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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

### Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

#### Notification

1/101/2025-26-DEPwD/Sch/Marriage Award/1792

Date : 17-Feb-2026

Government of Goa is pleased to amend Rules regulating the Grant of Awards for Marriage with Disabled Persons with the following scheme called as Divyang Bandhan Yojana, which is hereby published for general information of public, which shall come into force with the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

1. *Title.*— This scheme shall be called Divyang Bandhan Yojana as a grant of award to a Married couple in which either of the parties or both are Persons with disabilities.

This scheme shall be applicable throughout the State of Goa and shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Government of Goa.

2. *Objective.*— The objective of this scheme is to encourage Persons without disabilities to marry persons with disabilities as a life partner.

3. *Applicability.*— This scheme shall be applicable to a married couple in which either one or both the married partners are person with disabilities with a minimum of 40% disability and the combined annual income certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a.

4. *Definitions.*—

I. Government:- Government means the Government of Goa.

II. Director:- Director means the Director of Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa.

III. Persons with Disabilities:- As defined under The Schedule as per clause (zc) of Section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and its further amendments.

5. *Conditions of Eligibility.*— (i) The applicant should be a resident of Goa for the last 15 years and shall be eligible for award only if he/she applied within three years from the date of their marriage.

(ii) The marriage should take place in Goa or registered in Goa and both the husband and wife should be living together for a period not less than two years.

(iii) At least one of the parties to the marriage should be person with disabilities.

(iv) The combined annual income certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a.

6. *Rate and mode of payment of Award.*— (i) The eligible married couple will be granted monetary award for the purpose to the extent to Rs. 1,00,000/- which shall be paid to the partner who is person with disabilities (In case, both are persons with disabilities the amount shall be jointly paid in the name of both partners).

(ii) The grant of the award will be sanctioned by the Director of Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and will be drawn and disbursed to the party concerned.

7. *Mode of applying.*— The application for grant of award for marriage with Persons with Disabilities under this scheme shall be made in form as prescribed in Appendix-I. The application should be submitted to this Department through the respective Block Development Officer. The application shall be signed by both wife and husband and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) Marriage Certificate: Marriage Certificate issued by the Sub-Registrar of the Registration Department of the Government of Goa showing that the marriage has been registered in State of Goa.

(2) UDID Card/Enrolment slip.

(3) A Certificate from the concerned Block Development Officer in Appendix-II to the effect that both the husband and wife are living together for not less than two years.

(4) A Declaration in Appendix-III to be jointly signed by both the parties that they will not resort to separation or breakage of marriage except under legal provisions.

(5) Pre Receipt of Rs. 1,00,000/- duly Countersigned by BDO.

(6) Bank Pass book copy (Joint A/c in case both are Persons with Disabilities).

8. *Other Terms and Conditions.*— (i) The grant of award under this scheme cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

(ii) The combined annual income certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a.

(iii) Bonafide of the applicant will be enquired into by the Block Development Officer and the Enquiry report in Appendix-II along with the application shall be forwarded to the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for consideration.

(iv) If a person who has received the grant of award contracts another marriage involving a person with disabilities partner after dissolving the first marriage on account of which he/she has availed the grant of the award, then he/she along with his/her partner will not be again eligible for the grant of award, on account of the second marriage, under these scheme.

9. *Grant of Award.*— (i) The applications received shall be scrutinized by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

(ii) The Director of Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be sanctioning authority under these scheme and his/her decision as regard to the selection or rejection for the grant of award shall be final and binding.

10. *Cancellation of Award.*— The award shall be cancelled if at any stage the information furnished by the applicant is found to be incorrect or that the award has been obtained by suppressing any material facts. In such a case, the amount award shall be recovered in full as arrears of Land Revenue.

11. *Review and Revamp of the Scheme.*— The scheme shall come into force from the date of this notification and shall remain in operation until further orders. However, the scheme shall be reviewed and suitably revamped after a period of three (3) years from the date of its notification, based on performance, feedback, and emerging needs.

12. *Interpretation and Relaxation.*— i. The Director of Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be the final authority concerning the interpretation of these rules.

ii. The Government may relax any of the provision of this scheme for good and sufficient reasons.

This issue with the approval of Finance (Exp) Division vide U.O. No. 1400113297 dated 07-01-2026.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

*Varsha Naik*, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (DEPwD).

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APPENDIX-I

**Application for Divyang Bandhan Yojana**

To,  
Block Development Officer,

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sir,  
We, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for grant of award  
under Divyang Bandhan Yojana Scheme and furnish the full particulars as mentioned below:-

1. Name of Husband :
2. Name of Wife :
3. Residential Address :
4. Details about Registration of Marriage :
- (i) Marriage Certificate No. :

- (ii) Date of Registration of Marriage :
- (iii) Name and place of Registration Office :
5. Aadhaar Card No. :
6. UDID Card No. :
7. PAN Details :

We, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ state that we are living  
together for a period of not less than 2 years and do solemnly affirm that the information furnished above is  
true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Place: Signature of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Signature of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX - II

I certified that on enquiry the particulars given above are found to be correct. Further, it is certified that  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Seeking the grant of award under the scheme “Divyang Bandhan Yojana” and are living together as  
husband and wife for not less than two years.

Place:

Date: Signature with official seal  
Block Development Officer

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APPENDIX – III

Declaration to be signed by both Husband and Wife who have availed award for the Marriage under the  
“Divyang Bandhan Yojana”.

DECLARATION

We, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that we are  
legally married on \_\_\_\_\_ (date, day and year) and are both residing together as  
husband and wife since the day of marriage.

We further declare that we shall not resort to separation from each other which will ultimately lead to breakage of our marriage, except under legal provision in which case we jointly swear and hold ourselves granted under the scheme either above, to the government.

Signature

(1) Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Place:

Date:

Place:

Signature with official seal  
Block Development Officer

**Check list duly attested to be enclosed (Divyang Bandhan Yojana)**

1. UDID card/Enrolment slip
2. The combined annual income certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a.
3. Appendix II and Appendix III Form
4. Marriage Certificate
5. Disability Certificate
6. Aadhaar Card
7. Pre Receipt of Rs. 1,00,000/- duly Countersigned by BDO
8. Bank Pass book copy (Joint A/c in case both are Persons with Disabilities).

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