

# Bebe Nanki Laadli Beti Kalyan Scheme

This was launched under 13th Finance Commission component for "measures to improve sex ratio" in the State from 2011-12. The main objective of the scheme is to curb female feticide and to provide better education to girls. Along with this, financial assistance will be provided to the families from time to time so that they are not burdened with the birth of the girl child. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 20,000/- will be deposited with L.I.C. per girl/per beneficiary and LIC further disbursed 61,000/- to the guardian of child in different stages up to the age of 18 years.

Under this scheme, the following beneficiaries will be eligible:

- The girls born after 1.1.2011.
- The girls whose parents are permanent resident of Punjab.
- The abundant girls found after 1.1.2011 and are residing in Orphanage and Children Homes in the Punjab State.
- The number of girls born before will not matter to get benefit under the scheme. This benefit will not be given to newly born boys. This benefit will be given to those families whose annual income is less than Rs.30,000/- and the proof of income will be the blue card issued by the Food and Supply Department, Punjab. If the girl child drops from school due to any reason then no benefit will be given to the beneficiaries or the families after that date.

Under 13th Finance Commission, Rs53.75 Crore has been transferred to LIC for 26875 beneficiaries during the year 2011-12 to 2014-15 under Bebe Nanki Ladli Beti Kalyan Scheme.

The term of 13th Finance Commission was from 1.4.2011 to 31.3.2015. Since no funds were available from 01.04.2015 onwards under the scheme Bebe Nanki Ladli Beti Kalyan scheme. Hence the scheme was transferred to State Plan Scheme from 2015-16. About 10,000 applications are pending under the scheme and the budget earmarked for 2016-17 was Rs. 15 Crore.

The beneficiaries will be provided the following benefits:

S.No	Period of benefit	Age	Amount released by LIC to guardian of the beneficiary
1	On birth of newly born girl child	0	Rs. 2100/-
2	On attaining the age of 3 years (after full immunization)	3 years	Rs. 2100/-
3	On admission to Class -1	6 years	Rs. 2100/-
4	On admission to Class –IX	14 years	Rs. 2100/-
5	On attaining age of 18 years & passed Class- XII	18 years	Rs. 31000/-
6	Scholarship payable	-	
(a)	From class-1 to VI standard 100/- per month	-	Rs.7200/-
(b)	From class-VI1 to XII standard 200/- per month	-	Rs.14400/-
	Total benefit	At the age of 18 years	Rs.61000/-