

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

No. WCD-WE&A-SCHM-0006-2025- 17809 /WCD, Date: 05-08-2026

NOTIFICATION

Subject : Implementation of the “Mukhyamantri Kanya Bibaha Yojana (MKBY)”, a flagship scheme of Government of Odisha.

With due approval of the State Government, “Mukhyamantri Kanya Bibaha Yojana (MKBY)” has been launched on 03.02.2026.

The scheme aims to promote social security and gender equity by providing financial assistance to support marriages with dignity among economically disadvantaged families, encouraging widow remarriage, and preventing child marriages. It seeks to discourage dowry practices, promote simple and graceful marriages, encourage legal and timely registration of marriages, and reduce financial distress associated with wedding expenses, thereby empowering beneficiaries with dignity and informed choice over a period of 5 years from 2025-26 to 2029-30.

1. Benefits under MKBY:

Under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Bibaha Yojana, each eligible bride will receive total financial assistance of Rs.60,000/- to support her marriage and ease the financial burden on her family.

- a. Out of this total amount, Rs.45,000/- will be provided as direct financial assistance to the beneficiary.
- b. The financial support will be disbursed through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system to ensure transparency, efficiency, and elimination of intermediaries whereby the funds will be directly credited to a single-holder savings bank account that must be in the name of the beneficiary.

Component	Amount	Remarks
Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)	Rs.45,000/-	Transferred directly to bride's bank account within 7 working days of the marriage registration for ensuring financial independence and empowerment.
Event Management by NGO	Rs.15,000/-	To be allocated to implementing NGO/agency for logistics like decoration, refreshments, seating arrangements, and official coordination.

2. Target Beneficiaries and Coverage:

- a. The scheme will be operationalized in all districts of the State.
- b. The scheme will be operational for the period 2025-2026 to 2029-2030.
- c. The scheme will cover couples who fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed under the scheme within the budget available for the scheme.

3. Beneficiary eligibility criteria:

- a. Both the bride and groom must be permanent residents of Odisha.
- b. Age criteria:

Groom: 21 to 35

Bride: 18 to 35
- c. The bride and groom shall preferably be persons being married for the first time.
- d. However, a woman who is a widow and is seeking remarriage shall also be considered for coverage under the scheme.
- e. Only one eligible woman per family shall be covered under the scheme.
- f. The bride or the groom themselves or either of their families should not have received marriage assistance from either the State or Central Government schemes.

4. Prioritization of beneficiaries

Applications shall be processed on a first-come, first served basis. Prioritization of the beneficiaries shall be done in case the number of applications exceeds the number of beneficiaries to be covered in a district. Beneficiaries from households receiving financial assistance under social protection schemes of the state and the central government shall be given priority in the following order.

- a. Widows
- b. Persons with disabilities (PwDs)
- c. Orphans
- d. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), Scheduled Tribes(STs), Scheduled Castes(SCs)
- e. Applicants from low-income households (Households with annual income less than Rs.60,000/-)

5. Beneficiary Identification & Required Documents

- a. Eligible couples shall submit their physical applications to the designated

Implementing Agencies selected under the scheme at the districts.

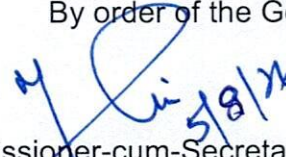
- b. The IA will be responsible for receiving, collating, and maintaining the record of applications from all potential beneficiaries within their assigned areas. Records of beneficiaries should include personal details, category, socio- economic background, photograph of marriage, marital status etc.
- c. Upon receipt of applications, the IA will conduct preliminary verification including background checks and ensure completeness of forms. They will coordinate with local Anganwadi Workers for on-ground assistance wherever necessary.
- d. IAs shall scrutinize and verify the applications for eligibility, correctness of documents, and compliance with scheme guidelines.
- e. After verification, the IA will submit the list of eligible beneficiaries to the DSWO for placing it before the District-level Committee chaired by the District Magistrate for final approval.
- f. An undertaking shall be obtained from both the bride and the groom at the time of application, declaring that they have not availed or applied for any similar marriage assistance benefits under any State or Central Government schemes.
- g. Each applicant will be required to submit a self-declaration confirming their eligibility under the scheme.
- h. Mandatory documents to be submitted by the applicants:

i. Aadhaar card of both bride and groom
ii. Single-holder bank account passbook in the name of the bride
In case of prioritization of beneficiaries, the following documents may be submitted by the beneficiaries wherever applicable:
i. Death certificate of husband in case of widows
ii. Disability certificate
iii. Caste Certificate
iv. Income Certificate

6. Scheme Conditions

- a. Benefits under the marriage assistance scheme shall be given on "first come, first serve basis".
- b. Group marriages shall be conducted at a suitable function at the district level.
- c. Only eligible and approved couples will be enrolled in the scheduled marriage ceremony.
- d. The cut-off for inclusion/ selection shall be 60 days before the scheduled date to allow for verification and planning.
- e. Registrar of Marriages shall be present at the venue of marriage and handover marriage certificates to the beneficiaries.
- f. DBT to the beneficiary shall be done within 7 working days of the marriage registration.

By order of the Governor

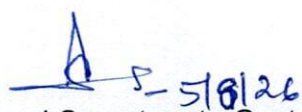

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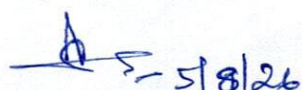
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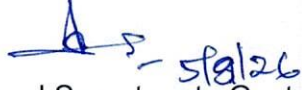
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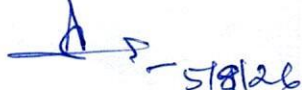
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