

WB Rupashree Prakalpa Scheme

This scheme will help poor families who borrow a huge sum at interest for the marriage of daughters and thus are forced to live in depression. This scheme is helping around 6 lakh girls belonging to economically weaker families with total outlay of Rs. 1500 crore. All the girls are getting Rs. 25,000 as one time assistance at the time of their marriage after attaining the age of 18 years. The state govt. of West Bengal is transferring this amount directly into the bank account of girls so that they can utilize this money on their own. WB Rupashree Prakalpa Scheme is a major initiative of the West Bengal govt. after Kanyashree, Yuvashree and Sabuj Sathi Schemes. All the girls whose family annual income from all sources is less than Rs. 1.5 lakh can avail this marriage assistance.

Objectives

The primary objectives and goals of Rupashree Scheme are as follows:-

- To ensure that girls stay in schools and delay their marriages at least till the age of 18 years.
- Incentivise girls in order to complete secondary or senior secondary education or equivalent in technical streams.
- Assistance to fair better in economic and social spheres.
- Reduce risks of early pregnancies, child & maternal mortality rate and health conditions.
- Financial inclusion and empowerment of adolescent girls.

Eligibility

Any woman can apply to this scheme who proposes to be married if her application satisfies the following criteria:-

- She has attained the age of 18 years AND is unmarried on the date of submitting her application.
- The proposed marriage is her first marriage.
- She was born in West Bengal or she has been a resident of West Bengal for the last 5 years or her parents are permanent residents of West Bengal.
- Her family income is not greater than Rs. 1.50 lakhs per annum.
- Her prospective groom has attained the age of 21 years.

- She has an active bank account for which she is the sole account-holder. The bank account must be in a bank that has an IFSC Code and an MICR code and transacts payments through NEFT.

Benefits

WB govt. has decided the complete roll-out of WB Rupashree Prakalpa Scheme which has the following benefits:-

- Rupashree Scheme will bring reduction in Child Marriage.
- This scheme will reduce the burden of marriage expenses of parents of girl child by giving one time assistance for marriage of their daughters.
- All such schemes like Kanyashree, Rupashree will increase the education rate of girl child.
- WB govt. has made a budgetary allocation of Rs. 1500 crore for this scheme.
- The benefit is one time and amount is Rs. 25000.