Guidelines of Scheme for the encouragement of the Inter-Caste Marriage

For the implementation of PCR Act 1955 Government of India has launched a scheme for the encouragement of Inter-Caste Marriage and object of the scheme is to diminish Caste consciousness among the people and to encourage Inter-Caste Marriage. This is a 50:50 sharing basis scheme of Govt. of India/State Government. Under this scheme an amount of Rs. 30,000/-(Rupees Thirty thousand) will be paid to the Scheduled Castes bride/bridegroom.

Conditions of Eligibility:

- ❖ Both the spouses should be citizen of India and one of the spouse should be scheduled caste and both of them should be permanent resident of West Bengal. He/she has not taken any benefit under similar scheme. This scheme is for where one spouse belongs to SC and the other is non-SC/ST/OBC.
- The grant shall be given only for the first marriage.
- The beneficiary can apply for incentive after one year for the date of marriage.

Procedure of implementation of the scheme:

- ❖ The eligible couples will submit application to the Project Officer-Cum-District Welfare Officer/District Welfare Officer of the district.
- ❖ The application should be supported with duly attested Xerox copy of the marriage registration certificate issued by Marriage Registration Officer.
- ❖ The applicant will submit duly attested Xerox copy of the Scheduled Caste Certificate issued by competent authority.
- The applicant will also submit a certificate of one of the spouse that he/she belongs to non-SC,ST,OBC . This is mandatory.
- Two copies of Joint Photograph of the couple duly attested to be fixed on the body of the application.
- ❖ Address Proof of the couple (Electricity Bill, Ration Cards etc.) is to be submitted
- ❖ Age proof of both the couples is to be submitted.
- The applicant will furnish a self declaration that he/she has not received incentive for intercaste marriage previously.
- ❖ The claim of incentive for inter-caste marriage will not be claimed as a matter of Right.

The applicant will submit the application before the P.O-Cum-D.W.O/D.W.O of the district. The P.O-Cum-D.W.O will verify the facts stated in the application. He will send his recommendation alongwith enquiry report and original applications with supporting documents to Commissioner, B.C.W. Directorate. P.O.-cum- D.W.O/D.W.O will retain the Xerox copy of the original application and one copy of the Joint Photograph of the couple in his office.

On receipt of the applicants duly recommended B.C.W. Directorate will examine the same and send the same to the B.C.W Department with their comments

No old cases which have been already sanctioned will be entertained.

Enquiry Report for Inter Caste Marriage Incentive Grant

1.	Shri/Smts/o Shri/Lates		ate	is a
	resident of			
	Dist	belongs to	Scheduled Caste/Non Sc	heduled Caste
	Hindu person under the Sub-C			
2.	He/She married Shri/Smt		Sor	n /Daughter of
	Shri/Late	of	P.O	
	P.S			
	Caste/Non Scheduled Caste Hi	ndu person under the S	ub-Caste of	Community
3.	The said inter caste marriage of Ceremony.	was solemnized on	by the regist	tration or socia
4.	Whether two attested copies of Joint photograph of the couple submitted? Yes/No			
5.	Whether the attested copy of the SC Certificate of the applicant/spouse submitted? Yes/N			
6.	Whether the attested copy of Marriage Registration Certificate submitted? Yes/			
7.	Whether attested copy of proof of residence submitted? Yes,			
8.	Whether this is a first marriago	2.		Yes/No
Re	marks of the Enquiry Officer			
Date:_		Full Name of the Enq	uiry Officer:	
		Designation		
		Seal:		

Recommended for payment of Inter Caste Marriage incentive grant.

Block Development Officer/Sub-Divisional Officer.

Format of forwarding letter

Government of West Bengal Office of the P.O-cum-D.W.O/D.W.O Backward Classes Welfare Department

No		 Da	ite:			
To The Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, 8-Lyons Range, Kolkata-700 001						
Sub : Prayer for Grant for Inter Caste Marriage between a Scheduled Caste & Caste Hindu.						
I am to enclose herewith following proposals in respect of grant for Inter Caste Marriage between Scheduled Caste & Caste Hindu for favour of your perusal and taking necessary action. All the proposals are recommended for payment of Inter Caste Marriage Incentive.						
Name of the applicant with address	Caste	Name of the spouse	Caste			
Yours faithfully,						
Project Officer-cum-District Welfare officer/District Welfare officer Backward Classes Welfare District						