

# DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

## Right to information Act, 2005

## Annexure V-A

### PLANNED FAMILY 2000 AD

#### AIM:

- a) To promote small family norms.
- b) To improve literacy of women.
- c) To delay marriage age of women.
- d) To provide social security to women in old age.

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION:

#### I. Girls attaining the age of 13 years residing permanently in these islands are eligible for registration every year:

- a) Requirements attested copies.
- b) Proof of age-birth certificate or school admission certificate or affidavit.
- c) Category Pre-42/Settler or 10 years category certificate from Revenue Department.
- d) One passport size photograph.

#### II. Benefits given under the main scheme:

- a) Girls registered at the age of 13 years, will be eligible for following incentives:-
  - i) Literacy Incentive
  - ii) Delayed Marriage Incentive and
  - iii) Long Term Incentive (Small Family Norm)
- b) Girls already registered at the age of 18 years, will be eligible for following incentives: -
  - i) Delayed Marriage
  - ii) Small Family Norm (Long Term Incentive)
  - iii) Girls already registered at the age 21 years, will be eligible only for Small Family Norm (Long Term Incentive).

#### III. Details of Incentives:

- a) Literacy Benefit after passing 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Rs.2000/- will be paid.
- b) Delayed Marriage Incentive Rs.2000/- shall be paid to the girls on attaining 21 years and additional incentive of Rs.500/- per year subject to a maximum of Rs.2000/-
- c) Small Family Incentive (Long Term):- On attaining the age of 50 years beneficiary will be paid Rs.65000/- if she has one living child or no child and Rs.30000/- if she has two living children.
- d) From April 2001 onwards registration of 13 years girls is only continuing.

<b>Fund received</b>	-	<b>Rs.16,06,24,281/-</b>
<b>Total fund after maturity</b>	-	<b>Rs.43,17,22,044/-</b>
<b>Total No. of Beneficiaries</b>	-	<b>31608</b>

**NATIONAL MATERNITY BENEFIT SCHEME**

**The maternity benefit will provide a lump sum cash assistance to women of households below the poverty line subject to the condition as under :-**

- a) The maternity benefit will be restricted to pregnant women up to the first two live births provided they are of 19 years of age and above.
- b) The beneficiary should belong to a household below poverty line.
- c) The ceiling on the amount of the benefit for purposes of claiming central assistance will be Rs.500/-
- d) The maternity benefit will be disbursed in one installment, 12 – 8 weeks prior to the delivery.
- e) It is desirable that the child receives one dose of Oral Polio and BCG vaccination at birth and the first dose of DPT and Polio in the sixth week.
- f) The sanctioning authority shall have the right to stop / recover payment made on the basis of false or mistaken information about eligibility.
- g) The eligible candidates can apply for sanction NMBS before the concerned Medical Officer of PHC or CHC with the certificate of duration of pregnancy and BPL Certificate from Panchayat Pradhan.

**TOTAL FUND:**

Total fund received	-	Rs.4,50,000/-
Bank Interest	-	Rs. 21,202/-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>Rs.4,71,202/-</b>

No. of Beneficiaries 356 Nos.

Total amount given to the beneficiaries @ Rs.500/- per beneficiaries

$$- \quad \mathbf{356 \text{ Nos.} \times \text{Rs.500/-} = \text{Rs.1,78,000/-}$$

**NATIONAL ILLNESS ASSISTANCE FUND**

**A. Brief description:**

In the Golden Jubilee year of Indian Independence, a land mark scheme has been launched by the Government of India in which it has been envisaged that the population living below Poverty Line in India are provided with necessary assistance to receive medical treatment for certain life threatening diseases, treatment for which is normally very expensive in super specialty Hospitals. The scheme has been named National Illness Assistance Fund at the Central Level.

A Similar Committee for the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been set up by the Administration vide its Order No. 8511 dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 in pursuance of the direction of the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi to provide financial assistance to the eligible patients living below poverty line mainly suffering from diseases like **Heart, Brain, Kidney, Cancer, Head injury, Orthopaedic, Urology, Nephrology, Thalassaemia, and Tuberculosis and few other specialized treatments** the facilities of which are not available in this Territory. The Scheme is first of its kind in this Union Territory. The NIAF Committee Members of this UT are:

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| 1. Secretary (Health)                                      | - | Chairman          |
| 2. Medical Superintendent,<br>GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair | - | Member            |
| 3. Concerned Specialist of the<br>GB Pant Hospital         | - | Member            |
| 4. Accounts Officer (Fin.), Secretariat                    | - | Member            |
| 5. Additional District Magistrate,<br>Port Blair.          | - | Member            |
| 6. Director of Health Services,<br>A & N Islands.          | - | Member Secretary. |

The purpose of constitution of the NIAF Committee is to screen applications and identifying deserving cases, the machinery for identification of hospitals for treatment of the poor, the procedure for giving funds to the hospitals identified and the mechanism for supervision to ensure that the funds have been utilized for the purpose for which they were sanctioned by the Managing Committee.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health contributes to the Union Territory Level National Illness Assistance Fund a sum of Rs.50 lakhs every year for financing long term and expensive specialized medical treatment needed by the poor. The 'Poor' means, the person belonging to families below poverty line as per Planning Commission's definition of 'rural poor' and 'urban poor' as revised, from time to time.

The UT level Illness Assistance Fund without legislatures is authorized to sanction cases upto a ceiling of Rs. 1.50 lakhs for each individual case and in cases where treatment costs exceeds Rs. 1.50 lakhs, the Management Committee of the Central Government would sanction cases on the recommendation of the States/UT Governments on first come first served basis and maintain applications received in chronological order.

The grants being received from the Central Government is credited in a separate Account in the name of "National Illness Assistance Fund" in the Syndicate Bank, DHS Extension Counter, Port Blair subject to the audit by the Accountant General of the UT.

The UT Government will submit Expenditure Statements in respect of the funds released to the BPL patients along with Utilization Certificate within a period of nine months from the date of closing of the financial year.

With the approval of the NIAF Committee from **July 1999 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005** the Screening/Managing Committee has referred 488 **BPL patients** suffering from various chronic and life threatening diseases to different super speciality hospitals on the mainland availing this unique facility and given new lives to them. A statement of the BPL patients referred to mainland hospital is placed **at Annexure 'A'**.

The UT level NIAF Committee is considering referring BBL cases to Sree Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute (SRMC), Chennai for Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Urology/Nephrology and Orthopaedic cases on the basis of the decision taken by the then Chairman, NIAF who had certified that **"Ramachandra Medical College is the least expensive and the quality health care is good, hence the patients may be referred to this Institute"** apart from referring patients to the Cancer Institute (Regional Cancer Centre), Adayar for treatment of Cancer and other related diseases and Sankara Netralaya (Medical Research Foundation), Chennai for specialized eye treatment/surgery. All these Super Speciality Hospitals have subsequently been approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide its letter No.31-31/98-F.II (RAN) Grants dated 20th October 2004. Recently, the UT level Managing Committee has also started referring heart cases to Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Bangalore, which is a Charity Hospital.

The total funds received from the Government of India, Ministry of Health and FW for the UT Level NIAF are as follows: -

1999 (July)	Rs. 50,00,000
2001 (November)	Rs. 50,00,000
2003 (March)	Rs. 50,00,000
2004 (July)	Rs. 50,00,000
2005 (August)	Rs. 50,00,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 2,50,00,000</b>

Procedure to apply for financial assistance from NIAF for treatment:

Since there is no super speciality Hospital exists in the islands, first the patient has to be referred from the Government GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair by the Specialist concerned. Then the BPL patient has to apply to the Director of Health Services, A&N Administration in plan paper alongwith copy of referral case of the GB Pant Hospital, original copy of the Annual Income Certificate (BPL) issued by the Revenue Authority (Tehsildar), copy of BPL Ration Cards issued by the Civil Supply Department or BPL Certificate issued by the DRDA requesting for considering financial assistance for treatment under BPL for treatment. If the case is approved by the Committee consisting of the above members, then the patient will be sanctioned a sum of Rs. 2000/- to meet the to and fro steamer fare and necessary treatment in the approved Hospitals cost of which not exceeding Rs. 1,48,000/-. When the Hospital concerned will forward the Bills to the DHS, after its thorough scrutiny and verification in the administrative section of the Directorate, the NIAF Committee makes payment to the Hospital towards the treatment charge. As per the guidelines of the Ministry, financial assistance under NIAF is **"purely a one time grant"** and financial assistance for **second or third time** treatment is not admissible.

**B. Status of expenditure :**

Amount Received from Ministry of Health & FW - Rs.50 lakhs vide DD  
No.351930 dt. 7.4.1999

Total Number of chronic patients referred to  
SRMC/Cancer Institute, Chennai and NRS  
Medical College, Calcutta from 17.6.1999 - 54 patients.

Treatment charges paid to the SRMC,  
Chennai till July 2000 - Rs.11,39,111/-

Bills yet to be paid to SRMC - Rs. 9,19,443/-  
(file under submission and will be cleared within two days. **Total** - **Rs 20,58,554**

(6 Bills are yet to come for payment).

II. Treatment charges paid to Cancer Institute,  
Adayar - Rs.2,86,449/-

Pending bills (will be cleared within  
2 days.) - Rs. 46,147/-  
**Total** - **Rs.3,32,598**

**Total amount paid to patients for to and fro expenses @ Rs. 2,65,000/- till  
October 2005).**

**STATEMENT OF B.P.L. PATIENTS REFERRED TO MAINLAND HOSPITALS  
UNDER NIAF FROM JUNE 1999 TO OCTOBER 2005 YEAR WISE**

Year	SRMC, Chennai	Cancer Institute, Adayar	Sankara Netrayala, Chennai	Eye Hospital, Egmore	NRS Medical College, Kolkata	Narayana Hrudayalaya, Banglore	Chittaranian Cancer Hospital, Kolkata	Total
1999	10	2	-	-	2	-	-	14
2000	38	10	-	1	1	-	-	50
2001	58	25	2	1	-	-	-	86
2002	100	16	2	-	-	-	-	118
2003	102	13	2	-	-	-	-	117
2004	45	6	1	-	-	1	-	53
2005 (upto 31 <sup>st</sup> October)	37	11	-			1	1	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>488</b>

**NB: Figure is calculated from January to December.**