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Notification

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to launch the "SAHARA Scheme" to provide financial assistance @ ₹ 2000/- per month to the patients belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections of the society and suffering from specified diseases/ailments. The detailed guidelines of the Scheme are annexed.

By Order

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**1. Title and commencement:**

The scheme will be called 'Sahara' and will come into force throughout the State from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

**2. Objectives:**

To provide financial assistance, handholding and support, as a social security measure of the welfare State, to the patients suffering from certain specified fatal diseases and their attendants in order to obviate and mitigate to an extent the distress, sufferings and hardships faced during prolonged treatment.

**3. Target group and beneficiaries:**

All patients belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society, except Government servants and pensioners who are entitled to medical reimbursement, suffering from the following diseases and taking treatment on long term basis, are eligible for grant of benefit under the scheme:

- (i) Confirmed and diagnosed cases of Parkinsonism Disease.
- (ii) Patients suffering from malignant cancer disease.
- (iii) Patients suffering from Paralysis Disease, having permanent disability, taking treatment on the long-term basis or bed ridden.
- (iv) Muscular Dystrophy

- (v) Hemophilia
- (vi) Thalassemia
- (vii) Patients suffering from acute or chronic renal failure.
- (viii) Any other disease which renders a person permanently incapacitated.

4. Confirmation of the diagnosis of the disease:

The factum of disease can be confirmed from:

- (i) Medical treatment record/ history.
- (ii) Examination by the Medical Board.
- (iii) Disability certificate, if applicable and available.

5. Definition of Economically Weaker Sections:

For the purpose of this scheme, the term Economically Weaker Section implies:

- (i) Persons belonging to the families living below poverty line (BPL).
- (ii) Persons belonging to families, whose annual income from all sources including salary, agriculture, business, profession etc. does not include ₹ 4 lakh per annum.

Family means a nuclear family comprising husband, wife and dependent children.

6. Quantum of financial assistance and mode of payment:

Financial assistance @ ₹ 2,000 (Rupees two thousand) per month will be provided to the eligible beneficiaries. The

amount will be credited as Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into the bank account of the applicant through RTGS/ NEFT.

7. **Documents required:**

Application on the prescribed format is to be accompanied by the following documents:

- (i) **Medical record/ history of the case.**
- (ii) **Permanent residence proof.**
- (iv) **Photo identity card i.e. Aadhar Card, Voter ID Card etc.**
- (v) **Valid BPL certificate or income certificate issued by the competent authority.**
- (vi) **Complete bank details including name of the bank, branch, account number, IFSC code etc.**
- (vii) **Life certificate, duly attested by a Gazetted officer to be furnished to the concerned CMO in case the patient is not able to undertake a visit to a Doctor.**

8. **Work flow for getting the benefit:**

- (i) **The beneficiaries can submit their requisite documents directly in the office of the Chief Medical Officer of the district.**
- (ii) **The beneficiaries will also be identified by the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and Female/ Male Health Workers, who will also assist them in completion of prescribed formalities.**
- (iii) **Completed application forms will be submitted in the office of the Block Medical Officer.**