

# **National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH)**

(An autonomous organization under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) is an autonomous organization under Ministry of Home Affairs established in 1992 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

The major activity of the Foundation is to implement programmes and projects for effective rehabilitation of child victims of communal, caste, ethnic, terrorist and any other form of violence/ clashes.

The Foundation takes up educational, cultural, social and academic activities in collaboration with partners for promotion of unity, peace and harmony. The Foundation also promotes research and academic activities on topics relevant to promotion of unity, peace and harmony;

**PROJECT ASSIST** - Project Assist is the Flagship scheme of the Foundation which provides financial assistance to children rendered orphan or destitute in communal, castes, ethnic or terrorist violence for their care, education and training.

## **i) Eligibility criteria**

- A child should be an orphan or destitute i.e. either both parents or the surviving parent or the main breadwinner of the family has died or has become permanently incapacitated due to communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence
- The annual income of the victim's family should not exceed rupees two lakh.
- The child should not be receiving any assistance on regular basis from other source.
- Assistance is admissible up to the age of 25 years. However, if the child fails to upgrade to the next class for more than 3 consecutive years, he/she will not be eligible for continuation of assistance.

## **ii) Identification of eligible children**

- District Committee under District Magistrate/Collector or Deputy Commissioner, having members such as Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer, District Education Officer, District Child and Women Development Officer, identifies beneficiaries and verifies their eligibility.
- District Committee sends recommendations to the Foundation in the prescribed format alongwith all requisite documents.

### iii) Scale of assistance

Class / Course	Amount
Up to Class XII	Rs. 1250/- p.m. per child
Graduation / Post Graduation	Rs. 1500/- p.m. per child
Professional courses viz Medical, Engineering etc.	Rs. 1750/- p.m. per child

### iv) Sanction and remittance

- The proposal on the prescribed format available on the website of the Foundation [www.nfch.nic.in](http://www.nfch.nic.in) alongwith copy of death certificate of the diseased, postmortem report, copy of FIR, income certificate, date of birth certificate, study certificate, non-involvement certificate of diseased person is forwarded to the Foundation after due verification.
- On receipt of proposals from the District Committee, the Foundation after due verification, directly remits the assistance into the aadhar linked bank accounts of beneficiaries under intimation to District Committee.

### v) Recommendation for continuance of assistance

- For continuation of assistance, school/college continuation certificate and income certificate are to be submitted by the district committee. The income certificate once issued is valid for three years.
- In case, any parent or guardian of the child gets employment during the period that should be declared voluntarily to district authorities, who in turn would inform the Foundation.

### vi) Number of children getting assistance

- As on **31.03.2023**, **14,077** children have been covered in 164 Districts in 24 States/ Union Territories.
- **Rs. 104.86 Crore** has been released as assistance up to 31.03.2023 since the inception of the Scheme
- A sum of **Rs. 4.75 Crore** was released as assistance to 2948 children during 2022-23.

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