



Under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, Financial Assistance will be Provided to Patients for 25 Serious Diseases.

Why In News?

- On January 15, 2023, a spokesperson of the Haryana Health Department informed that the state government has amended the '**Chief Minister's Relief Fund Scheme**' to ensure that poor persons get immediate benefit for treatment. Now instead of treating 3 diseases, financial assistance is being provided to the victim for the treatment of about 25 diseases.

Key points

- A health department spokesperson said that for financial assistance, the applicants can avail the benefit of the facility through Saral portal. The amount of financial assistance received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be directly transferred to the bank account of the applicant or beneficiary.
- He said that applicants can apply on Saral portal through their PPP i.e. Family Identity Card ID. To complete this process, applicants can apply for financial assistance on medical grounds from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) by uploading their medical bill, OPD bill etc. and other related documents.
- Under the changes made in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Scheme, if any disease is not being covered in the 'Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana', then the beneficiaries of Ayushman Yojana will also get the benefit under this scheme.
- A district-level committee has been constituted for financial assistance under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, in which the concerned MP, concerned MLA, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Surgeon, President of Municipal Council and Municipalities, Chairman of District Council, Chairman of Panchayat Samiti have been made members and Municipal Commissioner has been made nodal officer.
- The spokesman said that when the applicant makes his application through Saral portal to get financial assistance, after that the application will be sent to the MP, MLA, Chairman Zila Parishad, Chairman Block Committee, Mayor, MC Chairman of the concerned area and these public representatives will send their recommendations to the Deputy Commissioner's Office within five days. After that, the application will be sent by the Deputy Commissioner's office to the concerned Tahsildar for verification of the applicant's movable and immovable property and verification of medical documents to the Civil Surgeon.
- He said that in order to take advantage of the scheme, a time limit of four days has been fixed for verification of property and five days for verification work related to civil surgeon's office.
- The reports received from the above two departments will be sent to the Member Secretary of the Committee with the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, which they will send to the Senior Accounts Officer. After this, the approved amount will be sent directly to the beneficiary's account.

