

Delhi Ladli Scheme

In order to end the discrimination of girls, Delhi government on 1 January 2008 has started Ladli Scheme for protection of girls. Delhi Ladli Yojna lay emphasis on protection of girls and promote education by providing financial assistance. Moreover, the Delhi Ladli Yojana also emphasises on promoting awareness on the importance of girls in the society.

The state govt. of Delhi aims to empower girls both socially and economically. On the one hand, Delhi Ladli Scheme will encourage parents to perform Birth Registration of girls and on the other hand, it would reduce the dropout rate of girls from schools. In addition to this, Ladli Yojna will encourage women to pursue higher education by providing them with financial protection.

Objectives

The main objectives behind the launch of Delhi Ladli Yojana are mentioned here:-

- Empowerment of the girl child both socially and economically.
- Promotion of birth registration of girl child.
- Controlling female feticide
- Improvement in sex ratio.
- Put an end on discrimination against the girl child.
- Promotion of education among the girls
- Reducing school drop-out rate of girl students.
- Security to girl students for their higher education.

Eligibility

In order to become eligible for Delhi Ladli Scheme, candidates must fulfill the eligibility criteria as given below:-

- Girl should be born in Delhi as shown by the birth certificate issued by the Registrar (Births & Deaths), MCD/NDMC.
- The applicant must be a bonafide resident of the National Capital Territory of Delhi for at least three years preceding the date of birth of the girl child.
- Annual family income should not exceed Rs.1 lakh.
- If girl is school going, her school must be recognized by Delhi Govt. / MCD / NDMC.
- Benefit of the scheme is limited to two surviving girls per family.

Implementation

- Financial arrangements for implementation of this scheme have been made with the SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd. and with the State Bank of India.
- The amount is sanctioned in the name of the girl child and is deposited with SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (SBIL) which manages the amount till the girl attains the age of 18 years and passes Class-X or takes admission in Class-XII since on attaining the milestone the girl child can claim the maturity amount.
- This scheme envisages periodic payments by the Govt. in name of the girl child, would be kept as fixed deposit in her name and redeemed along with accrued interest when the child reaches 18 years of age and has passed the Xth / XIIth class as a regular student.