

DR. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL RELIEF TO THE SCHEDULED CASTE
VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES
SCHEME

Revised Scheme (2010)

INTRODUCTION

Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was a great national leader of twentieth century. He was an intellectual, scholar, statesman and contributed greatly in the nation building. He led a number of movements to emancipate the downtrodden masses and to secure human rights to millions of depressed classes. He has left an indelible imprint through his immense contribution in framing the Constitution of India. He stands as a symbol of struggle for achieving Social Justice.

The main objectives of the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, inter-alia, include implementation of programmes and activities for furthering the ideology and message of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar among the masses in India as well as abroad. The Foundation has been entrusted with the responsibility of managing, administering and carrying on the important and long term schemes and programmes identified during the Centenary Celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Dr. Ambedkar was extremely concerned with the plight of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the untouchability practiced and atrocities committed against them. He advocated for their social, economic and political empowerment.

The incidents of atrocities still continue to be committed against the members of scheduled castes despite the enactment of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (PAO Act) which seeks to prevent the commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, to provide for Special Courts for the trial of such offences and for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such offences and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. At present under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (POA Act), 50% of the total expenditure over and above the committed liability is provided to the State Governments by way of central assistance and the Union Territories get 100% central assistance. The central assistance is mainly provided to support measures undertaken by them for effective implementation of the Acts which include providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims/dependents of atrocities, etc. as prescribed under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 (POA Rules). However, the relief is available to the victims through the State Governments/UT Administrations.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment cannot provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims direct even in respect of heinous crimes committed against SCs like, arson, rape, murder, etc. and hence in that respect Central Government feels slightly handicapped. Therefore, a need has been felt to provide instant monetary relief to the victims of relatively serious offences of atrocities under the PAO Act in the nature of contingency arrangement and that the relief amount be directly provided to the victims by the Central Government through the Foundation. Therefore, a suitable Scheme for financial assistance to the SC victims of atrocities by the Foundation would be a befitting tribute to this illustrious Son of India.

2. THE SCHEME

The Scheme would be known as '*Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to the SC Victims of Atrocities Scheme*'. This Scheme would be in the nature of contingency arrangement to provide instant monetary relief to the victims of heinous offences of atrocities under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The State / UT Government or the District Administration may, in the cases falling under the categories of atrocities identified under the scheme, prepare proposal for financial assistance to the SC Victim(s) of Atrocities, in the Prescribed Format (**Annexure-II**), and forwarded to the Foundation for its consideration. The Foundation may also take suo-motto cognizance of any case of atrocity and depute an officer(s) for visiting the place of atrocity for taking necessary action under the scheme.

The relief amount up to Rs.5.00 lakh would be paid to each victim, with the approval of the Chairperson of the Foundation. This amount would be in addition to the minimum amount of relief as prescribed under Rule 12 (4) of the POA Rules. For this Scheme, initially an amount of Rs.1.00 crore would be provided every year. This Scheme is meant for providing financial assistance to SC victims of atrocities or their family members or dependents in order to compensate them financially. This Scheme is formulated keeping in view the growing atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and with a view to financially assist SC victims of atrocities.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) The victim should belong to Scheduled Caste.
- (ii) The victim should be a Scheduled Caste victim who has suffered atrocities committed by other communities on the grounds of his/ her caste, community or identity in the society.
- (iii) The atrocity should be of heinous type under the POA Act, 1989 like murder, rape, arson, etc.

4. EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE:

The assistance shall be up to a maximum limit of Rs.5.00 lakhs. The scale of relief amounts is given at Annexure - I.

5. NORMS FOR RELEASE OF ASSISTANCE:

- (1) The assistance shall be released to the victim or his/ her family members or dependent solely under the discretion of the chairperson of the Foundation. The financial assistance will be given directly to the victim or his/ her family member or dependent in the form of a Crossed Cheque/ Demand Draft.
- (2) In the case of the crime of rape, submission of 'medical certificate' issued by an authorised medical officer of the concerned State Government is a pre-requisite for sanction of relief.
- (4) In the case of atrocities resulting in disabilities, the same should be certified by the competent authority indicating the percentage of disability.

6. **HOW TO APPLY**

A proposal for financial assistance for the Scheduled Caste victim of atrocities may be forwarded by the State / UT Government or District Magistrate or Collector in the Prescribed Format (Annexure - II) to the Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 15, Janpath, New Delhi -110001, along with the copy of the FIR, Inquiry Report, Postmortem Report, Medical or Disability Certificate etc. (as the case may be).

All such proposals will be processed in the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. It shall be the discretion of the Chairperson of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to sanction the financial assistance to the victim(s).

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Scale of relief amounts

S.No.	Nature of Atrocity	Approved amount of Relief (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Murder/ Death (a) Earning member of a family (b) Non-earning member of family	5.00 2.00
2.	Rape of a Girl /Women	2.00
3.	Arson leading to complete homelessness	3.00
4.	Disability (complete and permanent disability leading to loss of earning capacity) (i) Earning member of a family (ii) Non-earning member of a family	3.00 1.50

Proforma

Proposal for financial assistance for SC victim of atrocities under
"Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to SC Victims of Atrocities Scheme"
of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

1. Name of the Victim
2. Name of the Father / Husband
3. Date of birth and age of the victim
4. Caste & Religion (indicate whether belongs to SC).....
5. Residential Address
6. Date and Place of incident of atrocities
7. Complete details of the atrocities
8. Whether the case has been registered under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989?
If yes, give details
9. Whether the victim is an earning member or non-earning member of the family?.....
10. Whether disability is complete and permanent?.....
11. Details of family members or dependents who have suffered due to atrocity.....
12. Annual Family Income (from all sources) Rs.....
13. Whether the victim has been given such assistance from any other sources? If yes, give details

The above information has been verified and found to be correct.

It is recommended that an amount of Rs..... may be sanctioned to the victim or his / her dependents as stated at S.No. 11 above.

.....
Name & Signature of

Tehsildar / SDM / Competent Authority

(with rubber stamp)

RECOMMENDED & FORWARDED

.....
District Collector / Magistrate / Dy. Commissioner

(Name and signature with rubber stamp)

Note:

- (i) Please submit separate proposal for each victim.
- (ii) Certified copies of (a) FIR, (b) post-mortem report, (c) Medical /Disability certificate, (d) Inquiry / Investigation report, (e) Photographs of the victim & scene of atrocity etc. (as applicable) may be enclosed with the proposal.