

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### Schemes undertaken by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation(DAF), 15<sup>th</sup> Janpath New Delhi

**Q.** How many Schemes are in operation now by the DAF for the benefit of SCs/STs?

**Ans.** At present, there are 10 Schemes.

**Q** What are these Schemes?

- Ans.**
- I. Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in University/ Institutions
  - II. Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid scheme
  - III. Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award scheme for secondary (class 10<sup>th</sup> ) belonging to scheduled castes & scheduled tribe.
  - IV. Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award scheme for meritorious students of senior secondary (class- 12<sup>th</sup> ) examination belonging to scheduled castes.
  - V. Dr. Ambedkar National Relief Scheme for SC victims of Atrocities.
  - VI. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay Competition Scheme.
  - VII. Scheme of Birth Anniversary of Great Saints.
  - VIII. Dr. Ambedkar International Award for social change.
  - IX. Dr. Ambedkar National Award for social understanding and upliftment of weaker sections.
  - X. Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter-Caste Marriages.

**I. Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in University/ Institutions:-**

**Q.** What is the scope on the Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in University/ Institutions?

**Ans.** Main objective of the Scheme is to provide well equipped center of learning to intellectuals, academicians and students to undertake studies and research with an intention to understand, assess and disseminate ideas and thoughts of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar.

**Q.** On what subjects Chairs are being established ?

**Ans.** Economics, Political Science, Religion, Philosophy, Constitution Studies, Education Social Work, Human Rights, Women, Empowerment as well as other disciplines considered relevant for attainment of our National Goal of Social Justice.

**Q.** What is the focus and teaching of these disciplines?

**Ans.** The focus of research and teaching will be the study of deprived sections of the Indian Society. The Chairs will also undertake research and higher studies concerning the socio –economic and cultural life of the marginalized groups and other weaker sections of the society.

**Q.** What would be the methodologies?

**Ans.** The Chairs would strive to develop appropriate methodologies to translate Dr. Ambedkar's ideas into practical propositions and policy instruments.

**Q.** Who will administer?

**Ans.** Establishment and management of Dr. Ambedkar Chairs shall be administered by Dr.Ambedkar Foundation, 15, Janapath, New Delhi, functioning under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.

**Q.** What will be the functions of the Chair?

**Ans.** The Chair will function as an integral unit of the University/Department under which it is set up. Professor heading Dr.Ambedkar Chair shall report to the Head/Chairman of the Department/Centre of the University under which it is established.

**Q.** Is there any Committee?

**Ans.** Yes. The University will set up an Advisory Committee consisting of three persons of the concerned Department/Centre under the Chairmanship of the Head of the Department/Chairman of the Centre to advise the activities of the Chair.

**Q.** How are new Chairs opened in an University/Institution ?

**Ans.** Request for opening new Chair shall be forwarded to Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and the same would be placed before the Governing Body for taking appropriate decision.

## **II. Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme :-**

**Q.** What is the scope of Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme?

**Ans.** The scheme provides medical aid facility to the patients 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.

**Q.** Who is eligible?

**Ans.** Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Community.

**Q.** Can they treat in any Hospital?

**Ans.** The list of hospitals where patients may be treated are available in the web site of the Foundation.

**Q.** What will be the annual family income?

**Ans.** Family income shall not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum.

**Q.** How to apply?

**Ans.** The applicant shall apply medical aid in the prescribed application form duly certified by Medical Superintendent of the Government Hospital. The Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme and application form is available in the website of the Foundation [www.drainedkarfoundation.nic.in](http://www.drainedkarfoundation.nic.in). The application duly filled must be submitted along with the caste certificate, income certificate, Ration card and estimated cost certificate of the treatment certified by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, should reach the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 15, Janpath, New Delhi, at least 15 days before the date of surgery.

**Q.** Can the application be submitted directly?

**Ans.** The application shall be recommended and forwarded by the members of the General Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation or by the District Magistrate and Collector/ Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District or the Secretary in charge of Health and Social Welfare Department of the state/UT.

**Q.** Is there any time limit for submission of application?

**Ans.** The duly filed in form should reach the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 15 Janpath, New Delhi-110001 at least 15 days before the date of surgery.

**Q.** Is there any ceiling for disbursement?

**Ans.** The ceiling is as following

Treatment	Amount in Rs.lakh
Heart surgery	1.25
Kidney surgery/ Dialysis	3.50
Cancer Surgery/ Chemotherapy/ Radio therapy	1.75
Brain surgery	1.5
Kidney/ Organ Transplant	3.50
Spinal surgery	1.00
Other life threatening diseases	1.00

**Q.** How is Disbursement made?

**Ans.** 100% of the estimated cost of the treatment will be directly released to the concerned Hospital. Medical Aid may be released in one installment before surgery on the condition that Utilization Certificate shall be submitted to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation by the Hospital along with final bills on the date of discharge of the patient followed by refund of the unutilized amount/ Aid if any. Proforma in this regard is available in the website of the Foundation. An undertaking shall be given to this effect by the hospital on the estimated certificate and also by the patient in the application form.

**Q.** How should the aid be utilized?

**Ans.** The aid should be utilized within period of one month of its release. The unutilized aid, if any, shall be returned at the earliest.

**Q.** What are the documents required?

**Ans.** Application form which may be downloaded from the website should be accompanied with the following documents:-

- i. Original Estimated Cost Certificate duly signed by the Medical Superintendent of the concerned hospital on their letter head.
- ii. Original or attested photo copies of the latest Income Certificate, Caste Certificate, Ration Card and the Aadhar Card of the patient.
- iii. Document required for Kidney transplant i.e. relationship with beneficiary (form 14 available in the website) details of the donor of kidney i.e. Name, Age, Address, Blood Group, UIDAI No/Aadhar No, and Adhar No. of Beneficiary.
- iv. The Application should be recommended and forwarded either by a local sitting Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha) or by the District Magistrate and Collector/ Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district or the Secretary in-charge of Health and Social Welfare Departments of State/ UT or Members of General Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation on their letter head.

**Q.** What would be the total cost of the surgery?

**Ans.** Medical Aid from the Foundation and other sources should not exceed the total estimated cost of surgery. A certificate in this regard should be obtained from the Medical Superintendent of the concerned hospital. The estimated cost certificate (Proforma is available in the website), accompanied with the application should contain the date fixed for the surgical operation.

**Q.** When the application is to be submitted?

**Ans.** 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 is received by DAF at least 15 days before the date of surgery. An attested photograph of the patient should be affixed on the application form.

**III Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme for Secondary Class (10<sup>th</sup>) students belonging to Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribe.**

**Q.** What is the objective of the Scheme?

**Ans.** To recognize, promote and financially assist SCs & STs meritorious students.

**Q.** Who are eligible?

**Ans.** Students should belong to SC or ST.

**Q.** What is the requirement?

**Ans.** The students should have appeared in any of the recognized State/ Central Board of Secondary Education and scored not less than 50% marks in the aggregate in the

secondary school examination (10<sup>th</sup> class). A list of 29 Boards/Council of the Country is available in the website of the Foundation.

**Q.** Who will get the awards?

**Ans.** The Ambedkar National Merit Award will be given to three students scoring highest marks in the regular class X level examination conducted by the Education Board/Council. This will be separate for SCs and STs.

**Q.** Is there any separate award for girl students?

**Ans.** In case none of the first three eligible students are girls, the girl student scoring the highest will get a special award.

**Q.** How many awards are in the Scheme?

**Ans.** There shall be 4 awards each of the 26 Boards for SCs i.e. 104 awards and likewise another 104 awards for STs. In case more than one student scoring the same marks, the number of awards would, accordingly, be increased for covering all such eligible students. Further, 250 number special merit award at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- each will be given to SC/ST student securing next highest marks, after first, second and third position. This will be in addition to the awards as above.

**Q.** What are the amounts of awards?

**Ans.** The Award will be given as one-time grant as following :-

i.	Student securing highest marks	Rs. 60,000/-
ii.	Student securing 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest marks	Rs. 50, 000/-
iii.	Student securing 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest marks	Rs. 40,000/-
iv.	Girl student securing highest marks (In case she is not in the above three categories )	Rs. 40,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	Rs. 1,90,000/- (Per Board/Council)

**Q.** What is the mode of selection?

**Ans.** The Board/Council conducting the examination shall send details of the students (Name, Address, Percentage of marks, School last attended, nearest bank etc.) in the format given in the website to DAF within 15 days of announcement of the examination result, with copy to the Secretary, Education Department of the concerned State Government.

**Q.** Who will certify?

**Ans.** The State Government shall verify and forward the list to the Foundation within the next 15 days. If details are not received from the State Government within the scheduled time, action will be taken based on the details received from the Board/Council.

**Q.** Who will process the proposals?

**Ans.** The proposal received from the recognized Board/Council shall be processed in the Foundation.

**Q.** How the amount will be utilized by the student?

**Ans.** The student awardees will be encouraged to keep the amount fixed deposit and avail themselves of the interest accrued thereon, though there will be no bar for utilizing the amount for meeting personal educational & health related expenditure.

**Q.** How is the award distributed?

**Ans.** Student Awardees securing first, second, third and the girl student securing highest marks in each of the 29 Boards/Council may either be invited to DAF New Delhi for a felicitation each year or Foundation may send the awards to the student awardees through the respected District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner as per convenience. In case the Foundation invites the student, the awardees and one escort will be paid actual fair by sleeper class train/ bus from their place of study or from their home town (both ways).

**IV. Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme for meritorious students of Senior Secondary (class- 12<sup>th</sup>) in different Boards belonging to Scheduled Castes.**

**Q.** What is the objective of the scheme?

**Ans.** To recognize, promote and financially assist SCs meritorious students.

**Q.** Who are eligible?

**Ans.** Students should belong to Scheduled Caste (SCs).

**Q.** What is the requirement?

**Ans.** The students should have appeared in any of the recognized State/ Central Board of Secondary Education Examination, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination and National Institute of Open Schooling and scored not less than 50%

marks in the aggregate in the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination. A list of 29 Board/Council is given in the website.

**Q.** Who will get the awards?

**Ans.** Dr. Ambedkar Merit Award will be given to three students scoring highest marks in the regular class XII level examination conducted by the Senior Secondary Board/Council in 4 streams such Arts, Science (Mathematics), Science (with Biology /Mathematics & Biology), and Commerce.

**Q.** How many awards are given?

**Ans.** There shall be 12 awards for each of the 29 Boards (including 3 all India Boards.) In case more than 1 student getting the same marks, the no. of awards would be suitably increased for covering all such eligible students.

**Q.** What are the amounts of the awards?

**Ans.** The awards will be given as one time grant as per following:-

S.No.		Science		Arts	Commerce
		Medical Stream	Non- Medical Stream		
1	Student securing highest ranks	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
2	Student securing 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest marks	Rs. 50, 000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
3	Student securing 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest marks	Rs. 40,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-
<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs. 1,50,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 1,50,000/-</b>	<b>Rs.1,50,000/-</b>	<b>Rs.1,50,000/-</b>

**Q.** Is there any separate award for girl students?

**Ans.** After first three positions of merit, the next girl students securing the highest marks in each stream would be given special award @ Rs. 20,000/- each. This is in addition to other awards in order to encourage girl students.

**Q.** What is the mode of selection?



**Ans.** The Board/ Council conducting the examination shall send details of the students (Name, Address, Percentage of marks, School last attended, nearest bank etc.) in the format available in the website to DAF within 15 days of announcement of the results of the examination with a copy to the Secretary Education Department of the Concerned State Government.

**Q.** Who will certify?

**Ans.** The State Government shall verify and forward the list to the Foundation within the next 15 days. The information should be duly authenticated by the Secretary of the Board/Council/ State Government. If details are not received from the State Government within the scheduled time, action will be taken based on the details received from the Board/Council.

**Q.** Who will process the proposals?

**Ans.** The proposal received from the recognized Board/Council shall be processed in the Foundation.

**Q.** How the amount will be utilized by the student?

**Ans.** The student awardees will be encouraged to keep the amount fixed deposit and avail themselves of the interest accrued thereon, though there will be no bar for utilizing the amount for meeting personal educational & health related expenditure.

**Q.** How is the award distributed?

**Ans.** Student Awardees securing first, second, third and the girl student securing highest marks in each of the 29 Boards/Council may either be invited to DAF, New Delhi for a felicitation each year or Foundation may send the awards to the student awardees through the respective District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner in the form of an Account Payee bank draft by registered post under intimation to the Board/Council and the educational institution last attended.

In case the Foundation invites the student, the awardees and one escort will be paid actual fare by sleeper class train/ bus from their place of study or from their home town (both ways).

**V. Dr. Ambedkar National Relief Scheme for Scheduled Castes victims of Atrocities.**

**Q.** What is the objective of the Scheme?

**Ans.** The 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 Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

**Q.** Who is eligible for relief ?

**Ans.**

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

**Q.** What is the limit of Relief ?

**Ans.** The relief shall be up to a maximum limit of Rs.5.00 lakh. Details of relief amounts are as following:-

S.No.	Nature of Atrocity	Amount of Relief (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Murder/Death (a) Earning member of 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

**Q.** How to apply?

**Ans.** A proposal for relief for the Scheduled Caste victims of atrocities may be forwarded by the State/UT Government or District Magistrate or Collector in the prescribed format available in the website of the Foundation ([www.ambedkarfoundation.nic.in](http://www.ambedkarfoundation.nic.in)) to the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 15, Janpath, New Delhi-110001. The proposal should be forwarded after affixing the official stamp of District Magistrate or Collector.

**Q.** What are the documents to be submitted with the proposal ?

**Ans.** Attested copy of the FIR,  
Attested copy of the Postmortem Report, Medical Report or Disability Certificate etc.  
(as the case may be)  
Attested copy of the Case Certificate of the victim  
Details of Aadhaar Number of the Victim / Beneficiary  
Aadhaar Number linked Bank details of the Victim / Beneficiary  
In case of death of the victim succession certificate in favour of the beneficiary

**Q.** Who will process the proposals?

**Ans.** All such proposals will be processed in Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. It shall be discretion of the Chairperson of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to sanction the financial assistance to the victims.

**Q.** Who will get the Relief ?

**Ans.** The relief shall be released through ECS directly to the victim. In case death of the victim it will be paid to his/her successor or dependent solely under discretion of the Chairperson of the Foundation.

## **VI. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay Competition Scheme:**

**Q.** What are the objectives of the Scheme?

**Ans.** The aim of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay competition is to encourage writing on social issues among the students of Schools / Colleges / Universities / Institutions and arouse their interest in Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on fundamental social issues like social justice, removal of untouchability, caste based prejudices, removal of inequality and discrimination, social democracy, national integration, communal harmony etc.

**Q.** What is the frequency of holding this essay competition?

**Ans.** Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay Competition for students of recognized Schools / Colleges / Universities / Institutions shall be held every year.

**Q.** What is eligible?

**Ans.** Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay Competition is for students of recognized Schools (Secondary & Senior Secondary Schools i.e. from class 9<sup>th</sup> to class 12<sup>th</sup>) and Colleges/Universities/Institutions.

**Q.** What are the topics?

**Ans.** The topics of Essay shall be selected every year from the themes based on Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on social justice, removal of inequality and discrimination , ameliorating conditions of the weaker sections of the society, removal of untouchability, caste based prejudices, disparities, equality of opportunity, social democracy etc.

**Q.** What is the medium?

**Ans.** Essay may be written in Hindi, English and other recognized languages.

**Q.** How many prizes are in the scheme?

**Ans.** There are 3 prizes i.e. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category i.e. English, Hindi and regional languages.

**Q.** What are the prizes?

**Ans.** Winner Students of the recognized Colleges/Universities/Institutions will be given the following prizes.

<b>Languages</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Rs.)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Rs.)</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Rs.)</b>
<b>Hindi</b>	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	25,000/-
<b>English</b>	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	25,000/-
<b>Regional languages</b>	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	25,000/-

As regards winner students of the recognized School will be given as following.

<b>Languages</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Rs.)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Rs.)</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Rs.)</b>
<b>Hindi</b>	50,000/-	30,000/-	20,000/-
<b>English</b>	50,000/-	30,000/-	20,000/-
<b>Regional languages</b>	50,000/-	30,000/-	20,000/-

**Q.** How will Participants get information about Essay Competition?

**Ans.**

i) An advertisement would be published in major national news papers. The details of the scheme would be placed on the website of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation ([www.ambedkarfoundation.nic.in](http://www.ambedkarfoundation.nic.in))

ii) The publicity of the scheme will be given through NGOs, which may take it to local students.

iii) Letters will be written to the State Welfare Ministers/Departments requesting them to further inform all the Central and State Universities in their State to circulate the scheme among their students.

iv) District Education Officers through State Governments may also circulate the schemes to the schools in the district.

v) UGC, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Novodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) etc. will be requested to circulate the scheme among their students.

vi) Members of General Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation may also be requested to give due publicity to this scheme.

**Q.** Is there any entry fee?

**Ans.** There is no entry fee.

**Q.** What would be the length of the Essay ?

**Ans.** Number of words would be 3500 for students of Colleges/Universities/Institutions and 2000 Schools respectively.

**Q.** How many entries could be submitted?

**Ans.** Each participant could submit only one entry on the suggested topic.

**Q.** How will the participants take part in the competition?

**Ans.**

i) Participants should send two cleaned typed copies (one original & other photo copy) of the essay. One copy should include name, address, topic, language, e-mail, phone no. etc. with signature of the participant, while the other copy need not show any such particular.

ii) Relevant information like e-mail, postal address, institution, course and year of study etc of the student participant should be indicated in the covering letter and strictly not in the essay.

iii) The Participants shall submit a certificate that the essay is their original work.

iv) The individual participant shall enclose a certificate issued by the concerned recognized school/college/university/institutions, certifying that he/she is a bonafide student.

**Q.** What are the terms and conditions?

**Ans.**

- i. Submission of the essay entry to the competition implies the acceptance of the rules and regulations of the competition.
- ii. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- iii. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- iv. The organizers reserve the right to reject entries that do not conform to these guidelines.
- v. All entries received for computation will become the property of Dr.Ambedkar Foundation. The winning entries may be considered for publication in a book form by the Foundation.
- vi. In all matters of dispute, the decision of Dr.Ambedkar Foundation will be final and binding.

**Q.** Who will judge the essay competition?

**Ans** The Essays will be judged by an evaluation committee for selection of prize winning entries.

**Q.** How will the essay be evaluated?

**Ans.** The essay will be evaluated on the basis as following:-

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Max.Marks</b>
Contents	50
Analysis/interpretation	20
Presentation	15
Writing Skills	15

**Q.** How are prizes announced?

**Ans.** A full list of winners would be placed on the website of the Foundation.

**Q.** How are the prizes distributed?

**Ans.**

i) The prizes money will be sent to winners through ECS.

ii) In case the Foundation invites the winners for a felicitation in Delhi, the winner and one escort will be paid actual fare by sleeper class train/bus from their place of study or from the home town (Both ways).

## **VII. Scheme of Birth Anniversary of Great Saints.**

**Q.** What is the objective of the Scheme?

**Ans.** The scheme has been formulated to provide grants-in-aid, for birth/death anniversary of great saints, such as Sant Kabir, Guru Ravidas, Guru Ghasidas, Chokhmela, Nandar, Narayan Guru, Nandedav, Lord Buddha, Maharishi Valmiki, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Savitri Bai Phule, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Ayyankali and the names of other saints has approved by the Foundation time to time who worked for promoting social justice, removal of inequality & discrimination and for amelioration of the conditions of the weaker section of the society.

**Q.** Who are eligible to apply?

**Ans.**

- i. Registered NGOs, which have been in existence for at least 2 years and whose proposals are recommended by the District Magistrate of State Govt./ UT Administration.
- ii. Recognized Colleges/Universities/ Institute.

**Q.** What is the amount in Grant-in-Aid?

**Ans.** The upper limit of the amount grant-in-aid provided in each case, under the scheme, is as following:-

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|------|---|---------------|
| (i)  | Recognized Colleges/ Universities/Institution | Rs. 5.00 lakh |
| (ii) | Recognize NGOs                                | Rs. 2.00 lakh |

Grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.50,000/- & less may be sanctioned with the approval of Hon'ble MSJE/Chairman, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. Grant-in-Aid from Rs. 50,000 to Rs.1.00 Lakh, may be sanctioned with the recommendation of a committee consisting of Member Secretary, Director (DAF), DS (IFD), Director (SCD).

For celebrating the anniversary of any saint mentioned in Para 2 above, every institution/ organisation will be entitled to get grant in aid for maximum six occasions in one year as under:-

- (i) 3 celebrations up to Rs. 1 Lakh expenditure limit
- (ii) 3 celebrations up to Rs. 50,000 expenditure limit.

The proposals of Rs. more than 1 Lakh under the Scheme will be considered by a Grant-in-aid Committee consisting of the following:-

- (i) 2 Members of Governing Body out of which one will act as chairman
- (ii) Director (DAF) - Member  
Deputy Secy. (IFD)/Director (IFD) - Member

**Q.** How many occasions grant-in-aid could be provided for anniversary?

**Ans.** For anniversary of saints, every institution/ organization will be entitled to get grant-in-aid for maximum six occasions in one year as under :-

- (i) 3 celebrations up to Rs. 1 lakh expenditure limit
- (ii) 3 celebrations up to Rs. 50,000/- expenditure limit

Further, this will subject to the condition that every organization/ institution can take grant-in-aid for maximum 2 celebrations of each saint in a year.

**Q.** What should be the coverage of programmes?

**Ans.** The coverage of programmes of Birth/Death Anniversary are indicated below as an illustration.

- a. An appropriate cultural programme.
- b. A conference or symposium on themes like
  - (i) Life and work of the Great Saint.
  - (ii) Contribution of Dr. Ambedkar and others to social justice
  - (iii) Road map for building a society based on the principles of social justice, equity, equality of opportunity etc.

- (iv) Other related subjects
- c. A quiz/debate essay etc. on the life and work of the great saint and others who contributed for the promotion of social justice.

**Q.** What should banners, invitation cards etc. contain?

**Ans** The applicant has to acknowledge on their invitation card, backdrop, banner, posters etc. that the programme has been organized with the grant received from Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

**Q.** How will grants- in- aid be utilized?

**Ans.** The grants-in-aid shall be utilized only for the purpose of which it has been sanctioned.

**Q.** What documents will be submitted after the programme?

**Ans.** A detailed report on the proceedings of the programme along with its photographs, list of invitees, Utilization Certificate (in the prescribed proforma ie. GFR-19A) of the grant-in-aid duly audited by a Chartered Accountant, shall be submitted within one month of the date of the programmes.

**Q.** What will happen in case of violation of any condition of the scheme?

**Ans.** In case of violation of any condition, the applicant would be liable to refund the amount of grant and would be debarred from applying for grant under any scheme/programme of the Foundation. The names of the debarred applicants would be placed on the website of the Foundation.

**Q.** What will be rules and regulations be followed?

**Ans.** Rules and Regulations of General Financial Rules (GFR) would be followed.

**Q.** What is the procedure for applying?

**Ans.** The applicant may submit the detailed proposal in prescribed application form which is available in Foundation's website. The application contains as following:-

- (i) A detailed write-up on the Great Saint whose birth/death anniversary is proposed, also details about the role played by the saint in promoting social justice, removal of inequality and discrimination(only in respect those saints not specifically named in the scheme or separately approved and notified by the Foundation)
- (ii) Item wise break-up of the grant applied.
- (iii) Details of such celebrations/activities organized by them in the past.
- (iv) Annual report of Audited accounts of the preceding to financial years.



- (v) A Bond that in case of violation of any of the conditions of the scheme, they would be liable to refund the amount of grant and would be debarred from applying for grant under any scheme/ programme of the Foundation.
- (vi) They application should be submitted by the NGO/Organization so the same are received in DAF minimum one month in advance.

**Q.** How to send the application to DAF?

**Ans.** Proposals of registered NGOs are to be recommended by the District Magistrate of State Govt./ UT Administration for submission to DAF.

**Q.** When should the application be submitted to the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation ?

**Ans.** The application complete in all respects should be received in the Foundation one month before the date of celebration.

**Q** What are the indicative items of expenditure for which grants-in-aid may be claimed under the scheme. ?

**Ans.:**

Sl. No	Expenditure head	Maximum permissible ceiling for NGOs	Maximum permissible financial ceiling for colleges/universities/institutions
i.	Hiring of auditorium shamiana, public address system, illumination, etc.	60000	1,50,000
ii.	Cultural programme	25000	60000
iii.	Honorarium/TA-DA to Speakers	20000	50000
iv.	Quiz/debate/essay completion(including prizes)	25000	65000
v.	Refreshments	40000	100000
vi.	Invention cards, Public, etc.	20000	50000
vii.	Transportation	5000	15000
viii.	Miscellaneous	5000	10000
ix.	Total	2,00,000	5,00,000

Above list of item of expenditure and financial ceiling are indicative.

### **VIII. Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change.**

**Q.** What is the International Award. ?

**Ans.** The award shall be known as Dr Ambedkar International Award which has been instituted to commemorate the social services rendered by Dr Bheemrao Ramji Ambedkar to India and the human family at large.

**Q.** Who will get the awards?

**Ans** It shall be conferred upon individual(s) or organization(s) for the following works :-

- i. For waging and exemplary fight against inequality and injustice.
- ii. For resolutely espousing the cause of the exploited and underprivileged.
- iii. For contributing significantly to social change.
- iv. For bringing about reconciliation among conflicting social groups and serving the ideal of social harmony and human dignity.

**Q** What will be the value of the award?

**Ans.** It shall carry an amount of Rs. 1.5 million which will be paid in the preferred currency of the recipients. It shall also carry a citation.

**Q** Will the award be conferred more than one ?

**Ans.** The award may be presented jointly to more than one person, who may be considered by the jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.

**Q** Is there any posthumous award?

**Ans.** Normally the award will not be presented posthumously. If, However, the date occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the jury, the award may be presented posthumously.

**Q** Who are eligible for the award?

**Ans.** All persons, regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex, shall be eligible for the award.

**Q** Is any organization eligible?

**Ans.**

- i. An organization may also be eligible for the award, in exceptional cases, having substantial outstanding work or track record of outstanding contribution in the relevant field
- ii. No personal application shall be entertained by the Jury.

**Q** What is the period of the award?

**Ans.** The award shall be conferred annually. However, none of the proposals, the jury will be free to withhold the award for the year.

**Q** What is the period of work?

**Ans.** Only recent works shall be considered. However, the earlier works may also be considered if its significance has been of an abiding nature.

**Q** Who can recommend the proposals ?

**Ans.**

- i. Former members of the Jury

- ii. Persons who have received the award
- iii. Members of Parliament of India
- iv. Speaker /Presiding officer of national legislatures of other countries
- v. The Bar Associations of Supreme Court of India and High Court of each State/UT
- vi. President and Vice-Chancellor of University
- vii. Professors of Political Science, History , Law, Economics , Sociology, Philosophy and Natural Sciences.
- viii. Heads of Indian Missions Abroad
- ix. Any other persons whom the Jury may wish to invite to submit proposals for the award.
- x. Proposals /recommendations to be considered should be supported by adequate justification.

**Q.** How the applicant will get the information about the award?

**Ans.** Details of award shall be disseminated as widely as possible

**Q.** How is selection of Awardee made?

**Ans.**

- i. The scrutiny of the recommendations and final selection for the award shall be made by a Jury to be appointed for this purpose by the Vice-President of India.
- ii. Decision of the Jury shall be final and no appeal or protest would be made against them.

**Q.** If the awardee is not Indian how the award money will be paid?

**Ans.** If the awardee is not an Indian, the award money shall be paid in the preferred currency of the recipient at the prevailing exchange rates.

**Q** What will happen if an awardee declines the award?

**Ans.** The award money will immediately revert to the Govt of India and also if the awardee accepts but yet to fails to draw the award money within a period of 36 months, the award money shall revert to the Govt. of India.

**Q.** Who will administer the award?

**Ans.** The award will be administered by Dr Ambedkar Foundation under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

## **IX Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sections.**

**Q.** What is the scope of Dr Ambedkar National Award?

**Ans.** The award is given for:

- i. Outstanding contribution to the promotion of social understanding and the upliftment of the weaker sections in India.
- ii. A published work or a mass movement which has made considerable impact on the quality of life of the weaker sections of the society. .
- iii. Efforts made towards integrating the weaker sections into the main stream of the Indian Society , work in for their social economic and educational upliftment shall be the primary consideration in identifying the awardee.
- iv. Contributions made within the period of 10 years immediately preceding the nomination shall be considered for the award.

**Q** What will be the value of the Award?

**Ans** It shall carry an amount of Rs 1.00 million.

**Q** Will the award will be conferred more than one?

**Ans** The Award may be presented jointly or shared by more than one recipient or organization as may be considered by the Jury.

**Q.** What is the consideration of the Jury?

**Ans** A Jury constituted for the purpose shall consider the achievements of the individuals and organizations nominated /recommended for the award by the prescribed authority.

**Q.** How the applicant will get the information of the Award?

**Ans.** Details of award shall be disseminated as widely as possible.

**Q** How is the application for Award processed?

**Ans.** The eligible nominations received were scrutinized by the scrutiny and grading committee (SGC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary , Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the information received about the shortlisted nominations from concerned states were submitted to the office of The Vice-President of India and the Chairman of Jury for consideration.

**Q.** Who can nominate?

**Ans.** Ministries of Govt of India State Govt /Union Territory Administration

- i. Member of Parliament
- ii. Past recipients of the award

- iii. Former member of the award Jury
- iv. Vice Chancellors of University
- v. Social Organizations

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

Q. What is the objective of the scheme?

Ans.

- i. The objective of the scheme is to appreciate 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 of an employment generation or poverty alleviation scheme.
- ii. It shall be the discretion of the Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment and Chairman of Dr Ambedkar Foundation to sanction the incentive to the couple.

Q Who can apply for assistance under the scheme?

Ans.

Couple who had undergone inter-caste marriage is eligible. An inter-caste marriage for the purpose of the scheme means a marriage in which one of the spouses belongs to scheduled caste and other belongs to a non-scheduled caste.

Q what are the other conditions under the Scheme so that the couple are eligible for incentive?

Ans.

- (i) The marriage should be valid as per the Law and duly registered under the Hindu Marriage Act 1955
- (ii) The total annual income of the couple should not exceed Rs. 5.00 Lakh (Rupees five lakh only)
- (iii) The application should reach the Foundation **within** one year of the marriage

Q What documents should be submitted?

Ans.

- i. An affidavit by the couple on white paper to the fact that it is their first marriage
- ii. Income certificate in respect of husband and wife separately. If they are employed salary certificate is to be submitted. If unemployed, a certificate to the effect that they have income from the District Revenue Authorities is to be submitted.
- iii. Aadhaar number of both husband and wife.
- iv. Copy of First page of the pass book of the joint, Aadhaar Linked Bank Account.
- v. Copy of Caste Certificate of Husband / wife to the effect that he/she belong to Scheduled Caste Category.
- vi. Recommendation letter by sitting MP / MLA or District Collector / District Magistrate

**Q** Is there any incentive on second or subsequent marriage?

**Ans.** No incentive is available on second and subsequent marriage.

**Q** What will be the total annual income of the newly married couple for availing of this benefit?

**Ans.** The total annual income of the newly married couple, both put together, should not be more than Rs. 5 lakh.

**Q** If the couple already received incentive from the State Govt /UT- can avail of this facility?

**Ans.** No , the couple who have already received incentive from the State Govt /UT administration are not eligible for incentive from the Foundation under the scheme.

**Q** What is the extent of incentive?

**Ans.** The incentive for a legal Inter-Caste Marriage shall be Rs 2.5 lakh per marriage.

**Q** How will the incentive be released?

**Ans.** On receipt of a pre-stamped receipt on a 10 Rupee non Judicial Stamp paper, the total amount of incentive will be released to the eligible couple in a single installment through RTGS/NEFT to the Joint Account of the couple.

**Q** Is it necessary that the copies of documents submitted are attested ?

**Ans.** The applicants themselves will have to attest each and every copy of documents submitted with the proposal.

**Q** Where you have to submit the proposal?

**Ans.** According to the scheme, the proposal is to be submitted to the Department dealing with Welfare of the Scheduled Caste in the respective State Govt. / Union Territory

**Q** What happens if the proposal is submitted to the Foundation directly?

**Ans.** In such cases, if the documents are in order a reference will be made to the concerned Department of the State Govt. / Union Territory for their recommendation. A copy of the letter to the State Govt. / Union Territory will be endorsed to the applicant.

**Q** How much time it will take to have a decision on a proposal?

**Ans.** Normally, after the Foundation receives proposal complete in all respects, it will take 3 to 4 weeks.

**Q** Is there any provision for telephonic inquiry ?

**Ans.** The applicants may seek any clarification / status of their proposal during 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on working days on Telephone number 011-23320588.

**Q** What will happen if false and fabricated information submitted?

**Ans** Submission of false and fabricated information to the competent authority would be punishable as per Law in force.

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