



Increase in the amount of assistance under 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana'

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According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 6 April 2023, the state government has increased the assistance amount from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 under the 'Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana'.

Key Points

- It is known that in the budget presented for the year 2023-24, a provision of Rs 38 crore has been kept for this scheme. With this, the dream of many families to get their daughters married pomp will be fulfilled.
- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government has increased the amount under the scheme twice. In the year 2019, Bhupesh Baghel gave priority to the marriage of daughters in the first budget presented after taking over as Chief Minister, the grant amount given under marriage was increased from Rs 15 thousand to Rs 25 thousand. Now this amount has been increased to 50 thousand rupees.
- Compared to the year 2019, the fixed budget amount has also been increased from Rs 19 crore to Rs 38 crore. Due to this, the concern about the marriage of daughters in many families has been removed.
- Significantly, due to financial problems in many families, the daughter's marriage becomes difficult. Under these circumstances, the state government helps with the marriage of daughters under the 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana'.
- The objective of this scheme, run by the Department of Women and Child Development, is to solve the economic difficulties faced by poor families in the marriage of girls, to stop extravagance in marriages and to promote simple marriages, through the organization of group marriages, along with increasing the self-esteem of poor families, improving their social status and preventing dowry transactions in marriages.
- **Benefits payable under the scheme**
 - Under the scheme, financial assistance is given to families living below the poverty line and a maximum of two girls above the age of 18 years of the cardholder family under the 'Chief Minister's Food Scheme'.
 - In this, along with providing makeup materials and other daily use items to the bride and groom as gifts, money is also given through bank drafts.
 - Some amount is also spent on organizing mass marriages.
 - Widows, orphans, and destitute girls are also included in the scheme.
 - To take advantage of the scheme, the office of the District Women and Child Development Officer/District Program Officer can be contacted. You can contact the Child Development Project Officer or the Integrated Child Development Officer at the development block level. You can also get information regarding the scheme from the Anganwadi workers in your area.

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