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NOTIFICATION

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to notify the "Mukhya Mantri Sukh Ashray Kosh" and "Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Scheme" in the State as per Annexure-A & B respectively, with immediate effect.

By order,

M. Sudha Devi  
Secretary (SJ&E) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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3. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P.
5. The Joint Secretary (GAD) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Director, WCD, Cedar Home, Brent Wood Estate, Shimla-01 and Director, ESOMSA, Kasumpti Shimla-09. It is informed to appoint the WAPCOS as Project Management Consultancy for Adarsh Gram Sukh Ashray Complex Sundernagar District Mandi and Jwalamukhi, District Kangra and up-gradation of existing infrastructure from end to end at the rates fixed by the Authorized Officer as approved by the CMM in its meeting held on 16-02-2023.
7. All District Programme Officer/Child Development Project Officers
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## Annexure "A"

### Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh

1. **Title**

There shall be a fund to be known as Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh at the State Headquarters under the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh.
2. **Contribution towards the fund**
  - I. Government of Himachal Pradesh will contribute towards this fund to build corpus of Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh.
  - II. Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh may receive voluntary donations, contributions or subscriptions as may be made by any individual or organization or funds or funds under Corporate Social Responsibility, whether or not for any specific purpose.
3. **State Level Committee to Administer the Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh**

The Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh shall be maintained and administered by the Social Justice & Empowerment Department of the State Government through the Directorate of Women and Child Development. The State Level Committee comprising of following officers will be responsible for managing administrative and financial affairs of Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh:

  - i. Minister SJ & E as Chairperson
  - ii. Secretary of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment.
  - iii. Secretary, Finance
  - iv. Secretary, Education.
  - v. Secretary, Technical Education.
  - vi. Director, ESOMSA
  - vii. Director, Women and Child Development as Member Secretary.

Committee shall meet at least once in six months or earlier as per requirement.
4. **Utilization of Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh.**

Funds of the Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh may be utilized by the State Government for the following purposes, namely:-

- (i) Sponsoring of higher and professional studies, skill development courses, vocational courses, coaching etc. in ITIs, AIIMS, IITs, NITs, IIMs, and Nursing Colleges etc. including education in reputed foreign institutions recognized by Govt. of India (only meritorious persons), of orphans, ex-residents of the Child Care Institutions / children covered under foster care & sponsorship/ beneficiaries of Mission Vatsalya / State Home-cum-Protective Homes for women (Nari Sewa Sadan) and Shakti Sadan.
- (ii) If any individual/ organization / company wants to sponsor the entire expenditure per annum being incurred in the boarding/ lodging, education and other components of the scheme for one year or any number of years, they will be allowed to sponsor for the same under Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh.
- (iii) Providing additional facilities related to health & wellness, sports and recreation etc. in the Child Care Institutions, State Home-cum-Protective Home for women (Nari Sewa Sadan), Shakti Home and Old Age Homes. If required the residents of these homes will be referred to recognized Govt. & private Institutions of repute.
- (iv) Providing subsistence support to the children leaving Child Care Institution, children getting out of foster care/ sponsorship on attaining the age of eighteen years and to the destitute women leaving State Home-cum-Protective Home for women (Nari Sewa Sadan) and Shakti Sadan.
- (v) Providing after care facilities and entrepreneurship / start up assistance to persons who have crossed the age of eighteen within institutionalized care or non-institutional care under Mission Vatsalya, destitute women leaving State Home-cum-Protective Home for women (Nari Sewa Sadan) and Shakti Sadan, for starting up small businesses to support reintegration into mainstream life;
- (vi) Rehabilitation of children in difficult circumstances.
- (vii) Supporting programmes for the welfare of the children in the Child Care Institutions, destitute women in State Home-cum-Protective Home for women (Nari Sewa Sadan), Shakti Sadan, elderly persons in Old Age Homes and other orphans which can't be carried out under any existing welfare scheme for these categories.
- (viii) Organizing of annual educational tour/ excursion tour to the different places of

interest in India for the residents of the Child Care Institutions annually.

- (ix) Organizing of tours for the residents of the Old Age Homes and Shelter Homes for women to famous places of the State or outside the State annually.
- (x) Any other programme or activity, as approved by the State Level Committee to support the holistic growth, development and well-being of orphans, children/ orphans covered under JJ Act/ Mission Vatsalya, the destitute women /residents/ ex-residents of State Home-cum-Protective Home (Nari Sewa Sadan), Shakti Sadan and Old Age Homes.
- (xi) Expenditure on these services will be regulated as per the detailed Scheme guidelines formulated under Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Yojna.

**5. Custody of the Account**

The account of the Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh shall be operated by the Directorate of Women and Child Development.

**6. Tax Clause:**

All contributions made to the Mukhya Mantri Suka Aashray Kosh by any individual or organization shall be eligible of tax exemption under Section 80G of Income Tax Act subject to other conditions laid out in the said statute.

**7. Audit**

The account of the Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh will be audited by office of Pr. Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh (HPAG).

Details of donors shall be declared and uploaded in the portal at the end of the financial year.

## Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Aashray Yojna

### 1. Introduction

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is committed to the protection of weaker sections of the society. There are a huge number of children (specially orphans), women and elderly generation in the State who are isolated, neglected, vulnerable to exploitation and in need of care and protection.

Children (0-18 years) constitute approximately 32%, women 49.28% and Elderly Persons 10.24%, of total population of the State of Himachal Pradesh. Many in these population groups are exposed to emotional neglect, lack of physical and socio-economic support. Two thousand seven hundred children who are orphans, semi orphans, specially abled and Seven Hundred and Sixty six destitute/ deserted women have been identified by the Department who are in need of an intervention to provide support to them.

Since inception the Department through its Directorate of Women and Child Development (WCD) and Directorate of ESOMSA has been striving hard to ensure that children in need of care and protection or conflict with law, destitute women and elderly person are adequately taken care of and provided with the necessary care, protection and support. The department is committed to India's adoption of United Nations declaration on survival, protection and development of children in 1990. India has also acceded to the convention on the Rights of Child (CRC) on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1992 as a result of which the Government has adopted Nation Charter for Children 2003 and National Children Policy (as revised in 2013). Although many social legislations and schemes have been enacted for the categories mentioned above, yet there is a need to bridge existing gaps in the ongoing schemes.

The role of the State Government in respect of such persons has been that of a foster parent who has not only provided for their subsistence but also has concern for their future lives. Need of the hour is to introduce an umbrella scheme that will not only protect children in difficult circumstances, destitute women and the elderly persons but also reduce their vulnerabilities to situations that lead to abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and separation from mainstream society. It will also help the children in difficult circumstances and destitute women to pursue higher education and enhance their skills by providing for better opportunities in their life and integrate them into the main stream of the society.

### 2. Existing Schemes

#### Schemes for Children

**2.1 Mission Vatsalya Scheme:** Mission Vatsalya is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented in the State with the cost sharing ratio of 90:10 between the Central

Government and the State Government/ NGOs. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 form the basic framework for implementation of the Mission Vatsalya. It is a roadmap to achieve development and child protection priorities. It lays emphasis on child rights, advocacy and awareness along with strengthening of the juvenile justice care and protection system with the motto to '**leave no child behind**'. Main components of Mission Vatsalya are as under:

**2.1.i. Institutional Care:** All children in need of care and protection and the children in conflict with law are housed in the Child Care Institutions registered under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Presently, **43 Child Care Institutions** are being run in the State. Presently the Department is providing free boarding, lodging, clothing, counseling, health and educational facilities to 1383 children in these Child Care Institutions, which may vary from time to time.

**2.1.ii. Non-Institutional Care**

**2.1.ii.a Foster Care / Sponsorship Programme:** Under this component an amount of Rs. 4000/- per child per month is sanctioned in favour of foster parents for maintenance of orphan children. Presently, 1030 children are placed under Foster Care/Sponsorship Programme.

**2.1.ii.b After Care Programme:-** Under this programme, boys/girls who have to leave child care institutions after completing 18 years of age, are provided admission in Government institutions like industrial training institutes, colleges, nursing colleges, etc. to acquire employable skills. The entire expenditure on training (including training fees, hostel fees) is borne by the Government. Apart from this, an amount of Rs. 4000/- per month per child is provided as financial support for meeting the basic needs. This facility is provided after attaining the age of 18 years upto the age of 21 years and upto 23 years in exceptional cases to the children restored from CCIs.

**2.2 PM Cares for Children Scheme:** The scheme is 100% funded by the Government of India for COVID orphans and following provisions have been made in the scheme:-

- i. A lump sum pro-rata amount is transferred directly into the post office account of such children who lost their parents to COVID-19. So that the corpus for each beneficiary becomes Rs. 10 lakh at the time of attaining 18 years of age.
- ii. The children will receive monthly stipend from the interest of corpus of Rs.10 lakhs from 18 years to 23 years of age.
- iii. The child will be able to draw the corpus fund of Rs. 10 lakh after attaining the age of 23 years.
- iv. Scholarship of Rs. 20,000/- per child per annum is being provided by the Govt. of India to school going children for their education, who are in the age group of 6 to 18 years.
- v. **Ex- gratia:-** Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 50,000/- has been provided as ex-gratia to 30 children who lost their parents during Covid-19 by the State Government.

**2.3 Mukhya Mantri Bal Udhar Yojna:** This scheme is being implemented by the State Government to supplement erstwhile Child Protection Services scheme (now Mission Vatsalya). Main components of this scheme are as under:

- 2.3.i. Rehabilitation Assistance:** Children who are unable to get placement or admission in any professional/ vocational/ academic education after class XII or after attaining the age of 21 are provided one time rehabilitation assistance of Rs. 35,000/- for starting up small self-employment activities.
- 2.3. ii. Scholarship:-** Annual scholarship @ Rs. 10,000 per child is provided to the top 10 boys and 10 girls living in the Child Care Institutions for securing top two positions each in class 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 10+1 and 10+2 in order to encourage them to attain higher education.
- 2.3.iii. Additional Assistance under foster Care:-** Rs. 500 per child per month is sanctioned on account of additional assistance from the State Government in favour of children placed under foster care and is deposited in her / his bank account or post office account to be matured and drawn by the child after attaining the age of 18 years.
- 2.3.iv Salaries / remunerations:-** Salaries / remunerations of the Security Guards and additional posts in Child Care Institutions (which are not covered under Mission

Vatsalya) are provided under this scheme. Additional grants towards salaries (over and above Mission Vatsalya Norms in r/o Govt. Run and HPSCCW run CCI's), office expenses, foods, clothes, beddings etc. are also provided under this scheme.

**2.3.v. Grant-in-aid:-** Grant-in-aid to the HP State Council for Child Welfare for its Head Quarter Establishment (under salary as well as non-salary component) is also provided under this scheme.

Any gap funding of Mission Vatsalaya is also done under this scheme.

### **Schemes for Women**

**2.4 Mukhya Mantri Kanyadan Yojna:** Under this scheme, marriage grant of Rs. 51,000/- is provided for marriage of a girl whose father or both the parents is not alive, or whose father is alive but he is incapacitated or bedridden because of physical or mental disability including prolonged illness, or whose mother is deserted/ divorced women and to the residents/ former residents of State Home-cum-Protective Homes (Nari Seva Sadan)/ Child Care Institutions having no regular source of income. The grant under this scheme is provided to the aforementioned provided their annual income does not exceed Rs. 50,000/- (excluding MNREGA income).

**2.5 Mukhya Mantri Shagun Yojna:** Mukhya Mantri Shagun Yojna has been started w.e.f. 01.04.2021, with the objective to provide financial assistance for marriage of girls belonging to BPL families and are permanent residents of Himachal Pradesh. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 31,000/- is provided as marriage grant assistance.

**2.6 State Home-cum-Protective Home (Nari Sewa Sadan):** The State Government has set up a State Home-cum-Protective Home (Nari Sewa Sadan) at Mashobra (Shimla) to provide shelter, food, clothing, education, training etc. to young widows and deserted women without any support, orphan / unattached girls / women who are in moral danger and in whose favour court has passed order to lodge them in this



home, mentally challenged/ disabled women who are treated or under treatment from State run Mental Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre and not looked after by the parents relatives and have no support and are in need of care & protection. The children upto the age of 6 years of age can stay in the home with their mothers.

**2.7 Shakti Sadan:** under this scheme temporary shelter, maintenance, legal and rehabilitative services are being provided to women and girls rendered homeless due to family discord, crime, violence and mental stress etc.

### **Schemes for Elderly Person**

**2.8 Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens:** This is Centrally Sponsored Scheme, grant-in-aid is released to voluntary organizations in the ratio of 90:10 (Govt of India: NGO) under this scheme. In the Old Age Homes, the destitute old people are provided free accommodation, food, medical, entertainment etc and various facilities are provided to senior citizens. The organizations is allowed to incur the expenditure on the maintenance of old age home for 25 beneficiaries. At present 01 NGO is getting grant in aid under this scheme.

**2.9 An Integrated Scheme for Older Persons:** In order to provide protection and care to the destitute elderly people in the state, State Government is providing grant-in-aid to NGOs for following:

- (i) Maintenance of Old Age Homes to provide food, care and shelter for minimum number of 25 destitute elderly persons.
- (ii) Running of Day Care Centres to provide day care, educational, entertainment opportunities, health care and companionship for minimum number of 25 Elderly Persons
- (iii) Helplines and Counselling for Elderly Persons.
- (iv) Varishth Nagrik Suvidha Kendras (Day Care)

At present 06 Old Age Homes, 22 Day-Care Centers, 01 Helpline and Counseling Center and 05 Varishth Nagrik Suvidha Kendras are being provided grant in aid to voluntary organization

## **2.10 A Scheme for Enabling, Empowering and Mainstreaming of the Specially Abled (ASEEM)**

To empower and enable the specially abled persons through access special education or by setting up special School for Visually and Hearing impaired/ homes for mentally challenged children/ adult to become productive citizen State Government is providing assistance to set up Homes/ Schools. Following programme is covered under the scheme:-

### **Scheme of Special Education for Visually and Speech and Hearing impaired Children. (NGO Sector)**

The scheme is to setup special schools for visually, speech & hearing impaired children who have special educational needs and help them to develop their potential to the full, achieve as much independence as they are capable of, become well adjusted individual in community. Under this scheme visually and hearing impaired children between age group of 6-11 years with severe/ profound disability is eligible for admission in special school. The NGO is provided grant in aid for the running and maintenance of Special School for 25 residents.

- 3. Need for New Scheme:** It has been felt that there is a scope for improving the facilities being provided under existing schemes being run for children in need of care (orphans, semi- orphans and specially abled) or children in conflict with law, destitute women, and elderly persons.

It has been envisaged to improve the quality standards of facilities/ services being provided to these categories of population and follow an integrated approach to focus on their psycho-social needs and provide them with parent like support.

To improve the services/ facilities being provided and to bridge the gaps under existing schemes a new scheme namely **Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Aashray Yojna** has been formulated in the State.

#### **4. Vision:-**

Family is the heart of a society. A child feels secure in a family environment and enjoys a sense of belonging. We intend to give our children an opportunity to build long lasting relationships providing a family environment in our institutions as every child needs a parent to care for and to grow up naturally with siblings and supportive community.

Our Government is committed to the all round development of the children by fulfilling their physical, emotional, financial, social and psychological needs. We aim to provide a secure homely institutions, child centered education, nutrition, health along with inculcating moral and ethical values. Children shall be nourished, nurtured and educated in best schools, vocational institutions, technical and professional colleges till the age of 21/27 to enable them to support themselves on their own. We strive to shape our children as dynamic and responsible citizens, who shall contribute towards national growth and development.

Other under privileged sections like, homeless/destitute women and elderly people of the society who lack adequate support from their families, are also the responsibility of a Welfare State. The vision of the State is to provide for institutional/ non-institutional care to all needy sections of the society and to cater for not only their basic needs but also provide for a homely, cohesive and congenial environment like that of a family where the residents are safe, happy and healthy.

#### **5. Objectives:-**

- a) To provide comprehensive care and protection to orphan, semi-orphan, specially abled & other children, Ekal nari/ destitute women in need of care and protection till they become self-reliant and financially independent.
- b) To provide higher education and professional education to the children who are already covered under Child Protection Services Scheme, Foster Care/Sponsorship Programme and After Care Programme in the State.
- c) To provide skill development trainings to Ekal nari/ destitute women in State Home for Women & Shakti Sadan and to provide assistance for rehabilitation.

- d) To create State of art facilities and to improve the quality of life and to maintain dignity of children, destitute women and elderly persons by providing psycho-social support and emotional connect.
- e) To create an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of children in CCIs, destitute women and elderly person.

## 6. Definitions:-

- a) **“child”** means a person who has not completed eighteen years of age
- b) **“child in need of care and protection”** means a child as defined in section 2 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- c) **“child in conflict with law”** means a child as defined in section 2 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- d) **“orphan”** in this scheme means, a child/ person till the age of 27 years:
  - i. who is without biological or adoptive parents, subject to the production of death certificate of both parents from competent authority.
  - ii. whose biological or adoptive parent is medically incapacitated of taking care of the child, subject to the production of medical certificate from Medical Board.
- e) **“Ekal Nari”** under this scheme shall mean :

Any women who is 35 years of age and is in the categories mentioned below:

  - i. A woman whose husband is missing for last seven years or more, subject to production of certificate annually from SHO of the concerned area.

Or
  - ii. A woman who has not married (subject to production of certificate annually).

Or
  - iii. Woman who has been deserted/abandoned by her husband and has been living separately from her husband or living with her parents (certificate to be issued by concerned BDO on report of Panchayat Secretary and Pradhan).
  - iv. Residents of Nari Seva Sadan and Shakti Sadan (No age bar).

## **7. Major Components of Scheme :-**

### **7.1 Infrastructure Development-**

**7.1.a Upgradation of existing infrastructure:-** In order to provide state of art facilities to the children, destitute women and elderly persons there is a need to upgrade the existing infrastructure of the Government Institutions such as Child Care Institutions, Shelter Homes for women and Old Age Home. The existing physical infrastructure of the these institutions including premises shall be integrated, upgraded, renovated where ever feasible and applicable, for which funds will be provided under this scheme for the following:

**7.1.a.i. One room with attached toilet:** - Presently, 12-15 children are accommodated in one room. Under this scheme existing infrastructure will be expanded so that one room is earmarked for 3 children with one attached toilet wherever feasible. For children less than 6 years of age, small rooms with capacity of not more than 2 children (cots) along with a common room and activity room shall be built wherever possible.

**7.1.a.ii. Recreation/activity rooms:-** Recreation / activity room will be established in the institutions alongwith the facilities like Play Station with 3D games, Smart TV, Chess Board, Carom Board etc.

**7.1.a.iii. Common Room :-** Common room in the institution will be furnished with sitting area in which smart TV with internet connection, DTH connection, Music System etc. shall be provided.

**7.1.a.iv. Music Room :-** Music room shall be established with musical instruments such as tabla, guitar, keyboard, drums, harmonium etc.

**7.1.a.v Smart Class Rooms/ Coaching rooms:-** Smart Class Rooms/ Coaching rooms with Smart Board with touch technology and projector will be established in Child Care Institutions.

**7.1.a.vi Indoor and outdoor sports facilities:** - Indoor games like table tennis and badminton etc. shall be provided in CCIs wherever feasible. Play ground with outdoor sports facilities and courts for the sports like Volley Ball, Basketball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Lawn Tennis, Badminton etc. shall be established in the institutions.

**7.1.a.vii Medical room with nurse:** - Medical room with all basic equipments like BP monitor, Thermometer, Tongue Depressor, Stethoscope, Oximeter and first aid box etc. shall be established in the Institutions. Nurse will be engaged in CCIs. Doctor will visits the institutions every week and on call service will be available 24x7.

**7.1.a.viii Mental Health & Wellness:-** In-campus health facilities for upkeep of mental health and well being shall be provided. Online/ personal counseling by the psychologist/ psychiatrist/ counselor empanelled by the department from private sector also if need be, shall be provided once in a month. If required, the residents of these homes will be referred to recognized Govt. Institutions of repute such as Distt./ State level Hospitals, Indira Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Deendyal Upadhyay Zonal Hospital, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College , PGI, AIIMS etc.

**7.1.a.ix Up gradation of Kitchen & its facilities:-** Space constraints are there in some institutions. For optimum use of every nook and corner of the space, modular kitchen shall be made wherever feasible to maximise functionality and augment storage systems seamlessly. Separate stores for monthly and daily supplies shall be attached to the kitchen. A separate washing area will also be made.

**7.1.a.x Paneled walls:-** Existing facilities of the institutions, wherever feasible will be upgraded with paneled walls.

**7.1.a.xi Tiled/ wooden flooring:** - Existing facilities of the institutions will be upgraded with tiled/ wooden flooring.

**7.1.a.xii Heating systems /Air conditioners:-** Heating systems/ air- conditioners will be provided in the Child Care Institutions, State Home-cum-Protective Home, Shakti Sadan and Old Age Homes as per the weather conditions of area.

**Plan for up gradation of existing institutions is at annexure “B 1”**

**7.1.b Construction of Aadarsh Gram Sukh Aashray Parisar:-** The new integrated homes comprising of separate blocks in one premises to accommodate elderly people/ senior citizens, children, specially abled children and destitute women with

capacity of about 400 shall be constructed in phased manner with the following facilities:

- Hospital with Physiotherapy Unit
- Wellness centre with Steam/ Sauna facility
- Table Tennis Hall
- Badminton Court
- Community/Prayer Hall
- Yoga Hall
- Swimming Pool
- Recreation Room with Play Station
- Common room with TV
- Indoor/Outdoor Gym
- Multipurpose/Departmental Store
- Salon
- Library
- Vocational Training Centre
- Open Park space
- Walk ways
- Temple
- Vegetable Garden Space for Hobby
- Administrative Staff

All facilities mentioned in point no. 6.1.a.i to 6.1.a.xii shall also be provided in the new facilities.

Separate blocks will be constructed for the elderly persons, women and the children in compliance with the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 as amended in 2022 other relevant Acts such as RPwD Act 2016 etc.

**7.1.c Rationalization of Existing Institutions:** Presently, some of the Institutions being run by the State Government and NGOs such as HP Council for Child welfare are underutilized. Existing institutions will be rationalized so as to utilize the available infrastructure to the fullest. Infrastructure and staff in the Institutions will also be rationalized accordingly as per provisions of JJ Act/ Model Rules/ other relevant Acts. Plan for rationalization of existing Institutions is at Annexure “B 1”.

## **7.2 Qualitative Improvement**

**7.2.i Quality furniture / furnishing** – The residents of the Child Care Institution/ Shelter Home for women / Old Age Home will be provided with separate bed with bed box, bed-side table with drawer, study table, table lamp and cupboards/ lockers of good quality as per detail at **Annexure “B 2”**.

### **7.2.ii Quality Clothing / Beddings**

i) The residents of the Child Care Institution/Shelter Home for women/ Old Age Home will be provided separate good quality beddings and clothing (as per the climatic conditions) as per the scales and minimum standards prescribed in **Annexure “B 3”**. Bed Sheets of different colors scheme for seven days shall be provided to the residents of these institutions.

ii) Clothing allowance including shoes @ Rs. 10,000/ per person per year shall be transferred to all the resident’s accounts and incharge/ faculty shall accompany the resident for purchase of items as per their choice (Rs. 5000/- in summer and Rs. 5000/- in winters).

iii) Washer men/ women will be engaged/ provided in the CCIs for washing clothes/ beddings of children below the age of 15 years. However, the children above the age of 15 years will be encouraged to wash their clothes themselves and washing machines with dryers shall be provided. Cleaning / washing of bed sheets and pillow covers in the institutions will be done as per following:

0-6 years - every day.  
Above 7 years - every three days.  
For old age - every day.

**7.2.iii Quality Food:-** The quality of food in the Child Care Institution/Shelter Home for women/ Old Age Home shall be enhanced by providing additional, nutritious and diverse food rich in protein, vitamin and minerals etc.

**7.2.iv Additional House Mother/ Care Taker:-** Additional House Mother shall be appointed in the institutions for taking care of residents in the following ratio:-

- One house mother per child for less than 6 years of age,
- One house mother per 3 children for the age group of 6-14 years
- One house mother per 6 children for the age group of 15-18 years



- One Care taker for 5 residents will be provided in the Special Homes for elderly persons.

**Note:-** House mother shall also monitor the children and provide guidance in their studies.

**7.2.v ICT Infrastructure:** -The E-library facilities shall be provided to the children of the Child Care Institutions and LapTops will be provided to students of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> class for their studies. Computer labs with internet (Wi-Fi) facility will be established in the CCIs.

**7.2.vi Appliances:-** The kitchen, bathrooms and bed rooms of the intuitions will be equipped with hi-tech facilities such as air conditioners/ heating system, washing machines with dryer, micro-wave, electric kettle in each room, tea/coffee vending machine, cutlery utensils etc.

**7.2.vii Miscellaneous :-** For sufficient purified drinking water, Water Purifiers should be installed. Sufficient water for bathing, washing cloth, maintenance and cleanliness of the premises shall be provided.

- a) arrangements for disposal of garbage as per latest technology;
- b) a separate gas plant for cooking.
- c) fumigation of sick room after every discharge in case of contagious or infectious disease.
- d) sufficient separate space for washing and drying of clothes.

#### **7.2.viii Quality Education**

i) **Admission in the best schools:-** Efforts shall be made to provide quality education to children of Child Care Institution by seeking admission in the best school in the vicinity of the CCI (either english /hindi medium) under economically weaker section (EWS) quota to provide quality education.

The entire set of best quality school uniform (both for summer and winter season), winter clothes, jackets, coats, boots, umbrella, raincoats, track suits and sports/ formal shoes shall be provided to the children.

ii) **Transportation:-** The children residing in the Child Care Institution shall be provided transportation facilities to and fro from schools.

- iii) **Tutors for extra coaching:** - Coaching through tutors shall be provided in the Child Care Institutions so that children have a better understanding of the subjects.
- iv) **Training on language & Communication skills:-** Training on language & Communication skills shall also be conducted for children.
- v) **Reference books/ coaching material:** - Reference books/ coaching material shall be provided to the children.
- vi) **Monthly Picnics/Day out:** - For overall personality development of children the monthly picnics / day out shall be organised. The day out visits to bazaar, Mall and visit to movie shows will be done. The lunch/ fast food will be provided during picnics and day out.

**7.2.ix Quality Care:-**

- a) **Recreational facilities:** Provisions for range of indoor games such as Chess, Ludo, Cards, Carrom, etc. will be made and also group games and musical sessions through a hospitality expert. Routinely, park visits and gardening sessions will be arranged for the residents.
- b) **Medical Care:** The resident at the time of admission will be medically examined in the institution and his/her medical record will be maintained. The record would include description of weight, height, disease (if any), treatment and other physical or mental problem;

**7.2.x Mentorship:** The mentoring relationship between the children and the eminent person of the society inculcates self confidence, commitment and enhances communication skills in the children. For providing mentorship eminent persons of the society where the CCI is situated shall be engaged. The District Administration (DC/ADC/ADM/SDM), Police Officers and other eminent persons of society shall interact with children and share their knowledge and experience on monthly basis and compulsorily have a meal with the children. One mentor per child will be provided, who shall meet the child in presence of the In-charge of the CCI/ Child Welfare Officer/ Counsellor.

**7.2.xi Career Counselling :** Career Counselling shall be provided to children from 10<sup>th</sup> to 10+2 through empanelled agencies i.e. Labour & Employment Department, Technical Education Department, Department of Medical Education and Research, Ex-Service Men Cell, Universities or any other experts/ agencies etc. These children will also be provided career counselling to study in best institutes outside country also.

**7.2.xii Festival allowance and Grant:** Festival allowance @ Rs. 500/- per resident will be transferred to the bank account of the residents of the Child Care Institutions, State Home-cum-Protective Home, Shakti Sadan and Old Age Homes for celebrating main festivals. Funds to the tune of Rs. 5000/- to the incharge of the Institutions having the capacity of 25 children/ person and Rs. 10,000/- to the Institutions having capacity more than 25 children/ person shall also be provided for celebrating the festival in the institutions.

**7.2.xiii. Marriage Grant:** One time marriage grant @ Rs. 2,00,000/- or actual, whichever is less will be provided after attaining marriageable age as per law to all the ex-beneficiaries of Mission Vatsalay or to those who were orphaned before the age of 18 years, of which Rs. 51000/- shall be transferred into account of the beneficiary as shagun at the time of marriage of the person. The benefit being given under Mukhya Mantri Shagun Yojana and Mukhya Mantri Kanyadan Yojana to these beneficiaries will be discontinued.

**7.2.xiv Social Security:** - Recurring deposit accounts will be opened for each child residing in CCIs and accounts will be held in joint operation with DCPO. Children above 14 years of age will be able to draw money from these accounts as per their needs. Top-up will be provided to the residents who are getting pension from the Directorate of ESOMSA. The funds will be provided by the Govt. as under:

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| i) Children - 0-14 years - | Rs. 1000/- per child per month  |
| ii) 15-18 years -          | Rs. 2500/- per child per month. |
| iii) Ekal Nari -           | Rs. 2500/- per person per month |

## **7.2(xv) Allotment of land and grant for construction of House**

- i) A person who has been orphaned before the age of 27 years and who is landless will be eligible to get one time Government land i.e. 3-biswas as per TCP norms and housing grant for construction of house any time during his entire life time.
- ii) Land will be provided to orphans in the Tehsil/District where she/he wishes to settle subject to availability of Govt. land for this purpose. If land is not available in area of first choice/ preference same shall provided in any adjacent area but the consent of person (orphan) must be obtained.
- iii) Land allotted for this purpose shall not be transferred by way of sale, gift, lease etc. to any party for at least a period of 15 years from allotment. In case of violation same shall vest in Govt. alongwith appertaining structure etc. if any.
- iv) Deputy Commissioner of District where land is to be allotted shall be the competent authority to allot such land on receipt of case from District Programme Officer.

Orphans covered under Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Yojna on attainment of 27 years of age shall move an application to District Programme Officer for the purpose. District Child Protection Unit shall play proactive role in facilitating all such orphans. Eligibility of orphan shall be certified by District Child Protection Officer and District Programme Officer, then complete case along with preference of orphan shall be forwarded to concerned Deputy Commissioner. Directorate of Women and Child Development shall devise an application form in consultation with Revenue authorities for same.

- v) The Orphan shall also be eligible for any housing scheme of Rural Development/Directorate of ESOMSA which will be under implementation at that point of time. Preference shall be given to orphan adult in this regard over other categories. Presently under Mukhya Mantri Awas Yojna/PMAY of Rural Development Department and Swaran Jayanti Aashray Yojna of Directorate of ESOMSA Rs. 1.5 lakh is given for construction of house an additional amount of

Rs. 1.5 lakh will be granted for construction of house under Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Yojana to orphans to supplement the housing scheme of Rural Development /ESOMSA. If orphans are not eligible for housing schemes of other Government Departments Rs.3 Lakhs shall be provided to such orphans for constructions of House under this scheme.

**7.3. Mukhya Mantiri Sukh Aashray Kosh:** A fund will be established with initial contribution of Rs. 101.00 Crores to facilitate higher education and skill development trainings of children and the destitute women to ensure their settlement in life. Efforts will be made to encourage/raise the donations from the individual donors as well as from the companies under Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) component. The fund will be utilised for following purpose:

**7.3.i Annual educational tours outside State:-** Educational tour/ excursion tour to the different places of interest/ historical places in India shall be organized annually for 15 days. The travel arrangements shall be made for the residents by Shatabadi (Chair Car)/ AC Volvo/Air facility). Stay arrangements during such tours shall be made at three star Hotels.

**7.3.ii Bharat Yatra :-** Under which the resident of the Old Age Homes and Shelter Homes for women would be taken for a tour to famous places/ historical places/ pilgrimage of the State or outside the State annually. (for 10 days per tour by Shatabadi (Chair Car)/ AC Volvo/Air facility). Stay arrangements during such tours shall be made at three star Hotels.

**7.3.iii. Coaching:** Online coaching courses shall be organised and offline coaching facilities will be provided. Coaching will be provided during higher secondary and graduation.

One time Financial Assistance of Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum per person for coaching, hostel fees, tuition fees etc. shall be provided to the eligible persons above 18 years of age. Monthly stipend @ Rs. 4000/- per person per month shall also be provided during the course.

**7.3.iv. After Care Services:-** After Care services will ensure opportunities to enable children to discover their full potential and assist them to flourish in all respects, in a sustained manner. Inter-sectoral convergence will be made to provide best facilities to these children/ persons in order to help them integrate into the mainstream of the society and to ensure their rehabilitation.

Residential facilities shall be provided for orphans after the age of 18 years till the age of 27 years. Residential facility in After Care Institutions along with food, shelter and clothing will be provided to orphans till 27 year of age provided that no such facilities will be extended to ex- residents of CCIs those having at least one parent living, after the age of 21 years.

On attaining the age of 18 years children leaving the CCI and all the orphans belonging to the state of Himachal Pradesh, shall be provided educational facilities in the following manner:

**7.3.iv.a. Higher Education (Academic) / Vocational Training/ Skill Development:-** The Government shall bear all expenditure of higher education (Academic/Vocational Training/ Skill Development) including hostel fees and tuition fees etc. on actual rates for the eligible children/persons after completion of the age of 18 years till the age of 21 years for all children leaving the CCIs and till the age of 27 years for the orphans (as defined in this scheme) belonging to the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Government shall also bear all expenditure of meritorious orphans (eligible in this scheme) for the study in reputed foreign institutions recognized by Govt. of India. The vocational training/ skill development will also be provided to Ekal Nari as defined in point No. 6(e) of this scheme, who are residing in the institutions run under the State Government.

During study period a Stipend of Rs. 4000/- per month per person shall be given for meeting out their personal expenses. If the hostel facility is not available in the institution, the Government shall also bear the entire cost of boarding and lodging outside the hostel till completion of the degree / course. Efforts shall be made to reserve seats in the Institutions for vocational courses/ skill development, ITIs, Degree Colleges etc.

**Institutions for higher education/vocational courses/ skill development**

- i. ITIs
- ii. Auxillary Nurse Midwifery/ GNM Training Institutes
- iii. Polytechnics
- iv. Engineering Colleges, IITs.
- v. Medical Colleges, PGI, AIIMS etc.
- vi. Air Hostess/ Beauty Training Institutes etc.
- vii. Empanelled Institutions of Kaushal Vikas Nigam.
- viii. Any other empanelled institutions with HP State/ Central Govt.
- ix. Business schools for BBA, MBA, IIMs etc.
- x. Technical Courses like Pharmacy, Lab technician, Electrical, Mobile repair etc.
- xi. University, Degree Colleges

If any individual/ organization / company wants to sponsor the entire expenditure per annum being incurred in the boarding/ lodging, education and other components of the scheme for one year or any number of years, they will be allowed to sponsor for the same under Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Kosh.

#### **7.3.iv.b. Self Employment Assistance**

- a. **Grant for small / micro scale industries:** Eligible persons, who wish to establish their own start-ups, after attaining the age of 18 years shall be provided, one time financial assistance to the tune of @ Rs. 2.00 Lakh per person enabling them to earn their livelihood. These persons will be entitled for loan/ benefits under Mukhya Mantri Swawlamban Yojana.

**Note: The operational guidelines for Mukhya Mantiri Sukh-Aashray Kosh are attached at Annexure “A”.**

- b. The ex-beneficiaries of Mission Vatsalya scheme or any other orphan will be eligible for taking benefit of any other scheme of the Government. However, for similar nature of the schemes, the benefit will be granted under one scheme only.

#### **8. Eligibility to take benefits from Mukhya Mantiri Sukh-Aashray Kosh:-**

##### **For Children**

- a) The children/ adolescents who are benefitted under institutional care services in Child Care Institutions.
- b) The children/ adolescents who are benefitted under non- institutional care services under Foster Care/Sponsorship Programme and After Care Programme under Mission Vatsalya Scheme.
- c) The children above the 18 years of age who have to leave the CCI after the issuance of restoration orders by the Child Welfare Committee.
- d) The children covered under Foster Care/Sponsorship Programme and After Care Programme who have attained the age of 18 years and for whom the financial assistance has been discontinued.
- e) Orphan children in need of care and protection who have not been covered under Mission Vatsalya Scheme before 18 years of age.
- f) Above mentioned children/ adolescents will be eligible for Higher Education/ Coaching/ Career Counseling/ Vocational Training/ Skill Development/ Self Employment Assistance, under this Scheme till the age of 21 years. The eligibility criteria for orphans shall be 27 years for all services except marriage grant.
- g) Persons belonging to the aforementioned categories of children and in need of care and protection shall be eligible for one time marriage grant after attaining marriageable age as defined by law.

**For Women**

- a) Young widows, and Ekal Nari without any support and residents of State Home for Women-cum-Protective Home and Shakti Sadan shall be eligible for Skill/ Vocational Training and Start up assistance.

**9. Constitution of Administrative Board/ Committee:-** State/District Child Welfare and Protection Committee at the State and District level as per the new guidelines of Mission Vatsalya have already been constituted by the Government for monitoring and implementation of Child Protection Services. The same shall be responsible for implementation of this scheme. It shall also give suggestions for improvement in the infrastructure/ service delivery/ other short comings found in the institutions. The local MLAs, Members of PRIs and Eminent persons of the



District shall be called as special invitees in the committee meetings for imparting their valuable suggestion for improvement and quality implementation. The committee will meet quarterly and review all the arrangements in the institution and will review standards of care, education, vocational training being provided at the institution and ensure that everything is provided is of best quality. The Administrative Board/ Committee shall be notified by the Secretary (SJ&E) separately.

**10. Development of IT Platform / Portal:-**A web-portal will be developed for maintaining the data base of all children covered under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015/ Mission Vatsalaya scheme, Ekal Nari and Elderly Persons. Through this portal, following linkages with following services will be established:-

- Registration of beneficiaries
- After Care linkage
- DBT.
- CSR linkage
- Mentorship linkage
- Sponsorship linkage
- Geo-tagging of CCIs
- Donations in Mukhya Mantiri Sukh Aashray Kosh

Note: - Details of donors shall be declared and uploaded in the portal at the end of the financial year.

**11. Eligibility under the scheme:-**

Children, Women and Elderly Persons shall be eligible under this scheme as per already defined provisions/ criteria laid down for them in Mission Vatsalya, State Home-cum- Protective Home Scheme, Shakti Sadan Scheme, Integrated Scheme for Older Persons and Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens. Orphans and Ekal Nari as defined in this scheme shall be eligible for benefits as mentioned in the specific components of this scheme.

**12. Sanctioning Authority:** The concerned District Programme Officer shall be the competent authority to sanction the expenditure under the scheme with the prior approval of the Director, Women and Child Development. The expenditure will be disbursed through District Child Protection Officer.

**13. Repeals and savings:** With the implementation of this scheme, following provisions/ schemes will stand repealed and saved under this scheme:

i. Mukhya Mantri Bal Udhar Yojna notified vide Notification No. SJE-A-F(2)-11/2016 dated 05/10/2016 including Rehabilitation Assistance and Scholarships being provided to the ex-residents/ residents of the Child Care Institutions.

ii. Bal/ Balika Suraksha Yojna.

**However, all the posts (temporary/fixed salaried/part-time/daily wage/regular) sanctioned under Mukhya Mantri Bal Udhar Yojna from time to time shall deemed to have been created/ sanctioned under this scheme. The Grants-in-Aid being provided under Mukhya Mantri Bal Udhar Yojna to the HP State Council for Child Welfare or any other NGOs would continue to be paid under this scheme.**