



Government of West Bengal
Women & Child Development and Social Welfare Department
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Notification

The Governor is hereby pleased to modify the scheme guidelines of "Lakshmir Bhandar" with immediate effect. This is in supersessions of Notification no. 1790- WCD/12099/5/2021, dated 31/03/2023 of this Department.

These modified guidelines of Lakshmir Bhandar as described below will be implemented throughout West Bengal.

1. Scheme Beneficiaries

- a) "Lakshmir Bhandar" assures an income for all women in the State.
- b) All women will get the benefit, if
 - She is a resident of the State
 - She is aged between 25 — 60 years.
 - She is not a government employee in permanent employment/ retired Government employee of Central/ State Government, Statutory Bodies, Government Undertakings, Panchayats, Municipal Corporations / Municipalities, Local Bodies, teaching and non-teaching employees of Government aided Educational Institutions etc. receiving regular salary/ pension.

2. Financial Assistance provided under the Scheme

- a) Financial assistance under the scheme will be credited by direct bank transfer to an AADHAAR linked bank account held solely by the eligible woman beneficiary.
- b) The scale of the financial benefit to be provided to eligible women is as follows:
 - 1) Women belonging to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes: Rs. 1,000/- per month.
 - 2) Other Women: Rs.500/- per month.

3. Method of applying for the scheme

- a) The scheme's application form will be available free of cost at BDO offices for rural area, SDO offices for municipal area and at KMC offices for KMC area.
- b) All eligible applicants will submit the filled in, duly signed application forms at respective offices mentioned above.
- c) The applications so received will be duly enquired into by government officials only authorised for this purpose.
- d) Self-attested copies of the following document must be submitted along with the application form:-

- i) AADHAAR card
- ii) SC/ST certificate, if applicable
- iii) Bank Account: Self-attested photo-copy of the page of bank book which provides details of the account holder's name, account no., bank address, IFS Code and MICR No. The bank account should be a single bank account in name of the eligible woman beneficiary.
- iv) Coloured passport size photograph of the applicant.
- v) Self-declaration duly signed by the applicant to the effect:
 - a) That she is a resident of West Bengal
 - b) That she does not earn any monthly remuneration from any regular job of State Government, Statutory Bodies, Government Undertakings, Panchayats, Municipal Corporations/ Municipalities, Local Bodies, Government aided Educational Institutions etc.
 - c) Information furnished by her in the application form are true.
 - d) In case the applicant does not have AADHAR Card, she will be facilitated to get the AADHAAR card and will be subsequently enrolled in "Lakshmir Bhandar" Scheme.

4) Verification of the application

- a) The applications so received will be duly enquired into by government officials only authorized for the purpose.
- b) After verification/ enquiry, the Block Development Officer in the rural area or sub-Divisional Officer in urban area as the case may be, shall enter the applications on the Portal, verify and recommend the list of eligible applicants to the District Magistrate for sanction.
- c) In case of the areas falling within the jurisdiction of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, the same process will be completed by the Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

5) Sanction of applications

- a) The Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation shall be the sanctioning authority for applicants residing in areas under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
- b) In all other cases, the District Magistrate will be the sanctioning authority.

6) Yearly verification of the Life status of the beneficiary of the scheme

Once a year, Life status of the beneficiary will be obtained from the Registrar of Birth and Death through online system.

7) Stopping or withholding of financial assistance

The Government may, after giving the beneficiary of the scheme an opportunity of being heard, stop or withhold financial assistance if:

- a. The financial assistance has been found to be sanctioned on mistaken grounds
- b. The eligibility condition for the granting of financial assistance no longer exists.

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8) Fund management & eGovernance of the scheme

- a) Necessary funds for the scheme for granting of benefit and management of the scheme shall be met out of the budget provision for the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal.
- b) Financial benefit sanctioned under the scheme will be transferred monthly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts through the specified Portal.

This notification is issued with concurrence of Finance (Audit) Department vide Group 'E' U.O.
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