

### STATE AFTER CARE HOME (GIRLS)

This is a State Scheme started in 1982 under which State After Care Home For Girls was set up at Karnal. In this institution the girls/women between the age group of 12-40 years discharged from correctional and non-correctional institutions, whose father/husband is under going long term imprisonment and have no means of maintenance, rescued from moral danger or unattached women and exposed to moral danger are admitted under proper orders of the competent court. The inmates are provided free boarding, lodging, clothing, education, training and medical facilities and efforts are made to rehabilitate them by different manners:-

1. By arranging marriages where possible with suitable person.
2. By providing marriage grant of Rs.15000/- (Rs.12000/- to meet marriage expenses and Rs.3000/- in the shape of fixed deposit) in favour of girls.
3. By imparting them training in a trade according to their eligibility.
4. By securing jobs in the Govt./semi Govt. and private institution.
5. By restoring them to their lawful guardians or relatives etc.

The intake capacity of this institution is 25. The inmates are kept under the supervision of a Superintendent who is incharge of this institution. The Superintendent is also responsible for arranging training in different trades like stitching, embroidery, knitting etc. for the inmates through voluntary agencies. At present 68 inmates are staying in this Home as per report received for the m/o December 2012. There is a budget provision of Rs.42.15 lakh in the current Financial Year 2012-13.

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT  
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

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No. 3534-SW-I-81.—The Governor of Haryana is pleased to formulate "The Haryana State After Care Home for Girls Rules" which shall come into operation with immediate effect.

2. *Aim.*—The aim of these rules is to regulate the administration of the State After Care Home for Girls in order to provide institutional care, protection, social security, maintenance, education and training to such of the girls/women who have no means of subsistence, or have been rescued from moral danger or are exposed to moral danger with a view to make them self-reliant and become ultimately a useful member of the society.

3. *Location.*—The State After Care Home for girls shall be located at any place or may be chosen by the State Government from time to time.

4. *Eligibility.*—The following categories of girls/women shall be eligible for admission to this institution :—

- (1) discharge from correctional and non-correctional institutions ;
- (2) whose father/husband is under long term imprisonment and have no means of Maintenance ;
- (3) who has been rescued from moral danger or unattached women ;
- (4) who is exposed to moral danger ; and
- (5) any other hard case which the Director Social Welfare may consider fit for admission.

*Notes.*—

1. No women/girl shall be detained in the institution against her wishes except when sent by a competent Court of Law ;
2. Persons suffering from mental disorder or contagious diseases shall not be admitted
5. *Age-limits.*—Girls/Women below the age of 12 years and above the age of 40 years shall not be eligible for admission.

6. *Admission.*—(1) Women/Girls discharged from Correctional and non-correctional institutions shall be admitted after obtaining an attested copy of the application made by them at the time of their admission into correctional and non-correctional institutions together with a discharge certificate therefrom indicating the conduct of the individual during their stay therein ;

(2) Women/Girls rescued from moral danger shall be admitted under proper orders of the competent court ;

(3) Women/Girls exposed to moral danger and seeking admission, shall be required to file an affidavit within a week of their admission stating the factual position of her case before a Magistrate, 1st Class. The final decision whether or not to keep her in the institution would be taken thereafter by the Home Superintendent.

(4) Women/Girls whose husband/father is under-going long term imprisonment and have no source of subsistence shall be admitted on the recommendations of the District authorities.

7. *Medical Check-up.*—Every women/girl after her admission would be got medically examined from a competent Medical Officer and the report on her condition would be safely kept in the institution.

8. *Power to sanction admission.*—The Superintendent of the State After Care Home for Women/Girls shall be competent to make admissions into the Home in accordance with the provisions of rule 4 to 6. The Superintendent will place the case for final admission before the Advisory Committee as constituted under rule 15. This Committee will also decide the cases of disposal of inmates who are recommended to be discharged or removed from the Home on disciplinary grounds.

9. *Maintenance.*—The women/girls admitted into the Home shall be provided free food, clothing, shelter, medical aid, education and training. The scale of diet and clothing/bedding shall be as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

10. *Education.*—Illiterate women/girl shall be imparted education and training in some useful crafts. Brilliant women/girls shall be sent for higher education. Expenditure on school fees, books and stationery, school uniforms, food, tools and equipment in the case of these under training will be provided at Government expenses.

11. *Training*.—Arrangements would be made for imparting training to the suitable inmates in <sup>trade</sup> like Auxiliary nurse-cum-mid wives, Gram-astikas, teachers, clerk, typist, Stenographers and music etc. For this purpose admission of the inmates will be arranged in the Government/Semi-Government Institute. The expenditure on such training will be borne by the State Government.

12. *Discipline*.—The inmates of the institution shall be required to maintain discipline and good character. No women/girl shall absent herself from the institution without prior written permission of the Superintendent. It will be obligatory for the inmates to maintain cleanliness. Any inmate found misbehaving and acting in an indisciplined manner and improper conduct shall be discharged from the institution.

13. *Rehabilitation*.—The inmates will be rehabilitated as far as possible in the following manner :—

- (1) By arranging marriages where possible with suitable person.
- (2) By providing them training in any field after which the inmates can take up employment and become economically self-sufficient. There would be production units attached with each Home, which would be run as industrial co-operative units of which the intending inmates will be the members. Workers who are not resident of the Home may also be permitted to join the Production unit with the approval of the Government. Production Units will arrange for the training of the inmates in the craft, provided therein.
- (3) By securing jobs in the Government/Semi-Government and private institution.
- (4) By restoring them to their lawful guardians or relatives.

*Note*.—After Care Home is not meant for indefinite institutionalisation. The aim is to enable each person to leave the Home as early as possible and encourage her to live in the community while maintaining contact with her through follow up services. In this way the Home can serve a large number of people. The cases of all the inmates shall be reviewed once a year by a committee, which shall be constituted by the Government. The main object of the review shall be to find out if any inmate has attained such a standard that she is able to stand independently on her legs without Government assistance.

14. *Grants*.—A suitable grant which shall be determined by Government, shall be given at the time of discharge of the inmates from the institution for starting craft centre or small industry.

15. *Leave*.—Leave to the inmates shall be granted to the extent of one month in a year except in the case of these admitted under orders of the Law Courts. Each spell of leave shall not be beyond 10 days. In exceptionally hard cases, leave exceeding 10 days at a time shall be granted with the prior sanction of the Director, Social Welfare or any other officer duly authorised in this behalf.

16. *Advisory Committee*.—An Advisory Committee consisting of 5 to 7 members including a Chairman shall be constituted to guide the administration of the institution on various matters relating to administration, admission, rehabilitation and training programmes. The quorum of the committee will consist of three members. The committee shall include at least 33% of Social Workers besides other members. The Committee should at least meet once in three months. Additional meetings can be called by the Chairman or at the request of the 1/3 of members. The Advisory Committee may constitute once or more sub-committees for carrying out of its functions.

17. *Financial Power*.—The Advisory Committee may accept the donations offered by any philanthropist for helping the After Care Homes. Such funds should be utilised for the welfare of the inmates of the After Care Home in accordance with the decision of the Committee.

18. *Financial and other Powers*.—All the financial and administrative powers will vest with the State Government and the Superintendent of the Home will enjoy all the powers that are delegated to him/her under the various State Government Rules as drawing and disbursing officers.

19. *Financial Powers of Superintendent*.—The Superintendent will also be authorised to incur and expenditure of Rs 500/- on the marriage of women/girls inmates. This expenditure will be debited to the Budget of the Institutions.

20. *Probation Services*.—A provision shall be made for attaching Probation Officer with the Home whose duty would be to follow up and keep contact with the rehabilitated inmates and to guide them suitably. He would study the individual and her family's social environments, the strong and weak points of their character. He would also verify the antecedents of the persons to whom the rescued women are proposed to be restored. He would submit his report to the Director, Social Welfare through the Superintendent of the Home for necessary suitable action.

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