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Dated, the 10th September, 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation an autonomous body was set up on 1992 under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment is the Chairperson of the Foundation.

2. The main objectives of the Foundation inter alia include implementation of programmes and activities for furthering the ideology and message of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar among the masses in India as well as abroad. The Foundation has been entrusted with the responsibility of managing, administering and carrying on the schemes and programmes, details are as under for SCs & STs.

(i) **Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme**

The scheme is meant to provide financial assistance to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes patients, suffering from serious ailments, for surgery related to kidney, heart, cancer and brain, spinal surgery or any other life threatening disease. (details may pl. see **Annexure-A**).

(ii) **Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to SC/ST Victims of Atrocities**

The scheme is in the nature of contingency arrangement to provide instant monetary relief to the victims of relatively heinous offences of atrocities under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The relief amount under this Scheme would be directly provided to the victims or their family members or dependents by the Foundation (details may pl. see **Annexure-B**).

(iii) **Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter Caste Marriages**

The objective of the scheme is to appreciate the socially bold step, of an Inter-caste marriage, taken by the newly married couple and to extend financial incentive to the couple to enable them to settle down in the initial phase of their married life (details may pl. see **Annexure-C**).

3. The above welfare schemes for SCs & STs for their life saving, justice and values of liberty, equality, fraternity etc in the society. However, it is requested to kindly spread the masses through hospitals, library etc. among the above scheme in your States.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

Upma Srivastava
(Upma Srivastava)
Additional Secretary, SJE &
Member Secretary, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

To

All Chief Secretaries / Welfare Secretaries / DM / DCs

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In Charge

Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme

(Revised on 15.01.2018)

The objectives of "Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme" is to extend medical aid grants to the patients belongs to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes suffering from serious ailments requiring surgery of Kidney, Heart, Liver, Cancer and Brain or any other life threatening diseases including organ transplant and spinal surgery, whose annual family income is not more than Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs). The Scheme will be implemented through the following Hospitals:

- (i) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and AIIMS in other States.
- (ii) Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- (iii) Patna Medical College Hospital, Patna, Bihar.
- (iv) Jabalpur Hospital and Research Centre, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- (v) B. Barua Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Assam.
- (vi) Birla Heart Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- (vii) Kalinga Hospital Ltd. Chandrashekharapur, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
- (viii) Tata Cancer Research Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- (ix) Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
- (x) The Voluntary Health Services, Chennai.
- (xi) All CGHS approved Hospitals as revised from time to time by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
- (xii) All State Government Medical Colleges attached Hospitals even if not included under CGHS Scheme.
- (xiii) All State Hospitals.
- (xiv) All Hospitals recognized by State Government
- (xv) All Hospitals fully funded by either the Central Government or the State Governments.
- (xvi) All Government Hospitals in District Headquarters/ major towns where surgery or treatment facility for Kidney, Heart, Liver, Cancer and Brain or any other life threatening disease including organ transplant and spinal surgery is available.
- (xvii) Any other hospital, which the Chairman of the Foundation is convinced that the relevant case is justified under facts and exceptional circumstances.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) The applicant shall belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Community.

- (ii) Annual family income shall not exceed Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs).
- (iii) The Scheme covers major ailments which need surgery such as kidney, heart, liver, cancer, brain or any other life threatening disease including organ transplant and spinal surgery.

3. HOW TO APPLY

3.1 The applicant shall apply for medical aid in the prescribed application form or on plain paper as per details in the prescribed proforma available in DAF website. The application format is attached as Annexure-I. The application must be submitted along with the self-certified copies of (i) the caste certificate, (ii) income certificate, (iii) ration card/ aadhaar card and (iv) estimated cost of the surgery duly certified by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital (as at Annexure-II).

3.2 The duly filled in form should reach the **Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 15, Janpath, New Delhi, at least 15 days before the date of surgery.**

4. DISBURSEMENT

4.1 100% of the estimated cost of the surgery will be directly released to the concerned Hospital, with a maximum ceiling limit as indicated in the following table in each case, in the form of through RTGS/NEFT / DD:

Heart Surgery -	Rs. 1.25 lakh
Kidney Surgery/ Dialysis -	Rs. 3.5 lakh
Cancer Surgery / Chemotherapy / Radiotherapy -	Rs. 1.75 lakh
Brain Surgery -	Rs. 1.5 lakh
Kidney / Organ Transplant -	Rs. 3.5 lakh
Spinal Surgery -	Rs. 1.00 lakh
Other life threatening diseases -	Rs. 1.00 lakh

4.2 The medical aid may be released in one instalment, before surgery, on the condition that Utilization Certificate (**Annexure-IV**) shall be submitted to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation by the Hospital along with final bills on the date of discharge of the patient.

4.3 The medical aid released to the Hospital should be utilized within a period of one month of its release. The un-utilized aid/ balance amount, if any, shall be returned to the Foundation at the earliest, in any case not later than one month after the date of discharge of the patient.

4.4 Medical aid from the Foundation and other sources should not exceed the total estimated cost of the surgery.

4.5 The Estimated Cost certificate to be submitted along with the application should contain the date fixed for the surgical operation.

Documents Required

4.6 The Application Form (Annexure-I attached) or on Plain Paper with the details as per the format and photograph should be accompanied with the following documents / certificates:-

- (i) Original Estimated Cost certificate duly signed by the Medical Superintendent of the concerned hospital. It should contain the date fixed for the surgical operation.
- (ii) Self attested photocopies of the following :
 - (a) Latest Income Certificate,
 - (b) Caste Certificate and
 - (c) the Ration Card/Aadhaar Card of the patient.
- (iii) **Documents required for Kidney transplant** i.e. Relationship with beneficiary (Form 14, format for the decision of the Authorization Committee Certificate), Details of Donor of Kidney i.e. Name, Age, Address, Blood Group, UIDAI No. / Aadhaar No. of beneficiary.
- (iv) For fast processing transfer of aid / grant amount in the approved cases, the bank details of the hospital (a) Account No. of the hospital (b) Name of the Account Holder (c) IFSC code may be given/provided with the application.

Other Conditions:

4.7 Medical aid from the Foundation and other sources should not exceed the total estimated cost of the surgery. A certificate in this regard should be obtained from the Medical Superintendent of the concerned Hospital.

4.8 The Estimated Cost Certificate (Annexure-II attached), accompanied with the application (Annexure-I attached), should contain the date fixed for the surgical operation.

4.9 Ordinarily, the cases of reimbursement of the expenditure incurred on the surgery / treatment in medical aid are not entertained. However, reimbursement may be considered on merit, if the application was received by DAF at least 15 days before the date of surgery.

4.10 A self attested photograph of the patient should also be affixed on the Application.

Application form
for Medical Aid under Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme
(for SC and ST only)

Self
 Attested Photo of
 Patient -passport
 size.

1. Name of the Patient :
2. Name of Father/Mother/Husband/Guardian
3. Caste (the patient belongs to).....
4. Gender (Male /Female/Third gender).....Age.....
5. Residential Address of Patient with Pin Code
6. Phone Number with STD Code / Mobile Number and e-mail, if available.....
7. UIDAI No./ Aadhaar No. of beneficiary
8. Nature of Disease
9. Date of Surgery/ Dialysis / Chemotherapy / Radiotherapy
10. Documents required for Kidney transplant i.e. Relationship with beneficiary (Form 14, format for the decision of the Authorization Committee Certificate).....Details of Donor of Kidney i.e. Name.....Age....., Blood Group....., UIDAI No./Aadhaar No..... Address.....
11. Name of the Hospital from where treatment is sought and if the said hospital is covered under the Scheme (please mention the details (please see para-1 of the Scheme)
12. Medical Aid required (Estimated Cost Certificate in Original issued by Medical Superintendent of the hospital to be attached).....
13. Annual Family Income from all sources.....
14. Whether the applicant has taken medical financial assistance or aid from any other sources, if so give details
15. **Documents Check**: Self attested certificates of following are attached:

(i) Caste Certificate	: Yes /No
(ii) Income Certificate	: Yes /No
(iii) Ration Card/Aadhaar Card	: Yes /No
(iv) Annexure-II & III duly filled/signed.	: Yes/No

16. It is certified that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed.

I also undertake to ensure that (a) the Discharge Certificate and (b) Final Original Bills alongwith the (c) Utilization Certificate (UC) issued by the Hospital, shall be submitted to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation after my discharge from the hospital.

Signature of the Patient
 (Either self /relative etc. or of Legal Guardian in case of Minor)

**Estimate Certificate (on hospital letter head)
for Medical Aid under Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme
(for SCs and STs only)**

Ref. No.

Date:

1. N.S. No. / Patient No. / Admission No. / C.R. No.

2. Name of the Patient:

3. Name of Father/Mother/Husband/Guardian

4. Gender (Male /Female)Age.....

5. Nature of Disease

6. Date of Surgery/ Dialysis / Chemotherapy / Radiotherapy.....

7. Amount required for Surgery/ Dialysis / Chemotherapy / Radiotherapy

8. Whether the Hospital is a Central or State Govt. Hospital or recognized by either Central Govt. or State Govt. or is fully funded by either Central Govt. or State Govt. or is approved under CGHS Scheme of Central Govt. or fully funded under the list of hospitals indicated by name under the Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme. (In support, a copy of the relevant order or notification may be enclosed).....

9. Mandate Form / Bank details of the Hospital (Annexure-III):

I undertake that the Hospital shall prepare (a) discharge certificate (b) final bills (c) Utilization certificate of medical aid granted by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation at the time of discharge of the patient from the Hospital and the same shall be immediately forwarded alongwith the Unutilized Aid if any, to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

Signature :-.....

(Medical Superintendent of Hospital)

Rubber Stamp bearing
Name & Designation.

MANDATE FORM

To

The Director,
Dr. Ambedkar Foundation,
15, Janpath, New Delhi-110001

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC CLEARING SERVICE (CREDIT CLEARING)/REAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT (RTGS) FACILITY FOR RECEIVING PAYMENTS FOR "DR. AMBEDKAR MEDICAL AID SCHEME".

DETAILS OF HOSPITAL BANK ACCOUNT :-

NAME OF THE PATIENT	
NAME AND COMPLETE CONTACT ADDRESS OF HOSPITAL	
TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO : E-MAIL ID OF HOSPITAL Tel. No. of the contact person for clarification.	
NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER	
HOSPITAL ACCOUNT NUMBER	
NAME OF THE BANK WITH COMPLETE ADDRESS / TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ID for clarification if needed.	
IFSC CODE OF BANK	
MICR CODE OF BANK	
BANK BRANCH CODE NO.	

DATE OF EFFECT:-

I hereby declare that the particulars given above are correct and complete. If the transaction is delayed or not effected at all for reasons of incomplete or incorrect information I would not hold the user institution responsible. I have read the option invitation letter and agree to discharge responsibility expected of me as a participant under the Scheme.

(.....)
Authorized Signature of the Hospital
with Stamp
bearing Name and Designation

Date:

Certified that the particulars furnished above are correct as per our records.

(Authorized Signature of the Bank
with Bank's Stamp) with Name & Designation

Date:

1. Please attach a photocopy of cheque alongwith the verification obtained from the Bank.
2. In case your Bank Branch is presently not "RTGS enabled", then upon its up gradation to "RTGS Enabled" branch, please submit the information again in the above proforma to the Department at earliest.

Ref. No.**Date:**

Utilization Certificate (on hospital letter head)
Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme of
Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF)

(after surgery duly filled and submitted by Hospital to DAF)

1. DAF's Sanction order No. and date :
2. Name of Patient :
3. Gender :
4. Hospital Patient No. / CR No. /
N.S. No. / Admission No. :
5. Medical Aid received from DAF /
Cheque No., Date & Amount (Rs.), if so. :
6. Medical Aid received from any
other sources, if any /
details i.e. Cheque No., Date & Amount (Rs.) :
7. Date of Surgery :
8. Date of Discharge :
9. Total Expenditure (in Rs.) incurred on surgery/
Dialysis /Chemotherapy / Radiotherapy :
 - (i) Bill No. & Date :
 - (ii) Bill Amount (Rs.) :
10. Unutilized Amount (Rs.) and details of
Refund to DAF i.e. date, mode etc. :
11. Remarks :

Medical Superintendent / Competent Authority of the Hospital

Rubber Stamp

(REVISED as on February, 2020)

DR. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL RELIEF TO THE SCHEDULED CASTES
/ SCHEDULED TRIBES VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES SCHEME

Revised Scheme (Year – 2020)

I. INTRODUCTION:

Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was a great national leader of twentieth century. He was an intellectual, scholar, statesman and contributed greatly in the nation building. He led a number of movements to emancipate the downtrodden masses and to secure human rights to millions of depressed classes. He has left an indelible imprint through his immense contribution in framing the Constitution of India. He stands as a symbol of struggle for achieving Social Justice.

2. The main objectives of the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, inter-alia, include implementation of programmes and activities for furthering the ideology and message of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar among the masses in India as well as abroad. The Foundation has been entrusted with the responsibility of managing, administering and carrying on the important and long term schemes and programmes identified during the Centenary Celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Dr. Ambedkar was extremely concerned with the plight of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) / Scheduled Tribes (STs) and the untouchability practiced and atrocities committed against them. He advocated for their social, economic and political empowerment.

3. The incidents of atrocities still continue to be committed against the members of scheduled castes despite the enactment of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (POA Act) which seeks to prevent the commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, to provide for Special Courts for the trial of such offences and for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such offences and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. At present under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (POA Act), 50% of the total expenditure over and above the committed liability is provided to the State Governments by way of central assistance and the Union Territories get 100% central assistance. The central assistance is mainly provided to support measures undertaken by them for effective implementation of the Acts which include providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims/dependents of atrocities, etc. as prescribed under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 (POA Rules). However, the relief is available to the victims through the State Governments/UT Administrations.

4. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment cannot provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims direct even in respect of heinous crimes committed against SCs like, arson, rape, murder, etc. and hence in that respect Central Government feels slightly handicapped. Therefore, a need has been felt to provide instant monetary relief to the victims of relatively serious offences of atrocities under the POA Act in the nature of contingency arrangement and that the relief amount be directly provided to the victims by the Central Government through the Foundation. Therefore, a suitable Scheme for financial assistance to the SC victims of atrocities by the Foundation would be a befitting tribute to this illustrious Son of India.

II. THE SCHEME:

5. The Scheme would be known as 'Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to the SC/ST Victims of Atrocities Scheme'. This Scheme would be in the nature of contingency arrangement to provide instant monetary relief to the victims of heinous offences of atrocities under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

6. The State / UT Government or the District Administration may, in the cases falling under the categories of atrocities identified under the scheme, prepare proposal for financial assistance to the SC/ ST Victim(s) of Atrocities, in the Prescribed Format (Annexure-II), and forwarded to the Foundation for its consideration. The Foundation may also take suo-motto cognizance of any case of atrocity and depute an officer(s) for visiting the place of atrocity for taking necessary action under the scheme.

7. The relief amount up to Rs. 5.00 lakh would be paid to each victim, with the approval of the Chairperson of the Foundation. **The amount of relief will be in addition to the relief grant/ amount being given by the respective State Governments** This Scheme is meant for providing financial assistance to SC victims of atrocities or their family members or dependents in order to compensate them financially. This Scheme is formulated keeping in view the growing atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and with a view to financially assist SC / ST victims of atrocities.

III. ELIGIBILITY:

8. The eligibility criteria is as under :

- (i) The victim should belong to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes.
- (ii) The victim should be a Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe who has suffered atrocities committed by other communities on the grounds of his/ her caste, community or identity in the society.
- (iii) The atrocity should be of heinous type under the POA Act, 1989 like murder, rape, arson, etc.

IV. EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE:

9. The assistance shall be up to a maximum limit of Rs. 5.00 lakhs. The scale of relief amounts is given at Annexure - I.

V. NORMS FOR RELEASE OF ASSISTANCE:

10. The norms for release of the relief amount under the Scheme is as follows:

- (i) The assistance shall be released to the victim or his/ her family members or legal heir solely under the discretion of the chairperson of the Foundation. The financial assistance given will be directly transferred to the Aadhar linked bank account of the Victim or his/her legal heir.
- (ii) In the case of the crime of rape, submission of 'medical certificate' issued by an authorized medical officer of the concerned State Government is a pre-requisite for sanction of relief.
- (iii) In the case of atrocities resulting in disabilities, the same should be certified by the competent authority indicating the percentage of disability.

VI. HOW TO APPLY

11. A proposal for financial assistance for the Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes victim of atrocities may be forwarded by the State / UT Government or District Magistrate or Collector in the Prescribed Format (Annexure - II) to the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 25 K. G. Marg, Jeevan Prakash Building, 9th Floor, New Delhi - 110001, along with the copy of the FIR, Inquiry Report, Postmortem Report, Medical or Disability Certificate etc. (as the case may be).

12. All such proposals will be processed in the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. It shall be the discretion of the Chairperson of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to sanction the financial assistance to the victim(s):

Provided that the Chairperson of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation may relax the norms of the Scheme in deserving cases.

Annexure -I**DR. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL RELIEF TO THE SCHEDULED CASTES
/ SCHEDULED TRIBES VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES SCHEME****Revised Scheme (Year 2020)****Scale of relief amounts:**

S. No.	Nature of Atrocity	Approved amount of Relief (Rs. In lakhs)*
1.	Murder/ Death (a). Earning member of a family (b) Non-earning member of family	 5.00 2.00
2.	Rape	2.00
3.	Arson leading to complete homelessness	3.00
4.	Disability (complete and permanent disability leading to loss of earning capacity) (i) Earning member of a family (ii) Non-earning member of a family	 3.00 1.50

*** The amount of relief will be in addition to the relief grant / amount being given by the respective State Governments.**

Proforma

Annexure-II

Proposal for financial assistance for SC/ST Victims of Atrocities under

**“Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to SC/ST Victims of Atrocities Scheme” of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation,
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**

1. Name of the Victim
2. Name of the Father / Husband
3. Date of birth and age of the victim
4. Indicate whether belongs to SC/ST.....
5. Residential Address
6. Date and Place of incident of atrocities
7. Complete details of the atrocities
8. 12 digits Aadhaar Number of the Victim.
9. Whether the case has been registered under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989? If yes, give details
10. Whether disability is complete and permanent?
11. Details of family members or dependents who have suffered due to atrocity
12. In Murder case, details of the person (wife / husband/ children/ father / mother) to whom the relief is to be paid. In case, it is to be paid to some other member of the family, copy of the succession certificate issued by the competent authority is to be enclosed.....
13. In case of death of the victim, details of the legal heir along with 12 digits Aadhaar Number
14. Annual Family Income (from all sources) Rs.....
15. Whether the victim has been given such assistance from any other sources? If yes, give details
16. Details of the Aadhaar linked bank account of the beneficiary

The above information has been verified and found to be correct.

It is recommended that an amount of Rs..... may be sanctioned to the victim or his / her dependents as stated at S.No. 11 above.

.....
Name & Signature of
Tehsildar / SDM / Competent Authority
(with rubber stamp)

RECOMMENDED & FORWARDED

.....
District Collector / Magistrate / Dy. Commissioner
(Name and signature with rubber stamp)

Note:

- (i) Please submit separate proposal for each victim.

F.No.34-1/2013/DAF

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

**Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration
through Inter-Caste Marriages**

(I) Background

1. Sociologists have argued that caste system is a hierarchical system in which castes are placed one above the other on the basis of social status and prestige. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar defined Indian caste system as a system based on graded inequality. It divides men into separate communities and one of its main feature, the practice of endogamy i.e. the social rule that requires an individual to marry within a specific culturally defined social group of which he/she is member, reinforces and sustains this separateness and it is this segregation, which has created difficulty in achieving Constitutional values of liberty, equality, fraternity etc in the society.
2. Traditionally, marriage in Hindu society was a sacrament but after the passage of Hindu Marriage Act 1955 it can be treated as a contract. However, still marriages primarily take place on the traditional grounds of Jatis (caste) and *up-jati* (sub-caste). That means marriage is inextricably linked to *Jati Vyavastha* (caste system) with its roots in the religion.
3. Inter-caste marriages can be one of the significant steps to reduce the caste-prejudices, abolish 'untouchability' and spread the values of liberty, equality, fraternity etc in the society.
4. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act (PCR) and Prevention of Atrocities (POA) Act, Central assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations is provided towards incentive for inter-caste marriages where one of the spouses belongs to Scheduled Caste.
5. The object no. XXXI in the Memorandum of Association of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation also mandates "*To organize special campaigns for removal of untouchability and caste-based prejudices and for bringing in attitudinal change in the society through communal harmony and brotherhood and receive Govt. assistance for such purposes.*" Given the enormity of the social challenge that an inter-caste marriage faces, the Foundation also joins the initiative for bringing in an attitudinal change among the members of society through inter-caste marriages which has the potential to bring sustainable social integration, harmony and fraternity.
6. Since the problem is societal, the solution has to be determined at the level of society. Further, as the matter pertains to the realm of tradition and mind-set, it has to be pursued in a calibrated manner by gradually convincing the society about the desirability of creating a progressive society for which the inter-caste marriages should be accepted as a norm. Therefore, there appears to be a need for greater involvement of Representatives of People from Panchayat to Parliament, Social Activists/ Reformers, Administration, Media etc. in the implementation of this Scheme.

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(II) The Scheme:

1. The Scheme would be known as 'Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter-Caste Marriages'.
2. The objective of the scheme is to appreciate the socially bold step, of an Inter-caste marriage, taken by the newly married couple and to extend financial incentive to the couple to enable them to settle down in the initial phase of their married life. It is clarified that it should not be construed as a supplementary scheme to an employment generation or poverty alleviation scheme.
3. It shall be the discretion of the Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment & Chairman of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to sanction the incentive to the Couple.
4. Submission of false/ fabricated information to the competent authority would be punishable as per law in force.

(III) Eligibility:

The eligibility criteria are as under:

1. An Inter-caste marriage, for the purpose of this Scheme means a marriage in which one of the spouses belongs to Scheduled Caste and the other belongs to a Non-Scheduled Caste.
2. The marriage should be valid as per the law and duly registered under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. An affidavit of their being legally married and in matrimonial alliance would be submitted by the couple.
3. In cases, where marriage is registered other than Hindu Marriage Act 1955, the couple **is required to furnish a separate certificate as per Annexure-1 of the Format.**
4. No incentive is available on second or subsequent marriage.
5. Proposal would be treated as valid if submitted within one year of marriage.
6. If the couple has already received any incentive from the State Govt. / UT Administration for this purpose, the amount approved / released to the couple will be adjusted from the total incentive that could be released to them under this Scheme.

(IV) Extent of Incentive

1. The incentive for a legal inter-caste marriage shall be Rs.2.50 lakh per marriage. On receipt of a Pre-Stamped Receipt on a Ten Rupee Non-Judicial Stamp Paper an amount of Rs.1.50 lakh will be released to the eligible couple through RTGS / NEFT to the joint account of the couple and the remaining amount will be kept in a Fixed Deposit in the Foundation for a period of 3 years. This amount will be released to the couple alongwith the interest accrued thereon on 3 years of sanction of the incentive by the Foundation.
2. The Scheme was initially introduced on a pilot basis for a period of 2 years i.e. 2013-14 and 2014-15 and is being continued as a regular scheme since then.

3. The District Authorities and State Government should be persuaded to be more proactive in supporting Inter-Caste Marriage (one spouse SC category) by organizing Mass Inter-caste marriages in the Districts / States. They may publicize the same in the local media, arrange functions for the inter-caste marriage invite eminent personalities to grace the occasion etc. An amount at the rate of Rs.25,000/- per inter-caste marriage will be paid to the District Authorities / State Government for organizing the above programme.
4. An amount of Rs. 25,000/-, for each marriage, would be released to the District Authorities for organising a befitting programme in which the incentive would be handed over to the couple.

(V) **Norms for release of Incentive** : The norms for release of the Incentive amount under the Scheme are as follows:-

1. The proposal to seek incentive under the Scheme should be recommended by the Welfare Department of the State / UT Government / District Magistrate / District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner.
2. The incentive for a legal inter-caste marriage shall be Rs.2.50 lakh per marriage. On receipt of a Pre-Stamped Receipt on a Ten Rupee Non-Judicial Stamp Paper the total amount of incentive will be released to the eligible couple in a single instalment through RTGS / NEFT to the joint account of the couple.
3. Power of Relaxation: Chairperson DAF & HMSJE may relax any provisions of the scheme in deserving cases.
4. How to apply: A statement showing copies of documents which are to be submitted by the applicant as per the enclosed Format.

The proposal under the Scheme is required to be forwarded with recommendation from the concerned District Magistrate, District Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Social Welfare Department of the concerned State Government / UT to the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Jeevan Prakash Building, 9th Floor, 25, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001.

APPLICATION FORM

The application duly filled up with documents is required to be forwarded with recommendation from the concerned District Magistrate, District Collector, Deputy Commissioner or Social Welfare Department of the concerned State Govt./ U.T. and to be sent to the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Jeevan Prakash Building, 9th Floor, 25 K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001

S.No	List of documents	Husband	Wife
1.	Name and Address of the couple with PIN code		
2.	Date of Birth <i>(please enclose a self attested copy birth certificate issued by the competent authority or copy of the Secondary School Examination)</i>		
3.	Email ID and Mobile Number		
4.	Whether one of the spouses belongs to Scheduled Caste and the other to a Non- Scheduled Caste <i>(please enclose a self attested copy of Caste certificate issued by the competent authority)</i>		
5.	Whether it is the first marriage of the couple: <i>(please enclose an affidavit on Non-judicial stamp paper by the couple)</i>		
6.	Date of Marriage		
7.	Whether the application for incentive was submitted within one year of marriage		
8.	Whether the marriage is valid as per the law and Registered under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 <i>(please enclose a self attested copy of the Marriage registration certificate)</i>		
9.	In cases, where marriage is registered other than Hindu Marriage Act 1955, the couple is required to submit a certificate as <u>per Annexure-1</u>		
10.	Whether any incentive was received for the Inter-Caste Marriage from the State Government. If so give details.		
11.	Copy of Aadhaar Card indicating date of birth (Date/Month/Year) and PAN Card of the couple		
12.	Details of Aadhaar Linked Joint Bank Account (State Bank of India branch only) <i>(enclose a self attested copy of the first page of the pass book)</i>		
13.	Recommendation by the sitting MP/ MLA (Please enclose the Recommendation letter) AND Recommendation by concerned District Collector / District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner/ Social Welfare Deptt. of concerned State Government's / UTs		

Note- The format along with all documents are required to be submitted in Hindi or English only

Signature(Husband)
Date of submission

Signature(Wife)
Date of submission

ANNEXURE – 1

‘Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter-Caste Marriages’
Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Jeevan Prakash Building, 9th Floor, 25, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001

A certificate on the following lines along with photograph of the applicant shall be issued by the District Magistrate/ District Collector/ Competent Authority as authorized by the Collector.

(a) One of the spouse belongs to Scheduled Caste

“It is certified that Shri / Kumari _____ Son/ daughter of _____, is a resident of _____ and comes under the category of Scheduled Caste (name of the caste) as per Hindu Religion”.

(b) One of the spouse belongs to Non Scheduled Caste

“It is certified that Shri / Kumari _____ Son/ daughter of _____, is a resident of _____ and comes under the category of Non Scheduled Caste (name of the caste) as per Hindu Religion”.

(Signature of the DM/ DC/ Officer authorized by the DC)

Name
Stamp