

Financial Assistance Scheme for the Purchase and Installation of Aids and Appliances for Persons with Disabilities.

Funding

- ❑ Provided by the Central Government
- ❑ Eligibility Criteria for Implementing Institutions

The following institutions are eligible to implement this scheme under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment:

- ❑ Institutions registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, including separately registered branches, if any.
- ❑ Registered charitable trusts.
- ❑ Indian Red Cross Society and other autonomous institutions headed by a district collector/chief executive officer/district social welfare officer.
- ❑ National and regional institutions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment / Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, including national apex institutions, regional centers, district disability rehabilitation centers, national trusts, and ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India).
- ❑ National/State-level corporations for the welfare of persons with disabilities.
- ❑ Local bodies such as Zilla Parishads, Municipal Corporations, District Autonomous Development Councils, and Panchayats.
- ❑ State/Central Government-recommended and registered hospitals.

- ❑ Nehru Yuva Kendra.
- ❑ Other institutions deemed suitable by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
- ❑ Organizations involved in commercial production and sale of aids and assistive devices are not eligible for grants under this scheme.

Priority will be given to new implementing institutions that:

- ❑ Employ professionally qualified staff (recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India) for assessment, selection, fitting, and maintenance of aids and appliances.
- ❑ Have necessary infrastructure, machinery, and ISI/ISO-certified equipment for manufacturing, fitting, and servicing of aids and appliances.

Eligibility Criteria for Beneficiaries

- ❑ Any Indian citizen is eligible.
- ❑ Must have a disability certificate indicating at least 40% disability.
- ❑ Monthly income from all sources should not exceed ₹ 30,000.
- ❑ For dependents, the parent/guardian's monthly income should not exceed ₹ 30,000.
- ❑ Should not have received similar assistance in the last three years. (For children under 12 years, this period is reduced to one year.)

Benefits Provided

The scheme includes surgical corrections and interventions before the fitting of aids/appliances, **with the following provisions:**

- □1,500 for hearing-impaired individuals.
- □3,000 for visually impaired individuals.
- □15,000 for physically disabled individuals.

Financial Assistance for Aids and Appliances

- Full cost for aids/appliances costing up to □15,000.
- For aids/appliances costing □ 15,001 to □ 30,000 financial assistance up to □ 15,000.
- For full cost reimbursement, the income limit is □ 22,500 per month.
- For individuals with an income between □ 22,501 and □ 30,000 per month, financial assistance will cover 50% of the cost of aids/appliances.

Special Cases

- For high-cost devices such as cochlear implants and motorized tricycles, a separate list will be prepared.
- 50% of the cost of such devices will be covered by the Government of India, while the remaining amount must be borne by the State Government, NGOs, or the beneficiary. Ministry approval is required, and the budget allocation will be limited to 20% of the total scheme budget.
- □250 as a travel allowance and an escort's fare for attending assessment camps or collecting aids/appliances.

- □100 per day for food expenses for up to 15 days, applicable only to beneficiaries with a monthly income of □22,500 or less. The escort/helper is also entitled to the same benefits.

Cochlear Implant Assistance

- For children with congenital hearing loss (1–5 years old): □ 6 lakh assistance.
- For children (5–18 years old) who acquired hearing loss later: □ 7 lakh assistance.
- This financial assistance covers the cost of the implant, surgery, therapy, tuning, and pre-surgery evaluation.

Scheme Type

- Welfare Scheme

Application Process

More details about the application process can be found on the official website. <https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/> Click here to register and apply for the scheme.

Guidelines

For more detailed information, click here <https://divyangkalyan.maharashtra.gov.in/mr/>.

Beneficiaries The primary objective of this scheme is to provide modern, scientifically designed aids and appliances to persons with disabilities to help them physically, socially, and mentally rehabilitate, thereby reducing the impact of disabilities and improving their educational and economic potential.

Benefits Summary

As mentioned above.

How to Apply

As mentioned above.

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