



Government of Odisha
General Administration & Public Grievance Department
Lokseva Bhawan, Odisha, Bhubaneswar- 751001

Bhubaneswar, dated the 02nd March 2023

No. GAD-CMRF-MISC-0009-2015/ 6158 / Gen. The Government have been pleased to approve the following changes in the CMRF guidelines :-

1. Enhancement of scale of financial assistance under Harischandra Sahayata Yojana (HSY) from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 3,000/- in Rural Areas and from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 4,000/- in Urban Areas and Swargadwar, Puri for the eligible beneficiaries .

2. An amount of Rs 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) be kept as Revolving Fund in HSY account of every Gram Panchayat (G.P) for immediate disbursement to the beneficiary which will be subsequently recouped through online mode.

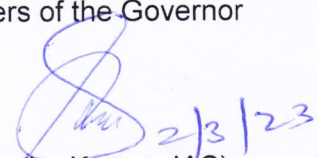
Hence, the CMRF guidelines Para 2.11(II), VI (f), & XI(h) are amended as follows:-

2.11 (II) :- Sarpanch can sanction assistance of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) only in rural areas and Chairperson / Mayor of Municipal Corporations can sanction Rs.4,000/- (Rupees four thousand) only in urban areas.

2.11(VI) (f) :- An amount of Rs 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) only be kept as Revolving Fund in HSY account of every Gram Panchayat (G.P) for immediate disbursement of Rs.3,000/- to the beneficiary which will be subsequently recouped through online mode.

2.11 (XI)(h) :- (Swargadwar, Puri) :- The entire amount prescribed for performing the last rites of a dead body will be limited to Rs.4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand) only.

By orders of the Governor


(Surendra Kumar, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary

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Copy forwarded to all Collectors for kind information and necessary action. They are requested to communicate the above amendment to all Panchayats / ULBs for their information. Further, they are requested to intimate, total number of Gram Panchayats (Block-wise) of their respective district for placing of the Revolving Fund @ Rs.15,000 to each G.P.


Additional Secretary to Government

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2.11. Harishchandra Sahayata Yojana (HSY) :

'Harishchandra Sahayata' aims to provide assistance to the NOKs of the poor and destitute deceased persons for performance of their last rites and for cremation of unclaimed dead bodies.

- (I) The Sarpanch / Chairperson / Mayor will decide the deserving cases eligible for sanction of assistance.
- (II) Sarpanch can sanction assistance of Rs. 3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) only in rural areas and Chairperson / Mayor of M.C can sanction of Rs. 4,000 (Rupees Four Thousand) only in urban areas.
- (III) The Sub-Collector can sanction maximum up to Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) only for transportation and cremation of each unclaimed dead body duly registered by the police.

(IV) **Ineligibility to avail HSY assistance :-**

A family coming under any of the following categories is not eligible to get HSY assistance :-

1. A family, any member of which owns a four-wheeler mechanized vehicle.
2. A family, any member of which is a Government Servant.
3. A family, any member of which is in receipt of honorarium from Government.
4. A family, which has joint ROR of more than 5.00 acres.
5. A family, any member of which is an Income Tax Assessee. "

N.B:- If the deceased family is covered under National Food Security Act-2013(NFSA) or State Food Security Scheme-2018 (SFSS) is eligible to get HSY assistance.



The sanctioning authority such as Sarpanch / Chairperson / Mayor will receive an undertaking to this effect from the family member of the deceased in the prescribed proforma provided at **Annexure-“A”**.

(V) Payment to the eligible family:-

The Sarpanch / Chairperson / Mayor will provide the financial assistance to the eligible family **on the date of death** in shape of cash out of the funds available under HSY account (Revolving Fund) at G.P / any Government Scheme at ULB which will be reimbursed out of CMRF through online mode

(VI) Mode of Reimbursement of HSY assistance through online:

- a) Official User ID & Password are to be provided to all Sarpanch / Chairperson / Mayor of MC for online reimbursement of HSY assistance through CMRF web portal www.cmfodisha.gov.in within **15 (fifteen) days positively** from the date of death of the deceased person.
- b) After successful submission online reimbursement form the same will be transferred to the concerned Block in case of G.P and Municipality / M.C in case of ULBs for verification by one middle level officer like GPEO or any Extension Officer (as Verifier).
- c) By using the Official User ID & Password the BDOs / Executive Officers are to authenticate the verified application processed by the Verifying Officer and make payment after receiving an OTP in his registered mobile number within **15 (fifteen) days positively**.
- d) After authentication by the BDOs/E.Os the fund will be transferred automatically to the Panchayat & ULB account already opened and mapped with the portal for the purpose from the State CMRF account.
- e) After making payment regarding reimbursement of HSY assistance one SMS will be provided to the mobile number of the beneficiaries of the deceased family. The list of the beneficiaries under HSY will available in the CMRF website.
- f) An amount of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand)only be kept as Revolving Fund in HSY account of every Gram Panchayat (GP) for immediate disbursement of Rs.3,000/- to the beneficiary which will be subsequently recouped through online mode.

(VII) Review of the MIS Report of Harichandra Sahayata Yojana

- a. The Collectors may declare the ADM / Emergency Officers of their district as Nodal Officer as regards to the HSY assistance. by using the district user ID & Password.
- b. The Nodal officer of the district will monitor the progress of HSY assistance of the district weekly by using the district user ID & Password.
- c. The Collector will take a monthly review on the progress of the HSY assistance given at the Block/ ULB levels of his district.
- d. Change of mobile No of the BDOs /E.Os/ Verifying Officer or account details of G.Ps /ULBs in the HSY application software, the Collector/ BDO/E.O may request to GA&PG(CMRF) Department through e-mail (cmf.odisha@gov.in)



(VIII) **Norms**

The HSY transactions at the level of G.P/ULB level are auditable by the Statutory Auditor/ Accountant General, Odisha / Local Fund Auditor / General Administration & Public Grievance Department from time to time. Hence, the G.Ps/ULBs are to maintain all the relevant records like applications form in serial manner (Annexure-"A") , Disbursement Register (Annexure-"B") / Cash Book (Annexure-"C" / Bank Pass Book opened for HSY.

(IX) **Standard Operating Procedure for Assistance for Disposal of Unclaimed Bodies.**

- a) The Scheme shall be implemented through the Superintendent of Police and Sub-Collector.
- b) Superintendent of Police shall identify one or more good NGOs who shall perform the cremation.
- c) For this purpose actual cost of transportation & end to end cost of cremation up to Rs.3,000/- (Rupees three thousand) only will be sanctioned by the Sub-Collector per each case.
- d) An MOU shall be signed with the NGOs specifying the following details:-
 - 1) Cost of transportation to the cremation ground.
 - 2) End to end cost of cremation, as prescribed under different religions/customs.
- e) In the event of a dead body not being claimed, the concerned police station shall after completion of legal procedure hand over the body to the NGO for cremation.
- f) If the religion of the person is established / identified his / her cremation shall be made as per the procedure prescribed by that religion / custom.
- g) Proper records shall be maintained and preserved for future reference.
- h) The NGO shall handover expenditure bill along with signature of witness to the Police station.
- i) The OIC of the police station will countersign and forward the same to the concerned Sub-Collector for payment.
- j) On receipt of the bill from police station, the Sub-Collector shall make payment to the NGO through e-transfer out of funds available under CMRF with him or with the Collector.

(X) **Standard Operating Procedure for Assistance for last rites of poor and destitute persons:-**

The assistance will be provided through the Gram Panchayat in rural areas and Urban local bodies in urban areas.



- a. The Sarpanch and Chairman/ Mayor may on his own information or on receipt of information from public or any other source may immediately consider the case on merit and sanction assistance of Rs.3,000/- and Rs. 4,000/- respectively.
- b) The sanctioned amount may be immediately (date of death of the deceased) disbursed to the eligible beneficiary in shape of cash in the presence of ward member/ villagers on proper identification out of HSY account (Revolving Fund) of Gram Panchayat and the same will be reimbursed later through online mode.
- c) The implementing agency shall maintain proper account and records.
- d) The Collector will review consolidated list of beneficiary time to time from the MIS Report and furnish utilization certificate to General Administration & Public Grievance (CMRF) Department.

(XI) Standard Operating Procedure for Assistance for poor people & destitute for their last rites at "Swargadwar, Puri" under Harischandra Sahayata Yojana

- a) The near relatives of the deceased shall approach at the counter at Swargadwar and register his name for cremation of the deceased to avail the assistance in shape of goods & services under the scheme.
- b) The authorized person in charge of Swargadwar Seva Samiti (SSS) will provide him/her a prescribed application form (Annexure-"D") for availing the assistance.
- c) The beneficiary will submit the filled up form along with the declaration and other necessary information in the SSS counter.
- d) **Ineligibility to avail HSY assistance at Swargadwar:-**

A family coming under any of the following categories is not eligible to get HSY assistance :-

1. A family, any member of which owns a four-wheeler mechanized vehicle.
2. A family, any member of which is a Government Servant.
3. A family, any member of which is in receipt of honorarium from Government.
4. A family, which has joint ROR of more than 5.00 acres.
5. A family, any member of which is an Income Tax Assessee. "
6. A family which availed HSY assistance at the Panchyata/ ULB level in this instant case.

N.B:- If the deceased family is covered under National Food Security Act-2013(NFSA) or State Food Security Scheme-2018 (SFSS) is eligible to get HSY assistance



e) After receipt of the application the authorized person will provide acknowledgement (Annexure-“E”) along with necessary tokens to avail the materials and services available from different counters to the beneficiary for cremation.

f) For this purpose the required fire wood can be obtained from OFDC depot adjacent to Swargadwar and other ancillary expenditure (Jhati, Puja materials, Kalas, Ghee, Sandal Wood, Dhoti, Gamucha, Agarbatti, etc) from the licensed shops situated inside the Swargadwar premises.

g) Licensed shops, Pujari and fire men (who set fire) as per the scheme.

The entire amount as prescribed for performing the last rites of a dead body will be limited to Rs.4,000/(Rupees Four Thousand) only.

Norms

1. The Sub-Collector, Puri –cum-Convener Secretary Swargadwar Seva Samiti will remain in charge for such benefit.
2. The Sub-Collector, Puri –cum-Convener Secretary Swargadwar Seva Samiti will attach a ministerial staff to maintain accounts at Swargadwar. The SSS counter will be manned 24hours on shift basis. Swargadwar Seva Kendra personnel will register all such cases and keep the vouchers from OFDC etc.
3. The Swargadwar Seva Kendra personnel while performing the task of supplying materials or paying charges to Pujari, fire man etc will obtain signature of the claimant on the vouchers. Then he will hand over all the material required for funeral rites to the person performing last rites. The assistance will be provided in shape of goods and services.
4. Swargadwar Seva Samiti (SSS) shall receive an undertaking in the proforma prescribed at Annexure-“D” as per the provision Para 2.11(iv) of the guidelines.
5. The HSY transactions at Swargadwar, Puri can be auditable by the Statutory Auditor/ Accountant General, Odisha / Local Fund Auditor / General Administration & Public Grievance Department from time to time. Hence, the SSS is to maintain all the relevant records like applications form in serial manner (Annexure-“D”), Disbursement Register (Annexure-“F”) / Cash Book (Annexure-“G”) Bank Pass Book opened for HSY.

Mode of Reimbursement of HSY assistance through online:

- a. Official User ID & Password have been provided to the Asst. Collector, Protocol Puri-Cum- Treasurer SSS who is the authorized person of Swargadwar Seva Samiti for online reimbursement of HSY assistance through CMRF web portal www.cmrfodisha.gov.in by forwarding it to the Sub-Collector, Puri for authentication on the same day.
- b. By using the Official User ID & Password, the Sub-Collector, Puri to authenticate the reimbursement application form and make payment after receiving an OTP in his registered mobile number within **07(seven) days positively.**
- c. After authentication by the Sub-Collector, Puri the fund will be transferred automatically to the SSA account already opened and mapped with the CMRF portal for the purpose from the State CMRF account.



- d. After making payment regarding reimbursement of HSY assistance one SMS will be provided to the mobile number of the beneficiary of the deceased family.
- e. Panchayat / ULB wise beneficiaries who availed HSY assistance at Swargadwar Puri can be viewed by the concerned BDOs/ Urban authorities.

Review of the MIS Report of Harichandra Sahayata Yojana at Swargadwar.

- Change of mobile No of the Sub-Collector in the HSY application software, the Collector/ ADM/ Sub-Collector may request to GA&PG(CMRF) Department through e-mail (cmrf.odisha@gov.in).
- The Collector, Puri may declare the ADM, Puri as Nodal Officer as regards to the HSY at Swargadwar, Puri by using the district user ID & Password.
- The Collector, Puri will take a monthly review on the progress of the HSY assistance given at Swargadwar Puri.

3. CASES INELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE OUT OF C.M.R.F.

3.1 No financial assistance from Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be available for purposes like marriage, thread ceremony or for other social or ceremonial purpose.

3.2 Cases where assistance under Odisha Relief Code is available will not ordinarily be assisted from CMRF. Where the damages are widespread and in large scale, the cases may be placed before the Chief Minister for consideration.

4. RELAXATION

4.1 The Chief Minister may relax any or all of the above criteria in exceptional circumstances & to the best of his judgment.

4.2 The Chief Minister can sanction any amount, in favour of any person / persons for any purpose on humanitarian grounds and welfare of the weaker sections including minorities.

4.1 Release of assistance in case of the death of the patient : In case of death of the patient in whose favour the assistance has been sanctioned out of CMRF, the amount of assistance may be released to his/her legal heirs as may be decided by the Authority competent to sanction Legal Heir Certificate in favour of the deceased.

4.2 MPRs & Utilization Certificates: Monthly progress report on the utilization of funds shall be submitted by the Collectors / recipient Departments/ recipient institutions, to the Government in General Administration & Public Grievance Department by the 5th of every month in the prescribed format. Utilization certificates may be submitted as and when the amount is utilized.



4.3 Recommending Minister / MP / MLA to be kept informed: With regard to CMRF applications received on the recommendations of Hon'ble Minister / M.P. / M.L.A., a copy of action taken on those applications may be sent to the concerned Hon'ble Minister / M.P/ M.L.A.

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