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## **Section –4**

### **Programmes and Schemes**

#### **Empowerment and rehabilitation of children (as orphans, destitute, victims of drug abuse, sexual exploitation, dependents of addicts etc.)**

Children as a population group are major victims of the consequences of alcoholism and drug abuse. With urbanisation and consequent migration, children from economically deprived families move to the cities in search of economic security and fall victim to drug peddling, drug abuse and sexual exploitation. Children of addicts suffer deprivation as the earning member squanders away family income on his vices. Children are increasingly becoming destitute and orphans as parents lose their lives to AIDS, another devastating consequence of substance abuse. This section provides a view of some of the ongoing rehabilitation programmes for such victimised children.

<b>Name of the programme/scheme</b>	<b>AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR STREET CHILDREN</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Objectives	Provision of shelter, nutrition, health care, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education and recreational facilities and <b>protection against abuse and exploitation of destitute and neglected street children.</b>
Target Group	<b>Street children</b> particularly those without homes and family ties especially vulnerable to abuse and exploitation such as children of sex workers and pavement dwellers (excluding those living with their parents).
Pattern of Assistance	Under the Scheme financial assistance would cover up to 90 percent of the cost (not exceeding Rs. 15 lakhs per annum) of the project (100 percent of the cost in case of Union Territory and Ministry itself if it takes up any activity) to take up, inter-alia following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City level surveys on destitute and neglected children.</li> <li>- Establishment of 24 hrs drop-in-shelters for children with facilities for night stay, safe drinking water, bathing, latrines, recreation etc.</li> <li>- Non-formal education programmes imparting basic literacy.</li> <li>- Programmes providing facilities for training in meaningful vocations.</li> <li>- Programmes for occupational placement of destitute children.</li> <li>- Programmes aimed at mobilising preventive health services and providing access to treatment facilities.</li> <li>- Any other programme consistent with the Rights of the Child and/ or covered under the JJ Act.</li> </ul>
Implementing Agencies	State Governments and Union Territory Administrations/ Autonomous bodies set -up by Government under a statute or as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or otherwise / Educational and other institutions of the like local bodies and cooperative societies / Registered Non-Government Organizations.
Eligibility Conditions	Having relevant aims and objectives laid down, not being run for profit of an individual or a group of individuals, registered for a period of two years and having a duly constituted managing body.
Procedure for applying	Application in prescribed format, recommended by the State Government, should be sent to: <p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Secretary/Director (CW) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi- 110001 Tele: 23381843 Fax: 23384918</p>

<b>Name of the programme/scheme</b>	<b>SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR HOMES (SHISHU GREH) FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN FOR PROMOTING IN-COUNTRY ADOPTION</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Central Adoption Resource Agency, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
Objectives	<b>To provide homes</b> within the country to children who become <b>destitute</b> at a very early age and to promote In-country adoption. The scheme is supervised by the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA).
Target Group	<b>Destitute and orphans</b> between the age group 0-6 years.
Pattern of Assistance	Under the Scheme financial assistance would be to the extent of 90% of the cost under approved norms to set up Homes with a minimum of 10 infants between the age group 0-6 for placing them in in-country adoption. The number of Infants may fluctuate between 10 and 20. The assistance would cover expenses on food, clothing, medicines, oil, education, establishment costs and staff remuneration on normative pattern.
Implementing Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Non-Governmental Organizations registered under the relevant Act of the State.</li> <li>● Indian Social/Child Welfare Agencies engaged in adoption activities and recognized by the State Governments or Government of India.</li> </ul>
Eligibility Conditions	Engaged in the field of child welfare or engaged in the placement of children with minimum achievement of 50% placements with Indian adoptive parents during the previous year.
Procedure for applying	The application in prescribed format, recommended by the State Government should be sent to:
	Secretary, Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, West Block-8, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wing-II, R.K. Puram, New Delhi- 110066. Tele: 26180194 Fax: 26180198

Name of the programme/scheme	<b>PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR INNOVATIONS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE - NATIONAL CHILDREN'S FUND</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	National Institute of Public Cooperation & Child Development, Department of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
Objectives	Welfare of children, including <b>rehabilitation of destitute children</b> , particularly pre-school age children.
Target Group	Children, especially those belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes.
Pattern of Assistance	<p>Financial assistance to the voluntary organisations is a one time grant limited to 90% of the approved estimated cost of the programme/project and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/-.</p> <p>Some of the activities assisted under NCF are (i) vocational training in tailoring, sewing, printing &amp; composing, motor mechanics, TV &amp; radio repairing, handicrafts &amp; leather goods making and motor winding; (ii) Health care and Recreational facilities, (iii) Study/Coaching Centre after school hours;(iv) Non-formal education; (v) Library facilities; (vi) Purchase of vehicles/genset, Production of films, Construction of low cost buildings, etc.</p>
Implementing Agencies	National Children's Fund (NCF) through 5 voluntary organisations registered under an appropriate Act.
Eligibility Conditions	<p>Registered for at least two years or a regularly constituted branch of a registered welfare organisation.</p> <p>It should have the requisite financial, physical and personnel resources, managerial skills and experience to initiate innovative and experimental child welfare/development activities.</p> <p>The financial position of the organisation should be sound so as to be able to raise additional funds to continue the aided activities after the grant is fully utilised for a period of five years.</p>
Procedure for applying	<p>Application in the prescribed proforma in duplicate accompanied by necessary documents, should be sent to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Secretary-Treasurer National Children's Fund C/o: National Institute of Public Cooperation &amp; Child Development, 5, Siri Institutional Area, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110 016 Tel: 26963002, 26963204 Fax: 26851349, 26515579</p>

<b>Name of the programme/ scheme</b>	<b>NATIONAL CRECHE FUND SCHEME 1994</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Department of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
Objectives	To meet the growing demands for crèches and to provide <b>day care facilities to the children in vulnerable age group of 0-5 years.</b>
Target Group	Children below the age 5 years whose parents income does not exceed Rs.1800/- per mensem, children of agricultural labourers, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and of Women employed in employment generating schemes such as Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) and Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) and children of families who were victims of communal violence.
Pattern of Assistance	The Scheme envisages that 75% of the centres to be assisted by the National Crèche Fund would be General Crèches and 25% of centres would be Anganwadi-cum-Crèches Centres. Assistance for recurring and non-recurring expenses to General Crèches and Anganwadi-cum-Crèche Centres would be provided under the norms of the Scheme.
Implementing Agencies	The scheme is being implemented through voluntary organisations/ Mahila Mandals and States/UTs.
Eligibility Conditions	The State Government, Voluntary Organisation, Mahila Mandals with a known record of service in the field of child welfare and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) or Registered as a Public Trust at least for the last two years are eligible for applying for financial assistance from the Fund.
Procedure for applying	Proposal in the prescribed application should be sent through the State Government to:  Member Secretary National Crèche Fund Department of Women and Child Development 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Jeevandeep Building, Sansad Marg New Delhi-110 001 Tel: 23365192 Fax: 23348521

<b>Name of the programme/scheme</b>	<b>SCHEME FOR ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR NON-FORMAL EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY AGE GROUP CHILDREN UNDER THE PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSALISATION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
Objectives	To develop the programme of <i>non-formal education</i> for meeting the <i>educational needs of out of school children</i> .
Target Group	Children in the age group of 6-14 years who are unable to attend formal schools.
Pattern of Assistance	Assistance will be given as grants on a cent percent basis for NFE both at the primary and middle stages. Some specific activities for grants are as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Running of non-formal education centres in the field.</li> <li>● Non-formalisation of the formal education system.</li> <li>● Resource development, including development of curricula, teaching/learning material, production of instructional materials, development of evaluation techniques etc.</li> </ul>
Implementing Agencies	Registered Non-Government Organisations and Public Trusts; Companies registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956; Non-registered agencies/social activists/groups with a bonafide certificate from Collector / Deputy Commissioner; autonomous bodies set up by Central/State Governments for abolition of child labour working in the educationally backward states.
Eligibility Conditions	The organisation should be in existence for 3 years, have a properly constituted managing body, be in a position to secure the involvement, on voluntary basis, of knowledgeable persons for furtherance of programmes and should not discriminate against any person on the ground of sex, religion, creed, caste etc.
Procedure for applying	The proposal, in prescribed format, through the State Department of Education should be sent to: <p style="text-align: center;">Director (NFE) Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi –110001 Tele: 23386278, 23381355, 23382947</p>

Name of the programme/scheme	<b>SCHEME FOR ASSISTANCE FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES FOR EDUCATION AT THE ELEMENTARY STAGE INCLUDING NON-FORMAL EDUCATION</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
Objectives	To disseminate the findings in respect of methods, processes and outcomes in respect of various programmes of experimentation and/ or innovation and to provide financial and administrative support to the selected agencies for activities undertaken by them.
Target Group	All children in the country, particularly <b><i>children of habitation without schools, working children and girls who cannot attend whole day schools.</i></b>
Pattern of Assistance	Assistance on cent percent basis will be given for well-designed field projects, development of learning materials, instructional/learning aids and other aspects of technical resource development, training, creation of infrastructure for taking up experimentation/innovative programmes, conducting seminars to promote innovation and other activities for dissemination of the outcome of experimentation/innovative programmes.
Implementing Agencies	Registered Non-Government Organisations and Public Trusts; Companies registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956; government agencies; educational institutions; and panchayati raj institutions
Eligibility Conditions	The organisation should be in existence for 3 years, have a properly constituted managing body, be in a position to secure the involvement, on voluntary basis, of knowledgeable persons for furtherance of programmes and should not discriminate against any person on the ground of sex, religion, creed, caste etc.
Procedure for applying	The proposal, in prescribed format, through the State Department of Education should be sent to:  Director (NFE) Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi –110001 Tele: 23386278, 23381355, 23382947

Name of the programme/scheme	<b>ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ADULT EDUCATION UNDER NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION (NLM)</b>
Name of the Ministry / Department/Institution	Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To involve voluntary agencies towards total eradication of illiteracy.</li> <li>● To educate children between 9 to 14 years for whom no non-formal education facilities exist.</li> <li>● To ensure maximum participation of women and persons from backward and weaker sections and making them aware of their legal and social rights through literacy.</li> </ul>
Target Group	Persons in the <b><i>age group of 15-35 years and children between 9-14 years for whom no non-formal education facilities exist.</i></b>
Pattern of Assistance	Assistance on cent percent basis for running the literacy programmes as well as administrative costs in accordance with norms of the scheme.
Implementing Agencies	Registered Non-Government Organisations and Public Trusts; Companies registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956; Non-registered agencies/social activists/groups with a bonafide certificate from Collector/Deputy Commissioner.
Eligibility Conditions	<p>The organisation should be in existence for 3 years, have a properly constituted managing body, be in a position to secure the involvement, on voluntary basis, of knowledgeable persons for furtherance of programmes and should not discriminate against any person on the ground of sex, religion, creed, caste etc.</p> <p>Not have been set up by State Government/UT Administration including State Social Welfare Advisory Boards, Municipalities, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Government Corporations/ Committees.</p>
Procedure for applying	<p>The proposal, in prescribed format, through the State Department of Education should be sent to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Under Secretary (Voluntary Agencies) Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi –110001 Tele: 23383213</p>