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केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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March 4, 2011
Circular No. 15

**All the Heads of Independent Schools
Affiliated to the CBSE**

Subject: Regarding Project Assist of National Foundation for Communal Harmony.

Dear Principal,

National Foundation for Communal Harmony is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. It was set up in 1992 with the main objective of providing assistance to the children rendered orphan or destitute during various communal disturbances.

The organization offers physical and psychological rehabilitation of children who are the victims of communal, caste, ethnic and terrorist violence. Such children are provided with care, education and training. It also undertakes activities for promoting communal harmony and national integration which include grant of scholarships, fellowships and studies.

NFCH Vision

India free from communal
And all other forms of violence
Where all citizens
Especially children & youth
Live together in peace & harmony

NFCH Mission
Promoting communal Harmony,
Strengthening National Integration and
Fostering Unity in Diversity
Through collaborative social action,
awareness programs, reaching out to the
victims of violence especially children,
Encouraging interfaith dialogue for India's
Shared Security, Peace & Prosperity

Project Assist is the Flagship scheme of the Foundation which has provision of providing assistance to the children rendered orphan or destitute in various communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence. The financial assistance is provided to such children for their care, education and training

The details for providing assistance to children (**Eligibility criteria, Identification of eligible children etc.**) are available at www.cbse.nic.in under the link **Project Assist of National Foundation of Communal Harmony and also in the Annexure-1 enclosed.**

I would like to request you to please bring it into the notice of all students, teachers, parents and other members of the community. They may contact local authority mentioned in the link if they ever come across a child deserving assistance. We should all endeavour to work together to reach out to the victims of the violence especially children and to encouraging interfaith dialogue for India's shared security, peace & prosperity.

Yours sincerely,

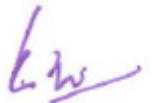


(Vineet Joshi)
Chairman

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdictions:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017.

5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737 101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar- 791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair-744 101.
8. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
9. All the Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
10. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
11. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
12. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
13. EO to Secretary, CBSE
14. PA to CE, CBSE
15. PA to Secretary, CBSE
16. PA to Director (Acad.)
17. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
18. PA to HOD (Edusat)
19. PRO, CBSE



Chairman

PROJECT 'ASSIST'

Project Assist is the Flagship scheme of the Foundation which has provision of providing assistance to the children rendered orphan or destitute in various communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence. The financial assistance is provided to such children for their care, education and training.

Part – A Details of the project

i) Eligibility criteria

- A child becomes an orphan or destitute in the sense that either both the parents or the surviving parent or the main bread winner is killed or permanently incapacitated because of communal, caste, ethnic, terrorist violence.
- Family is below poverty line as per the criteria laid down by the Planning Commission. The income for determining the poverty line at the 1999-2000 prices is Rs.22,400/- per family per annum in the rural areas and Rs.31,600/- per family per annum in the urban areas.
- Child 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 as another source of assistance for this purpose).
- Assistance is admissible up to the age of 18 years. In exceptional cases, where the child is pursuing some vocational or technical course, it can be extended upto the age of 21 years.

ii) Identification of eligible children

- District Committee under the District Magistrate/Collector or Deputy Commissioner, having members such as Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer, District Education Officer, District Child and Women Development Officer, identifies beneficiaries and verifies their eligibility.
- District Committee decides about the mode of assistance i.e. through child's own family, relative, educational institution, legal guardian, foster parents, children's home etc.
- District Committee sends its recommendations to the Foundation in the prescribed form (Annexure- II).

iii) Scale of assistance

General education	In class <u>A & B cities</u> Rs. 800/- p.m. per child. At other places Rs. 750/- p.m. per child
Professional/vocational education	Rs. 150/- per month per child in addition to assistance for general education

iv) Sanction and remittance

- District Magistrate/Collector/ Deputy Commissioner opens a separate bank account under the name of "District Committee, National Foundation for Communal Harmony, District _____." Account is operated jointly by any two of the officers nominated by the District Magistrate/Collector viz. District Magistrate/Collector/ Deputy Commissioner, District Social Welfare Officer or the District Treasury Officer.
- Assistance is payable in advance annually in the first quarter of the academic year. This is credited to the account of the recipient maintained in a scheduled bank after due verification. (**Since assistance is being**

credited to the bank account of the child periodically, there is no need for identification at the time of disbursement of assistance by the District Magistrate/Collector to avoid inconvenience etc.)

- In the month of April every year, concerned District Magistrate/Collector/ Deputy Commissioner shall send a report to the Foundation about position of funds sanctioned by the National Foundation for Communal Harmony under the Project Assist during the last financial year and funds available, if any, from earlier years in the following proforma.

Position of funds for the year ending -----						
Details of amount received from the Foundation for payment of assistance to children			Details of disbursement			Reasons for non-payments of balance amount
Letter No.	Date	Amount (Rs.)	Date of payment	Amount paid (Rs.)	Amount balance(Rs.)	

v) Recommendations for continuance of assistance

- District Magistrate/Collector/ Deputy Commissioner furnishes the following certificates to justify continuation of assistance within one month of the commencement of the next academic session every year. **Fresh applications are not required and should not be sent with the proposal for renewal of assistance.**
- Utilization certificate** to the effect that the amount of financial assistance released till date under the Project Assist has been disbursed on _____ (date to be mentioned) to the beneficiary;
 - the child for whom financial assistance now being recommended, is actually studying in an educational institution or is undergoing training for acquiring skills to better his/ her employment prospects. (Not applicable if the child is below 5 years of age); and
 - continuance of further financial assistance to the child beyond _____ (period to be mentioned) is considered essential and hence recommended.
 - **Current study certificate** from the educational institution (specimen – A at Annexure II), photocopy of annual examination result card and current income certificate of the family issued by the Tehsildar (specimen – B at Annexure II). The income certificate once issued shall be valid for a period of three years. In case, any parent or guardian of the child gets a job during that period that should be declared voluntarily to the district authorities, who in turn would inform this to the Foundation immediately.
 - Release of financial assistance is subject to furnishing of the above certificates/documents.

vi) Number of children getting assistance

- As on 31.03.2010, 10431 children were covered under Project Assist in nineteen states and a union territory.
- A sum of Rs. 4.84 crore was released as assistance to these children during 2009-10.
- Rs. 35.06 crore has been paid as assistance up to 31.03.2010.
- 486 fresh cases have been approved and 4302 cases renewed for grant of assistance under Project Assist in the current financial year

vii) Group personal accident insurance for child victims

Insurance cover with the following benefits has been provided to all the children who are getting assistance under the scheme of assistance w.e.f. 1.3.2002.

Event	Compensation (in Rs.)
Death	25000
Loss of 2 limbs or one limb and one eye	25000

One hundred percent permanent disablement other than those mentioned 25000
above

Loss of one limb or one eye 12500

Reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by a child for treatment in a 500
hospital or nursing home and as an indoor patient for an injury sustained in an
accident (based upon medical certificate from the consulting doctor)

Part – B Collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations

The Foundation collaborates with the following organisations:

- i. Aashwas, a unit functioning under the Assam Police, Guwahati

Aashwas is an Assam Police Project which is helping the Foundation by identifying child victims of militancy in Assam who are being provided financial assistance.

- ii. Council for Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, Handicapped and Old Persons in Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar

Council for Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, Handicapped and Old persons, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir is working for victims of militancy. The council has been helping the Foundation in identifying child victims of terrorism in the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

- iii. Society to Save Victims of Violence and Terrorism, Kokrajhar, Assam

The Society is collaborating with the Foundation in implementation of the Project 'Assist' in the following districts of Assam:

- 1)Barpeta, 2)Baska, 3)Bongaigaon, 4)Chirang, 5)Darrang, 6)Dhubri, 7)Goalpara, 8)Kokrajhar, 9)Nalbari and 10)Udalguri,