

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

SUB:-Scheme of sanction of Maintenance Allowance to mentally retarded persons and physically handicapped persons irrespective of age - Approved.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. SWL 64 INP 79

BANGALORE DATED 17TH OCTOBER 1979.

READ:-

- 1) Govt. Order No. SWL 146 PHP 77 dated 11.7.1977.
- 2) D.O. No. TWC/GIA/TMS/GEN/70-79 dated 17.4.1979 from the Director of Women & Children Welfare, Bangalore.
- 3) D.O. No. TWC/GIA/TMS/GEN/79.00, dated 17.4.1979 from the Director of Women and Children Welfare, Bangalore.

PREAMBLE:

In the Govt. order read at (1) above, sanction was accorded to a scheme of payment of maintenance allowance of Rs.40/- p.m. to every physically handicapped persons above the age of 16 years whose family income from all sources is less than Rs.3,000/- P.A. The scheme does not envisage the payment of maintenance allowance to persons who are Mentally retarded.

In the letter read at (2) above, the Director of Women and Children Welfare, has sent proposals for sanction of maintenance allowance to the Mentally retarded persons also, who are completely dependent on their parents/guardians and who are unable to take up any training or education to earn their livelihood, after obtaining a certificate to the effect from qualified psychiatrists working in Govt. Hospitals.

The Director of Women and Children Welfare, has stated that there are many physically handicapped persons, who are below the age of 16 years, deserving financial assistance from Govt. towards their maintenance as they are a burden to their poor parents or guardians. She has therefore recommended to provide maintenance allowance to the physically handicapped persons below the age of 16 years as a social security measure either from their birth, if the handicap is congenital, or from the date of occurrence of the physical handicap.

ORDER: After careful consideration of all aspects of the proposal, Govt. are pleased to accord sanction to the extension of the benefit of financial assistance to both the physically handicapped persons and Mentally Retarded persons irrespective of their age limit in partial modification of Govt. Order dated 11.7.1977.

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As in the case of physically Handicapped Persons, the Tahsildars of Revenue Taluks are empowered to sanction the Maintenance Allowance under this scheme to the Mentally Retarded persons. The Tahsildars are required to send monthly returns to the Director of Women and Children Welfare, regarding the number of cases sanctioned etc. The amounts will be released by the Director of Women and Children Welfare, Bangalore.

The term "Mentally Retarded" shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Annexure to this order. An application for assistance to "Mentally Retarded Persons" shall be made by his parent or court-approved guardian in the same proforma as has been prescribed for Physically Handicapped persons and a Medical Certificate from the Psychologist/Psychiatrist as per the details in Annexure II to this order, shall be produced.

The payment of maintenance allowance in the case of Mentally Retarded Persons shall be made to the parent or parents of the Mentally retarded persons. In the absence of parent or parents, the payment shall be made to the guardians appointed by a competent Court.

This scheme is sanctioned subject to the conditions that the expenditure on this account in the following years shall not exceed the amount mentioned against each.

YEAR	RS. IN LAKHS
1979-80	3.00
1980-81	7.00
1981-82	15.00
1982-83	25.00

and that expenditure shall stabilise around Rs.25 lakhs after 1982-83.

This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.PC 3960 dated 24.8.1979.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF KARNATAKA,

*[Signature]*

(S.M. RAMANAHUMATAU)  
Under Secretary to Government,  
Social Welfare & Labour Deptt.

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1. The Regional Commissioners of Divisions.
2. The Director of Women and Children Welfare, Bangalore.

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