

Notification

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The Government is pleased to frame a scheme **Bachapan** for the Welfare of Orphan Children as follows:

“Bachapan”

1. *Objective.*— The objective of “*Bachapan*” is primarily to provide assistance to the children who do not have both the parents and guardian and do not have any financial support for livelihood/education.

2. *Target Group.*— All the children below the age of 18 years born and staying in the State of Goa and do not have both the parents and do not have any financial support for livelihood/education.

3. *Identification of beneficiaries.*— Village Panchayats & Municipalities shall prepare a list of such children and their legal guardian within a period of 3 months.

The list so prepared in foregoing Para shall be displayed on the notice board for the suggestion/comments of the citizens. A copy of such list shall also be sent to the local M.L.A.

The Gram Sabha (in the case of V. P.) and Municipal Council (in case of Urban area) will approve the list of such beneficiaries in a special meeting called for this effect after the period of fifteen days of display on the notice board. The list of the beneficiaries will be reviewed and revised after every six months.

The list so approved or revised in foregoing Para shall further display on the notice board for the Panchayat/Municipalities. A copy of such list shall also be sent to the Local M.L.A. and Director of Social Welfare. The information of the beneficiaries will be provided by V. P./Municipality in the proforma as prescribed.

In case of any dispute about inclusion/deletion of any persons appeal can be filed before the Director of Social Welfare, who after due inquiry as deemed fit will decide the matter. His decision will be final.

4. *Assistance.*— (1) The beneficiary will receive an amount of Rs. 750/- per month as financial assistance through the Dayanand Social Security Scheme. The money will be deposited in the bank account jointly operated by the legal guardian and child beneficiary or C.D.P.O. of the Block and the child beneficiary (in case there is no guardian). Out of Rs. 750/-, maximum of Rs. 500/- p. m. can be withdrawn and Rs. 250/- p. m. will be deposited in the recurring deposit of the said bank, which can be withdrawn by the child only after he complete 18 years of age.

(2) The Free Books, Note Books, School Bag, rain coat and two uniforms will be provided.

5. *Identification of Guardian.*— Officer in charge of local Police Station or Child Welfare Committee or Superintendent, Bal Niketan may certify the genuineness of the legal guardian after due inquiries.

6. *Limitation.*— Financial Assistance to the beneficiary will be provided till he completes the age of 18 years.

7. *Monitoring.*— The C.D.P.O. of the Block and the officer of the Department of Social Welfare and Director of Women and Child Development, Officer incharge of local Police Station, District Revenue Officers shall visit beneficiaries from time to time and review the progress of the child.

The District authority shall submit the periodical reports/returns through which it should monitor the performance of "Bachapan" in the districts.

The monitoring of the programme at the State level will be the responsibility of the Directorate of Social Welfare.

To ensure public participation in the scheme progress will be reviewed in the Block Advisory Committee at the Block level. At the State level there shall be a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Social Welfare with the following members who will review the progress twice in a year.

1. Minister for Social Welfare	Chairperson
2. 10 MLAs nominated by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (one from each block)	Member
3. Member of the Parliament, North Goa	Member
4. Member of the Parliament, South Goa	Member
5. Member of the Parliament, Rajya Sabha	Member
6. The Finance Secretary	Member
7. Secretary of Urban Development Welfare	Member
8. Secretary of Panchayati Raj	Member
9. Secretary of Social Welfare	Member
10. Secretary of Women & Child Development	Member
11. District Magistrate North/South	Member
12. Superintendent of Police North/South	Member
13. The Director of Women & Child Development	Member
14. The Director of Education	Member
15. The Director of Social Welfare	Member Secretary.

8. *Evaluation Studies.*— The Government shall conduct periodic evaluation studies on the implementation of the "Bachapan". Evaluation studies may be conducted through reputed institutions and organizations on issues thrown up by the concurrent evaluation, meriting detailed studies. Copies of the reports of these evaluation studies conducted should be furnished to the Legislative Assembly. Remedial action shall be taken on the basis of the observations made in these evaluation studies and also in the concurrent evaluation conducted.

9. *Transparency in implementation of Bachapan.*— It is of utmost importance that Schemes are properly implemented and misutilization and other irregularities are minimized. For this, there is an urgent need to have greater transparency in the implementation of Bachapan at various levels. This would basically require that people should have access to information about implementation of these programs in all their aspects. The disclosure of information should be mandatory.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. D. Agrawal, Director of Social Welfare & ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 26th June, 2006.