

No. 11014/1/2017-PCR(Desk)
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

New Delhi, dated 14-09-2017

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary of SC and ST Development Department,
All States/UTs

Subject: Continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights {PCR} Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989, from 2017-18 to 2019-20(end of cycle of Fourteenth Finance Commission)....regarding.

Sir/Madam,

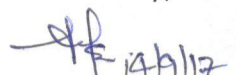
I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to say that under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the PCR Act and the PoA Act, admissible Central assistance is provided to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations, mainly for strengthening of the enforcement and judicial machinery, inter- caste marriages where one of the spouses is a member of a Scheduled Caste, awareness generation and relief and rehabilitation of the atrocity victims/their dependents.

2. It has been decided with the approval of Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, to continue the aforesaid Scheme from 2017-18 to 2019-20(end of cycle of Fourteenth Finance Commission), with an amendment in a component of the scheme i.e. inter-caste marriages where one of the spouses is a member of a Scheduled Caste. Presently the incentive amount under the Scheme for such an inter-caste marriage varies amongst States/UTs, as is determined and paid by the concerned Government/ Union Territory Administration. Nevertheless, henceforth and with immediate effect, the incentive amount under the Scheme has been uniformly made as Rs. 02.50 lakh for all States/UTs, which on production of the certificate of marriage registration with the competent authority in the State/UT, be put by the implementing Department of the State/UT, in the fixed deposit, jointly in the name of the couple (the first name being of the woman), in a Government/Nationalized Bank, for a lock-in period of three years without facility for its pre-mature encashment. The expenditure thereon would be borne by the State/UT, in relation to which a caste has been specified as a Scheduled Caste. The expenditure on the incentive amount in addition of Rs. 2.50 lakhs, if provided by a State/UT, would not be shared under the Scheme and be borne by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration.

3. It is requested that the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations may accordingly take appropriate action.

4. This issues with the approval of the Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Yours faithfully,


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