



Chief Minister Launched Unemployment Allowance Scheme in the state

Why in News?

On 1 April 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the statewide ambitious unemployment allowance scheme from his residence office. Along with the launch of the scheme, the Chief Minister has also given an unemployment allowance approval order to four youths.

Key Points

- Under this scheme, every month Rs 2500 will be paid directly to the eligible beneficiaries in their bank account, as well as skill development training will also be given to the unemployed and they will be helped in getting employment.
- **Eligibility Conditions:**
 - It is necessary to be a native of Chhattisgarh to apply for the Unemployment Allowance Scheme.
 - The age of the applicant should be between 18 to 35 years as on 1st April of the year of applying for the scheme.
 - The applicant must have passed at least Higher Secondary i.e. 12th standard from a recognized board. Along with this, should be registered in any district employment and self-employment guidance centre of Chhattisgarh and his employment registration should be at least two years old with Higher Secondary or above qualification as of 1st April of the year of application.
 - The applicant should not have any source of income of his own and the annual income of the applicant's family from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.
 - An income certificate issued by Tehsildar or a higher revenue officer for family income should be made within 1 year from the date of application for unemployment allowance.
- **Who will be ineligible:**
 - If more than one member of the applicant's family of the unemployment allowance scheme fulfils the eligibility conditions then the unemployment allowance will be approved for only one member of the family. In such a situation, an unemployment allowance will be approved for that member, whose age is more. In case of equality of age, the member who registers first in the employment office will be made eligible for unemployment allowance. In case both age and employment registration date are the same, the member who has higher educational qualifications will be made eligible.
 - If any member of the applicant's family is employed in any class IV or Group D job in any institution or local body of the Central or State Government, such applicant will be ineligible for unemployment allowance. If the applicant is offered self-employment or any job in the government or private sector but the applicant does not accept the offer, then he will be ineligible for the scheme.
 - Family members of former and present ministers, state ministers and former or present members of Parliament or state legislatures, former and present mayors of municipal corporations and former and present chairpersons of district panchayats will be ineligible for unemployment allowance. Also, the family members of such pensioners who get a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 or more will be ineligible for the allowance.
 - Also, family members of income taxpayers, doctors, engineers, lawyers, chartered

accountants and architects registered with professional bodies will be ineligible for unemployment allowance.

- **Payment of unemployment allowance:** Under the unemployment allowance scheme, a payment of Rs 2500 per month will be directly transferred to the beneficiary's bank account by the Directorate of Employment and Training, Nava Raipur. At the time of applying, the applicant has to give the correct information of his savings bank account number, and IFSC code. Any non-payment due to an error in the bank account will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- **Period of unemployment allowance:** Unemployment allowance will be payable for one year first to the eligible applicant for unemployment allowance under the scheme. If the particular beneficiary does not get profitable employment in this period of one year, then this period can be extended for one more year. In any case, this period shall not exceed two years.
- **Skill Training:**
 - Applicants who will be approved for unemployment allowance under the scheme will be offered skill development training within a period of one year.
 - After the skill development training, the applicant will be assisted in getting employment.
 - Skill development training will be provided free of cost in any one of the trades mentioned in the application. If applicants refuse to undergo training or do not accept the employment offered, their unemployment allowance will be discontinued.



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