

20. Rehabilitation Council Scheme for Pension for Old-Age Parents, Widows and Orphans of Militancy Affected Persons

Theme	Financial support
Department	Social Welfare department
Target group(s)	Militancy-affected old-age parents, widows, orphans and injured people with a meager source of income.
Description of the scheme	Old-age parents, widows, orphans and injured people who have been affected by the militancy and have a meager source of income, will be provided financial assistance in form of pension of Rs. 750/- per month.
Objective	The objective of the council is to provide financial assistance for the physical, psychological and economical rehabilitation of the victims of militancy in the State, with special focus on widows, orphans, handicapped and the aged persons whose bread winner is killed or incapacitated as a result of militancy
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Widows and grown up daughters of widows affected by militancy - Disabled persons due to militancy - Old-age parent who has lost a primary bread earner due to militancy - Orphans due to militancy - Student belonging to a family whose bread winner has been disabled due to militancy - Student whose family has been forced to migrate out of Kashmir Valley due to disturbed conditions and have been registered as migrants by the Relief Commissioner and whose income from all sources is less than Rs. 36,000/- per annum.
How to apply for this scheme	The applicant shall complete the devised application form and other required information and send this to the SHO/TSWO/Tehsildar.

<p>Procedure</p>	<p>After submission to the SHO/TSWO/Tehsildar, the application shall be sent to the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) and to a District Committee for approval. The District Committee is headed by the District Commissioner and consists of the Chief Education Officer (CEO), Chief Medical Officer (CMO), District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) and two non-official members to be nominated by respective Divisional Commissioners. The District Committee will verification of the identity of applicants and prioritize sanctioning of financial assistance.</p>
<p>Value of the financial assistance</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For widows of civilians rendered disabled or killed in militancy: Rs. 750/- per month per beneficiary. 2. For disabled persons the Council organises rehabilitation/medical camps in the State. Travelling expenses for cases which need to be sponsored for specialized treatment, which is not immediately available in the camp or the district in which the camp is located, to institutions outside the State could be reimbursed by the District Committee up to a financial limit of Rs. 1000/-. 3. For old-aged parents who have lost a primary bread earner: Rs. 500/- per month. 4. Marriage assistance to civilian widows and grown up daughters: Rs. 10,000/- (one time contribution) 5. In case the child has been referred to an orphanage/Bal Ashram/foster home by the District Committee financial assistance can be provided to the institution/foster home. The ceiling for such expenses would be limited to Rs. 750/- per month.

	<p>6. Financial assistance to other cases than the above mentioned who are suffering hardship due to militancy, for example cases requiring medical attention which may need to be referred outside the State, can be provided a maximum of Rs. 5000/- only on a case to case basis. Is the amount required is higher than this then the case may be referred to the Executive Council for final decision on this issue.</p> <p>7. On the analogy of NFCH ASSIST Project, government of Jammu & Kashmir has recently devised a scholarship scheme for the orphans of militants. Under this scheme financial assistance in the form of scholarship (at the rates prescribed by NFCH) is provided to the orphans of militants through DSWO.</p> <p>8. The application forms are obtained from the DSWO and complete case submitted to the DSWO against proper receipt. The DSWO after scrutiny of the application forms recommends the cases to the District Level Sanctioning Committee for accord of approval/sanction. An action plan to this effect is submitted to the Rehabilitation Council in the first week of March for arrangement of funds.</p>
<p>Whom to contact for the actual status of the scheme</p>	<p>Executive Director RMV Srinagar/Jammu, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) and DDC.</p>