

SOCIAL WELFARE

EFFORTS ON TO PROVIDE SOLACE TO WEAKER SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY

The basic mandate of the Social welfare Department is to provide institutional arrangement and community based services for protection and care of weaker sections of the society. The Department aims to create a healthy environment free from exploitation through a multi prolonged strategy for eradication of social evils/problems, developing infrastructure, delivery of services to the economically and socially backward group in rural and urban sectors. It also works towards improving the life style of the weaker section of the society by providing reasonable financial assistance under various schemes and skill training to make them self dependent.

Acts like Juvenile Justice Act, Welfare and Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act, Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, etc. are also enforced by the department.

I. WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZEN:-

The department has constituted the U.T & District Council for rendering Advice/recommendation for the welfare of Senior Citizens. An Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens is being implemented wherein sensitization of general public regarding various provisions on welfare and maintenance of senior citizen Act, Care and protection to Senior citizen, providing old age monthly pension @ Rs. 2000/- to 10830 persons, maintaining One old age home with 12 inmates. Appointment of Protection Officers and family counselors.

II. WELFARE OF DISABLED:

The scheme for persons with disability is basically designed to provide succor to persons with 40 % or more disability and who does not earn enough to sustain themselves. The department provides assistance of Rs. 2000/- per month to 2625 persons with disability per month. The

department maintains a Home for Disabled children at Ferrargunj with 14 inmates and is implementing a scheme namely National Programme for Rehabilitations of the Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD). Department also supports for artificial limb application from mainland.

A vocational training in computer, tailoring and cane & bamboo. Aids and appliances such as Tricycle, Wheel Chair, Hearing aids, crutches, Elbow crutches, Walking stick, Blind stick, Rolator are distributed free of cost.

III. EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN:-

The Social Welfare department provides safe and budget accommodation to working women who come away from their homes for the sake of employment in the three Hostels located at Dollygunj & Pongi chaung and Car Nicobar. Besides, these programmes, financial assistance to widows and destitute women who have no other source of income and whose monthly income does not exceed Rs.1000/- per month is also being provided to 5056 widows and 750 Destitute women @ Rs. 2000/- per month as a social security measure as on date.

IV. WELFARE OF JUVENILES:-

The Scheme envisages maintenance of Home for Delinquent Juvenile (Boys, Girls) and Children Homes established under juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000. The department maintains One Special/observation Home for delinquent juveniles at Port Blair one Children Home for boys at Ferrargunj and a Home for abandoned/neglected and helpless orphan girls. Committees to ensure care and protection of children as envisaged under the Act have been constituted.

V. SUPPORT FOR NGO:-

Grant in aid provided to two NGO's namely R. K. Mission and Seva Niketan working in the upliftment of Destitute and Orphan children. One departmental Orphan Home for girls with 17 girls is being maintained.

VI. WELFARE OF MINORITIES:-

Scholarship Scheme for Minorities:

The Department is implementing Pre-metric, Post-Metric and metric+cum-means scholarship Schemes for the students belonging to Minority communities. Under the Pre-Metric scholarship, an amount of Rs. 5200/- is released for tuition, admission and maintenance. In Post-metric scholarship an amount of Rs. 15,100/- is provided for admission/course fee and maintenance. Under Merit-cum-Means, an amount of Rs. 30,000/- is provided towards admission and maintenance. Action initiated for sanctioning of application
