

## 19. National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH)

<b>Theme</b>	Child Protection, Education, Financial assistance
<b>Department</b>	Social Welfare department
<b>Target group(s)</b>	Children who are victim of communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence
<b>Description of the scheme</b>	<p>The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) is an autonomous foundation under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was registered on the 19th Feb, 1992 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with the main objective of providing financial assistance for the physical &amp; psychological rehabilitation of child victims of communal, caste, ethnic &amp; terrorist violence with special reference to their care, education &amp; training, besides promoting communal harmony, fraternity and national integration.</p> <p>Each child whose main bread earner is either killed or permanently incapacitated in such type of violence and whose family income is below the poverty line, is granted an assistance of Rs.800/- per month in class A &amp; B cities and Rs.750/- per month in other places till the child attains the age of 18 years. Also additional financial assistance for training and vocational education is provided under this scheme. In addition, insurance cover is provided to all children who are receiving assistance under this scheme.</p>
<b>Objectives</b>	1. To provide assistance to the children of families affected by communal, caste, ethnic and any other form of violence or clashes with fracture social harmony. The assistance is particularly aimed for their education and/or vocational training.

	<p>2. To assist in the physical and psychological rehabilitation and assimilation into the mainstream of society of the children of families affected by communal, caste, ethnic and any other form of violence or clashes with fracture social harmony.</p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Child becomes an orphan or destitute when either both the parents or the surviving parent of the main breadwinner is killed or permanently incapacitated because of communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence.</li> <li>2. His/her family is below poverty line (BPL).</li> <li>3. He/she is not receiving any assistance on regular basis from any other source (one time financial assistance provided by a State government/Union Territory administration for such victim is not considered another source of assistance for this purpose).</li> <li>4. Assistance is admissible up to the age of 18 years. In exceptional cases, it can be extended up to the age of 21 years.</li> </ol>
<b>How to apply for this scheme</b>	<p>Application forms are available with the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO)/Deputy Commissioner's office free of cost. The application form along with required documents in support of the claim shall be submitted to the DSWO.</p>
<b>Procedure</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A District Committee under the District Magistrate/Collector/Deputy Commissioner (including Superintendents of Police, DSWO and District Child &amp; Women Development Officer) identifies beneficiaries and scrutinizes their eligibility.</li> <li>2. The District Committee sends its recommendations to the Foundation.</li> <li>3. In case of sanctioning, the District Magistrate/Collector/Deputy Commissioner opens a separate bank account for the beneficiary under the name 'District Committee National Foundation for Communal Harmony' of the particular district. The payment is made to the guardian of the sanctioned student in the form of pays account check/bank draft in</li> </ol>

	<p>a modest function.</p> <p>4. The next year's claim of the student is only released after obtaining pass certificate/current study certificate/income certificate of the guardians or the mother.</p>
<b>Value of the financial assistance</b>	<p>1. General education:</p> <p>Children in class A&amp;B cities receive Rs. 800/- per month until they reach the age of 18 years.</p> <p>Children in other places receive Rs. 750/- per month until they reach the age of 18 years.</p> <p>2. Training/vocational education:</p> <p>Rs. 150/- per month per child in addition to assistance for general education.</p> <p>3. Group personal accident insurance for child victims:</p> <p>a. Death: Rs. 25,000/-</p> <p>b. Loss of 2 limbs or one limb and one eye: Rs. 25,000/-</p> <p>c. 100% permanent disablement other than those mentioned above: Rs. 25,000/-</p> <p>d. Reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by a child for treatment in a hospital or nursing home and as an indoor patient for an injury sustained in an accident (based upon medical certificate from the consulting doctor): Rs. 500/-</p>
<b>Whom to contact for the actual status of the scheme</b>	<p>District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO)/Deputy Commissioner's officer/Executive Director Rehabilitation Council for Militancy Victims/National Foundation for Communal Harmony.</p>