

➤ **State Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS):-**

On the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the case of Mohd Amin Beigh Vs State and others. The State Marriage Assistance Scheme was launched by the Government vide Cabinet decision No. 164/13/2015 Dated:- 02.12.2015 and was accorded for implementation vide Govt. Order No. 248-SW of 2015 Dated:- 08.12.2015 in all the districts of Jammu Division. Under this Scheme, all the marriageable identified poor girls will receive one time financial assistance of Rs.25000/- and cost of **5 gms** Gold for marriage purpose.

State Marriage Assistance Scheme for poor Girls is a Social Assistance Scheme meant for those un-married identified girls of the State living below the poverty line who may not find themselves in a position to marry due to financial constraint.

Eligibility:

The prospective beneficiary girl;-

1. Should be identified poor girls in the survey list available with the concerned DDCs/DSWOs.
2. Should be above 18 years of age.
3. Should be not have availed the benefit for the same purpose under any other State/Centrally sponsored Scheme and ;
4. Can avail benefit only once under the scheme.

Benefits:-

The eligible marriageable and identified poor girl will receive one time financial assistance of **Rs. 25,000/-** only and a cost of **5 gms Gold** from the Competent authority. The assistance shall be sanctioned by the District Level Committee headed by District Dev. Commissioner as Chairman and District Social Welfare Officer Member Secretary besides, Programme officer ICDS of concerned District and any Gazetted lady Officer of the District as Members of the said committee.

Whom to apply

District Social Welfare Officer concerned.