17, PR&RD (RD.I) Department, dated 05-11-2014.
2. G.O.Ms.No.23, PR&RD (RD.I) Department, dated 25-11-2014.
3. Proposal received from the CEO, SERP, Lr.No.114/SERP.Aasara/Single Women/2017, dated:13-04-2017 & 19-04-2017.

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ORDER:

Government of Telangana, as part of its commitment to protect the most vulnerable sections of society through its over-arching social safety net strategy, has decided to initiate a new social security scheme called “**Financial Assistance to Single Women**”. **The objective of the scheme is to cover the most vulnerable Single Women who have no family support and are in dire financial stress.**

2. After careful examination of the matter and in consultation with various stake holders, Government hereby issue the following guidelines for extending Financial Assistance to Single Women.

I. Name of the programme

The new social security scheme proposed by the Government shall be called as “Financial Assistance to Single Women” and shall be effective from 1st April, 2017.

II. Financial Assistance amount and eligibility criteria

- (i) Government hereby fix the Financial Assistance amount at Rs.1,000/- per month for the following categories of Single Women.

S. No	Category of Women	Description
1.	“Single Women”	i) <u>Married women</u> above the age of 18 years who has been separated from her husband or whose husband has deserted her and the separation period shall be more than one (1) year. ii) <u>Unmarried women</u> who are above 30 years of age in rural areas and above 35 years of age in urban areas.

- (ii) The beneficiaries so identified shall belong to household with annual income less than 1.5 lakh in rural area and 2.00 lakh in urban area as per guidelines issued vide G.O. Ms No. 23, PR&RD (RD-I) Department, dated 25.11.2014.
- (iii) The beneficiary should not have been covered under any other social security pension scheme or should not be a pensioner under any public or private sector organization.
- (iv) Woman, who belongs to any of the categories mentioned above, but are above 65 years of age, shall be covered under Old Age pension of Aasara Scheme.

In case the beneficiary remarries or gets permanent employment or economic stability after the sanction of Financial Assistance, the benefit shall be discontinued after ascertaining the status. This shall be done every three months by the Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) in rural areas, Municipal Commissioners in urban local bodies, Dy. Commissioners in GHMC, other than Hyderabad District and Tahsildars in Hyderabad District.

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III. Identification of eligible beneficiaries for the Sanction of Financial Assistance to Single Women.

- (i) Each beneficiary will have to submit the following documents for sanction of Financial Assistance to Single Women.
 - A. Application of the individual along with the beneficiary photograph affixed on it.
 - B. Copy of Aadhaar **OR** Electoral roll **OR** Birth Certificate **OR** School leaving Certificate as age proof document.
 - C. Copy of Bank Saving account Passbook (in case of disbursement through CBS mode) **OR** a copy of Postal Saving Account Passbook (issued by the Post Office).
 - D. Food Security Card **OR** Income Certificate obtained from the Tahsildar concerned.
- (ii) The Panchayat Secretary in the rural area, Bill Collector in Urban local bodies and Village Revenue Officer in GHMC area shall receive applications and shall be entrusted with the task of verifying these applications.
- (iii) Gram Sabha will be conducted by the Tahsildar for identification of the eligible beneficiaries. In GHMC area Ward Sabha will be conducted in the slums by the Tahsildars / Deputy Collectors with the help of Municipal staff. In other urban local bodies, Municipal Commissioner will conduct Ward Sabha.
- (iv) The designated Tahsildar in rural area / Municipal Commissioner in urban local bodies / Tahsildar in GHMC area shall scrutinize the verified applications to assess their eligibility and recommend them for sanction of financial assistance based on the Government guidelines.
- (v) In GHMC area of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Sangareddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts, the District Collectors shall take assistance of Municipal authorities for identification of beneficiaries.
- (vi) 10% super checks shall be conducted by the Special Officers appointed by the District Collector.
- (vii) Any wrongful identification and certification of beneficiaries shall attract severe disciplinary action against the concerned.
- (viii) Separation period in case where documents are not available shall be ascertained by conducting local enquiry by the Tahsildar.
- (ix) After receipt of verification reports from the verification officers, the Tahsildars in rural areas / Municipal Commissioners in urban local bodies/Tahsildars in GHMC area including Hyderabad district shall broadly assess the recommendation reports and correlate the same with the Samagra Kutumba Survey (SKS) data, Exclusion and Inclusion criteria as mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.17, PR&RD (RD-I) Department, dated. 05.11.2014, Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC), UNNATHI data, etc.
- (x) After satisfying the above criteria, the Tahsildar shall submit the eligible beneficiaries list to the MPDO in rural areas and the Tahsildars of GHMC area (Other than Hyderabad District) shall submit list of eligible beneficiaries to the Dy. Commissioners of GHMC concerned to upload into the Aasara Website. In urban local bodies the Municipal Commissioners and Tahsildar of Hyderabad District concerned shall upload the data in the Aasara Website. The District Rural Development Officer, DRDA / District Revenue Officer, Hyderabad shall take the approval of the District Collector on physical file and upload in Aasara Website.

IV. Release of Amounts for disbursement of Financial Assistance

- (i) After receipt of approved list of eligible beneficiaries from the District Collectors, centralized proceedings shall be generated in the Aasara Website at the state level and placed in the web for seeking approval on the proceedings by the District Collector through the District Rural Development Officer, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) / District Revenue Officer in Hyderabad District.
- (ii) The District Rural Development Officer, DRDA / District Revenue Officer in Hyderabad District shall take the approval of the District Collector on physical file and upload the details in the Aasara Web site.
- (iii) Fund Transfer Request shall be generated by DRDO, DRDA / DRO, Hyderabad and the Fund Transfer Order shall be generated by the CEO, SERP to transfer the funds electronically to the Disbursing Agencies from the Social Security Pensions State Nodal Account.
- (iv) In cases where there is a change of pensioner status such as death / remarriage of a beneficiary, the same shall be reported by the Branch Post Master (BPM) / Gram Panchayat Secretary (GPS) / Bill Collector / Village Revenue Officer every month to the concerned. The MPDO / Municipal Commissioner / Dy. Commissioner of GHMC area / Tahsildar of Hyderabad district shall be responsible for deleting these names.

V. Disbursement of Financial Assistance

- (i) Financial Assistance amount shall be disbursed by one of the following methods.
 - A. Biometric authentication payment mode through the Department of Posts (DoP) wherein the DoP shall issue Savings Account Pass Book and disburse the amount through "Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS)".
 - B. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode through the banks where in the banks shall issue Savings Account Pass Book and the amount shall be directly credited to the beneficiary account through National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) platform.
- (ii) The beneficiary's Aadhaar Number shall be immediately seeded for enabling payment through the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS).
- (iii) The beneficiaries who do not have an Aadhaar Number shall secure one with the help of the local administration.
- (iv) The disbursement cycle is on par with other Pensions / Financial Assistance under Aasara Scheme.

VI. Administration of Financial Assistance

The Financial Assistance to Single Women Scheme shall be implemented through the Chief Executive Officer, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Telangana. The CEO, SERP shall take steps to implement the scheme as per instructions issued by the Government. The CEO, SERP shall develop necessary software for implementation and monitoring of the scheme. Monitoring Information System (MIS) Reports shall be put in place on the Aasara Website. Administrative cost not exceeding 3% can be met towards the expenditure incurred such as service charges to disbursing agencies, maintenance of the software, hardware etc., for the implementation of the Aasara Scheme.

The District Collectors shall take steps to allot one Livelihood Support Scheme to these women. These may include providing land under Land Purchase Scheme (LPS) or Milch Cattle or Sheep Units using bank linkages or otherwise, Self Employment Units, skill training, etc (subject to meeting the eligibility criteria otherwise stated under the said programme).

3. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No.174/A1/EBS.VIII/17, dated:25-04-2017.

4. A copy of this order is available on the internet and can be accessed at the address <http://goir.telangana.gov.in>.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Telangana, Hyderabad.

All the District Collectors in the State through CEO, SERP.

The Commissioner, Rural Development, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, GHMC, Telangana, Hyderabad.

All the District Rural Development Officers, DRDAs in the State through CEO, SERP.

All the Project Officers of ITDA in the State through CEO, SERP.

The Principal Secretary, Planning Department.

The Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department.

The Principal Secretary, SC Development Department.

The Principal Secretary, Women Development, Child Welfare and Sr. Citizen
Department

The Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department.

The Principal Secretary, MA&UD Department

The Commissioner Scheduled Castes Development Department.

The Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department.

The Commissioner and Director, Municipal Administration

The Commissioner, I&PR, Telangana, Hyderabad.

All the MPDO's & Municipal Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners of GHMC and the
Tahsildars of Hyderabad District in the State through CEO, SERP.

The Director, SSAAT, Telangana, Hyderabad.

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The PS to Chief Secretary.

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