

CHAPTER - 15

SOCIAL WELFARE

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Table 15.1
Social Security Pension Schemes of the State
Old Age Pension

- **Eligibility:**
 - No income bar, except if person or spouse is:
 - Taxpayer
 - Receiving Government pension
 - Males aged 60–69 years → ₹1,000 per month
 - Females aged 60–69 years → ₹1,500 per month
 - Persons aged 70 years and above → ₹1,700 per month
- Expenditure: ₹622.24 crore up to Dec 2025
- Budget Provision: ₹854.98 crore

Special Disability Relief Allowance

- Eligibility & Amount:
 - Persons with 40–69% disability (Male) → ₹1,150 per month
 - Persons with 40–69% disability (Female) → ₹1,500 per month
 - Persons with above 70% disability (no income criteria) → ₹1,700 per month
- Expenditure: ₹98.57 crore
- Budget Provision: ₹18.59 crore
- Beneficiaries: 78,291

Widow / Deserted / Ekal Nari Pension

- Eligibility:
 - Females up to 69 years ₹1,000 per month
 - Females aged 70 years and above ₹1,700
- Expenditure: ₹168.73 crore
- Budget Provision: ₹218.97 crore
- Beneficiaries: 1,26,808

Rehabilitation Allowance to Lepers

- Eligibility:
 - Male leprosy patients up to 69 years ₹1,000
 - Females up to 69 years ₹1,500
 - All patients aged 70 years and above ₹1,700
- Expenditure: ₹1.13 crore
- Budget Provision: ₹1.86 crore
- Beneficiaries: 1,021

Transgender Pension

- Eligibility & Amount:
 - Transgender up to 69 years → ₹1,000 per month
 - Transgender aged 70 years and above → ₹1,700 per month

- Expenditure: ₹1.23 lakh
- Budget Provision: ₹9.00 lakh
- Beneficiaries: 50

Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (BPL)

- Eligibility:
 - Persons (Male) aged 60–69 years belonging to BPL households ₹1,000
 - Females aged 60–69 years in BPL households → ₹1,500 per month
 - Persons aged 70 years and above belonging to BPL households → ₹1,700 per month

Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (BPL) (continued)

- Expenditure: ₹31.86 crore
- Budget Provision: ₹44.10 crore

Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension

- Eligibility & Amount:
 - Widows aged 40–69 years in BPL households → ₹1,500 per month
 - Widows aged 70 years and above in BPL households → ₹1,700 per month
- Expenditure: ₹7.19 crore
- Budget Provision: ₹9.85 crore
- Beneficiaries: 25,414

Indira Gandhi National Specially Disabled Pension

- Eligibility:
 - Divyangjans with ≥80% disability in BPL households
- Amount: ₹1,700 per month
- Expenditure: ₹37.19 lakh
- Budget Provision: ₹53.00 lakh
- Beneficiaries: 1,340

Table 15.3
Major Welfare Schemes for SCs, STs, OBCs and Minorities
Award for Inter-caste Marriage

- Incentive provided to promote inter-caste marriages
- Incentive amount enhanced from ₹ 50,000 to ₹ 2,00,000
 - Effective from November 2025
- FY 2025–26:
 - Budget provision: ₹5.10 crore
 - 493 couples benefited
 - Expenditure: ₹2.18 crore up to December 2025

Swaran Jayanti Ashray Yojana (Housing Subsidy)

- Provides housing subsidy of ₹1.5 lakh per family
- For eligible SC, ST, OBC beneficiaries
- Annual income below ₹50,000
- Purpose: Construction of dwelling units
- FY 2025–26:
 - Budget provision: ₹6.00 crore

Training and Proficiency in Computer Applications and Allied Activities

- Provides training in computer courses:
 - PGDCA.DCA
- Through empanelled agencies
- Target beneficiaries:
 - SC/ST/OBC/Minorities
 - Divyangjan
 - Single women and widows
- Department support:
 - Bears training cost
 - Provides stipend during training
 - Provides six-month placement in Government offices

Follow-up Programme

- Provides financial assistance to SC and OBC beneficiaries
- Annual income up to ₹50,000
- Purpose: Purchase of tools and equipment
- Assistance:
 - ₹1,300 for traditional trades
 - ₹1,800 for sewing machines
- FY 2025–26 Budget provision: ₹1.18 crore

Compensation to Victims under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

- Provides compensation to victims of atrocities
- Amount range: ₹85,000 to ₹8.25 lakh
- FY 2025–26:
 - Budget provision: ₹3.59 crore
 - ₹2.01 crore disbursed
 - 325 victims benefited up to December 2025

Assistance to Civil Service Coaching

- Provides one-time financial assistance of ₹30,000
- For bonafide Himachali candidates
- Condition: Qualifying Civil Services Preliminary

Examination
Prevention of Drug Abuse

- Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA) operated:
 - In collaboration with NGOs
 - With Grant-in-Aid support from:
 - Government of India
 - State Government
- Awareness activities conducted:
 - Nukkad Nataks
 - Campaigns in educational institutions
- FY 2025–26:
 - Demand of ₹14.95 crore placed with GoI
 - Additional grant of ₹0.50 crore received
 - For 5th anniversary of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA)

Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations (Old Age Homes)

- Grant-in-Aid provided to NGOs running:
 - Old Age Homes
 - Day Care Centres
 - Varishth Nagrik Suvidha Kendras
- Objective: Welfare of destitute senior citizens
- FY 2025–26:
 - Budget provision: ₹3.00 crore
 - ₹1.61 crore utilized up to December 2025

Q. What support systems exist for persons with disabilities?
Table 15.4
Welfare Schemes for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans)
Scholarship to Divyangjans

- Scholarship provided to children with disabilities (≥40%)
- Purpose: Support education
- Rate of scholarship:
 - ₹625 to ₹3750 per month for day scholars
 - ₹1,875 to ₹5,000 per month for boarders
- Varies based on class of study
- Budget provision (FY 2025–26): ₹1.28 crore

Incentive for Marriage to Persons with Disabilities

- One-time incentive grant to encourage marriage with Divyangjans
- Amount:
 - ₹25,000 for disability 40–74%
 - ₹50,000 for disability ≥75%
- Budget provision (FY 2025–26): ₹70 lakh

Institutions for Children with Special Needs (ICSA)

- Three institutions located at:
 - Dhalli (Shimla)
 - Dari (Dharamshala)
 - Sundernagar (Mandi)
- Provide:

- Education services
- Vocational rehabilitation services
- **Target:**
 - Children with visual, hearing and locomotor impairments
- **Budget provision (FY 2025–26): ₹1.96 crore**

District Rehabilitation Centres (DRCs)

- **Two centres functioning at:**
 - Hamirpur
 - Dharamshala
- **Provide:**
 - Rehabilitation services
 - Counselling
 - Assistive support for persons with disabilities

Rehabilitation of Mentally Ill Cured Persons

- **Two halfway homes:**
 - Female home at Kunihar (District Solan)
 - Male home at Nagchalla (District Mandi)
- Operated through NGOs
- **Purpose:**
 - Rehabilitation
 - Social reintegration of mentally ill cured persons

Unique Disability ID (UDID) Cards

- **Universal disability identity cards issued**
- Issued after **medical examination by competent authority**
- **Purpose:**
 - Ensure **uniform and integrated system of disability certification**
- Implemented as **Centrally Sponsored initiative**

Festival Grant

- **Provided to:**
 - Residents of Special Homes
 - Old Age Homes
 - Institutions
- **Purpose: Celebration of eight main festivals**
- **Grant amount:**
 - ₹500 per resident
 - ₹5,000 for institutions with up to 25 residents
 - ₹10,000 for institutions with more than 25 residents

Table 15.5

Various schemes provide shelter, support and rehabilitation for women and children

Special homes provide care, protection and rehabilitation to vulnerable women.

State Home-cum-Protective Home, Mashobra

- **Objective:**
 - Provide shelter, food, clothing, education, training and rehabilitation support

- **Target groups:**
 - Young widows
 - Deserted women without support
 - Women in moral danger
 - Women admitted under court orders
 - Mentally challenged or disabled women
- **16 residents currently living**
- **Rehabilitation support after leaving Home:**
 - Financial assistance up to ₹25,000 per woman
 - ₹51,000 Marriage assistance provided
- **FY 2025–26:**
 - **Budget provision: ₹0.50 crore**
 - **₹0.30 crore utilized up to December 2025**

One-Stop Centre (OSC)

- **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**
- Provides **integrated support under one roof to women affected by violence**
- **Services include:**
 - Medical aid
 - Legal assistance
 - Psychological counselling
 - Emergency and non-emergency support
- **Centres functional at all district headquarters**
- **Additional OSC at Rampur (District Shimla)**
- **FY 2025–26:**
 - **Budget provision: ₹2.48 crore**
 - **₹2.14 crore utilized up to December 2025**
 - **1,127 women benefited**

Saksham Gudiya Board

- **Objective:**
 - Make policy recommendations for:
 - Empowerment of girl child
 - Safety and security
- **Functions:**
 - **Review implementation of programmes**
 - Across **various departments**
 - For **protection and upliftment of girls**

Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana

- Provides **comprehensive care and protection to:**
 - Orphans
 - Semi-orphans
 - Specially-abled children
 - Abandoned and surrendered children
 - Transgender children
 - Destitute and single women
- Support continues **until self-reliance**
- **Notified on 28 February 2023**
- **Corpus fund: ₹101.00 crore**
 - Supports **higher education and skill development**
 - Includes **voluntary donations and CSR contributions**
- **FY 2025–26 (up to 31 Dec 2025):**
 - **4,131 children covered**

- Budget provision: ₹35.03 crore
- ₹25.78 crore utilised

Targeted interventions ensure care, protection, and rehabilitation of vulnerable groups.

Mission Vatsalya Scheme

- Earlier known as **Child Protection Scheme**
- Implemented since **17 September 2012**
- Objective:
 - Provide care and protection to:
 - Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP)
 - Children in Conflict with Law (CICL)
- Institutional care through **61 Child Care Institutions**
 - 1,246 children benefited
- Non-institutional care:
 - 3,227 children under foster care/sponsorship
 - 117 children under after-care services
 - Period: 1 April 2025 – 31 December 2025
- FY 2025–26:
 - Budget provision: ₹61.36 crore
 - ₹29.45 crore utilized up to December 2025

Rehabilitation Support to Minor Victims of Rape and Child Abuse and Objectification

- Objective:
 - Restore **dignity and self-confidence**
- Support includes:
 - Counselling
 - Financial security
 - Skill up-gradation
 - Rehabilitation and livelihood support
- On **confirmation of crime**:
 - ₹7,500 per month provided
 - Up to **age of 21 years**
- **384 beneficiaries** received support

Anganwadi Services

- Provides:
 - Supplementary nutrition
 - Health education
 - Immunization
 - Health check-ups
 - Referral services
 - Pre-school education
- From **1 April 2025**:
 - All centres declared “Anganwadi-cum-Preschool”
- FY 2025–26:
 - ₹129.62 crore utilized up to December 2025

Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) and Bal Poshahaar Top-up Yojana

- Provides supplementary nutrition to:
 - Children (6 months–6 years)
 - Pregnant and lactating mothers
 - Severely malnourished children

- Purpose: **Bridge dietary gaps**
 - FY 2025–26 beneficiaries:
 - Children (number not specified)
 - 63,986 pregnant and lactating mothers
 - 1,489 severely malnourished children
 - Budget:
 - ₹71.10 crore (Central) under SNP
 - ₹7.90 crore (State) under SNP
 - ₹21.00 crore under Bal Poshahaar Top-up Yojana
 - ₹51.06 crore utilised up to December 2025
- #### Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)
- Implemented in **District Chamba** (aspirational district)
 - Objective:
 - Improve **nutritional and health status** of adolescent girls (14–18 years)
 - FY 2025–26:
 - 14,943 girls benefited
 - Budget provision: ₹4.78 crore
 - ₹2.32 crore utilized up to December 2025

Some other State Schemes

Mukhya Mantri Kanyadaan Yojna

- Objective:
 - Provide **financial assistance** of ₹51,000 for **marriage of girls**
 - Target: **Economically weaker and socially vulnerable families**
 - Focus on cases where **father is deceased or incapacitated due to**:
 - Physical disability
 - Mental disability
 - Prolonged illness
- FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹9.39 crore
- Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹0.93 crore
- Beneficiaries: 182

Widow Re-marriage Scheme

- Objective:
 - Facilitate **social and economic rehabilitation of widows**
 - Promote **widow remarriage**
 - Provide **financial support to couples**
 - Reduce **social vulnerability and stigma of widowhood**
- FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹4.67 crore
- Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹0.91 crore
- Beneficiaries: 45

Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojna

- Objective:
 - Ensure **uninterrupted education** of children of:
 - Widowed women
 - Destitute women

- Abandoned women
 - Disabled parents
- Provide **financial and educational support**
- Coverage: **Early childhood up to 27 years (higher/professional education)**
- **FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹23.37 crore**
- **Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹22.21 crore**
- **Beneficiaries: 21,588**

Vishesh Mahila Uthan Yojna

- **Objective:**
 - **Rehabilitate marginalised women, especially sex workers**
 - Provide **vocational training and skill development**
 - **Promote:**
 - **Alternative livelihood opportunities**
 - **Self-reliance**
 - **Social and economic mainstreaming**
- **Support:**
 - **Stipend ₹3,000 per month**
 - **Test fee support ₹ 800**

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

- **Objective:**
 - Prevent **gender-biased sex-selective practices**
 - Improve **child sex ratio**
 - **Promote:**
 - **Education of girl child**
 - **Safety and empowerment**
 - **Through:**
 - **Awareness generation**
 - **Community engagement**
 - **Behavioural change**
- **FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹1.55 crore**
- **Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹1.07 crore**
- **Details: 395 camps organised**

Beti Hai Anmol Yojna

- **Objective:**
 - Change **negative societal attitudes** towards:
 - **Girl child**
 - **Mother**
 - **Improve:**
 - **Enrolment**
 - **Retention**
 - **Continuation of girls' education**
- **Support:**
 - **Post-birth financial assistance of ₹21,000**
 - **Scholarships for BPL families**
- **FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹1.00 crore**
- **Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹0.68 crore**
- **Beneficiaries: 319**

Mukhya Mantri Shagun Yojna

- **Objective:**
 - Provide **financial assistance of ₹31,000**
 - For **girls from BPL families at marriage**
 - Reduce **financial burden on economically weaker households**
- **FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹19.47 crore**
- **Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹3.47 crore**
- **Beneficiaries: 1,118**

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna (PMMVY)

- **Objective:**
 - Provide **partial wage compensation** to:
 - **Pregnant women**
 - **Lactating women**
 - Enable **adequate rest before and after childbirth**
 - **Improve:**
 - **Maternal and child health outcomes**
 - **Health-seeking behaviour**
 - **Promote positive behavioural change towards girl child**
- **FY 2025–26 Budget: ₹29.84 crore**
- **Utilisation (up to Dec 2025): ₹28.04 crore**
- **Beneficiaries:**
 - **34,372 (1st child instalment)**
 - **37,788 (2nd child instalment)**