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(ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE AND SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE)

(G.O. Ms. No. 13/ADW&STW/A2/2025, Puducherry, dated 05th November 2025)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to make the following rules, namely:—

“Mudhalvarin Pudhumai Penn Scheme for Purchase of e-Scooters on subsidy by Working Women and College-Going Female Students, 2025”

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* the I.D. No. E.Comp. No.31258/FD/FC/F5/A1/25-26, dated 08-08-2025.

(By order of the Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor)

K. CANDANE @ SIVARADJANE,

Under Secretary to Government

(Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare).

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RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
“MUDHALVARIN PUDHUMAI PENN SCHEME
FOR PURCHASE OF E-SCOOTERS
ON SUBSIDY BY WORKING WOMEN AND
COLLEGE-GOING FEMALE STUDENTS, 2025”

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (i) These rules may be called the “Mudhalvarin Pudhumai Penn Scheme for the purchase of e-scooters on subsidy by working women and college-going female students, 2025”.

(ii) They shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) They shall come into force from the date of publication of this Notification, in the Official Gazette.

2. *Objective.*— The objective of the Scheme is the upliftment of women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Union territory of Puducherry with a special focus on empowering women by enabling them to purchase women-friendly two-wheelers and to facilitate their commute to enterprises, places of employment and engagements with Banks and Community-based Institutions/Colleges.

3. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(a) “Appellate Authority” means, the Secretary to Government, in-charge of the Department;

(b) “Department” means Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry, implementing the “Mudhalvarin Pudhumai Penn Scheme for purchase of e-Scooters on subsidy by Working Women and College-Going Female Students, 2025”;

(c) “Government” means the Administrator of Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President of India under Article 239 of the Constitution;

(d) “Secretary” means the Secretary to Government of Puducherry in-charge of the subject of Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare;

(e) “Scheduled Caste” means the castes specified in the Constitution (Puducherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964 as amended from time to time;

(f) “Scheduled Tribes” means the tribes specified in the Constitution (Puducherry) Scheduled Tribes Order, 2016 as amended from time to time;

(g) “Director” means the Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry;

(h) “Union Territory” means the Union territory of Puducherry;

(i) “Form” means the form appended to these rules;

(j) “e-Scooter” means a category L1 (Motorcycle without gear) or L2 Motorcycle, as defined under Sections 2(i) and 2(ib) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, fitted with an electric motor and shall be a Battery Operated Vehicle as defined under Section 2(u) of the said Act, equipped with advanced batteries and eligible for demand incentive under the PM e-Drive Scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries;

(k) “Advanced Battery” means the new generation batteries such as Lithium Polymer, Lithium Iron Phosphate, Lithium Cobalt Oxide, Lithium Titanate, Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt, Lithium Manganese Oxide, Metal Hydride, Zinc Air, Sodium Air, Nickel Zinc, Lithium Air, Lithium Iron Manganese Phosphate (LFMP), Sodium-Iron, Solid State Electrolyte Battery and other similar chemistries under development or use;

(l) “Valid Licence” means a driving licence issued by a Competent Authority authorising the holder to drive the respective class of vehicle for which the subsidy is sought;

(m) “Working Woman” means a woman engaged in any gainful employment in the organized or unorganized sector; and

(n) “College Student” means a female student above 18 years of age pursuing education in a recognized Institution.

4. *Eligibility.*— The following shall be the eligibility conditions for grant of financial assistance under these rules:—

(a) The applicant must belong to a Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes community recognized by the Union territory of Puducherry;

(b) The applicant must belong to this Union Territory by virtue of birth or continuous residence of not less than five years;

(c) The total annual family income of the applicant should not exceed ₹ 8,00,000;

(d) The applicant's age shall not be less than 18 years and should not exceed 40 years as on the date of application;

(e) Applicants who are employed in Central/State Government or in PSU/Autonomous Bodies/Institutions or Bank under the Central and State Government are not eligible to apply;

(f) Only one woman/female student per family shall be eligible to avail the benefit once in her life time;

(g) The applicant availing assistance under the Prolonged Disease or e-Auto Subsidy Scheme is not eligible;

(h) The applicant should possess a valid Motorcycle Without Gear (MC-WOG) or Motorcycle With Gear (MC-WG) Driving Licence issued by the Competent Authority;

(i) The applicant must not have availed any similar subsidy under any other State/Central Scheme for the same purpose;

(j) In the case of student applicants, the applicant must have secured a Minimum 75% marks or equivalent overall grades in the Class XII Board Examination (in case of a UG student) OR 60% marks or equivalent CGPA/division in the UG examination (in case of a PG student) OR 60% marks or equivalent CGPA/division in the PG examination (in case of a doctoral student), whichever may be the last examination/degree completed by the applicant;

(k) Priority shall be given to working women residing in remote areas, women-headed households, deserted women, destitute widows, and unmarried women above 35 years of age; and

(l) Working women applying under the Scheme shall produce sufficient proof of any gainful employment at the time of application such as: e-Shram Card with a Universal Account Number (UAN), salary slip/payment record, testimony from employer, bank statements showing

regular cash deposits, utility bills or a rent agreement if the enterprise is a small household business, valid street vendor licence issued by a Local Body, *etc.*

5. *Application.*— Application shall be made in the form prescribed as Annexure-I to this notification with the following documents:—

- (a) Copy of the Birth Certificate;
- (b) Nativity/Residence, Caste and Income Certificate obtained from an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar;
- (c) Copy of the Aadhaar Card;
- (d) Copy of valid Motorcycle Without Gear (MC-WOG) or Motorcycle With Gear (MC-WG) driving licence;
- (e) The applicant has to submit original invoice of the vehicle with details of the price of the vehicle;
- (f) Applicants shall apply only online through <https://edistrict.py.gov.in> or through the Department's Website;
- (g) The applicant who claims to be a working woman must produce documents such as the Employee Provident Fund (EPF), Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESI), e-Shram Card with Universal Account Number, salary slip, payment record, employer testimony, bank statement showing regular cash deposits, utility bill or valid street vendor licence issued by a Local Body;
- (h) In the case of students, the applicant must produce mark sheet of S.S.L.C./H.S.C., Undergraduate/Postgraduate examination whichever is the last completed, along with a *bona fide* Certificate from the current Institution of study;
- (i) The vehicle must be registered in the name of the applicant;
- (j) Proof to establish membership of priority category, wherever applicable; and
- (k) Declaration in the ₹ 10 stamp paper.

6. *Methodology of Selection.*— (a) All applications shall be scrutinized by the concerned Welfare Inspector or any authorized official of the Department and only eligible applications shall be considered.

(b) Eligible applications shall be selected on first-come, first-served basis.

7. *Pattern of assistance.*— (a) A subsidy of 75% of the cost of the e-scooter or ₹ 1,00,000 whichever is less will be paid after availing the Central subsidy under the PM e-Drive (FAME-III) Scheme, with a maximum of ₹ 5,000 per vehicle, to the beneficiary's account.

(b) The total cost of the e-scooter will be the base price of the motorcycle excluding GST, Insurance, Registration Fee, Service charges (if any), Motor Vehicles Tax (Road Tax), Cost of Accessories or any other optional cost.

(c) The payment shall be made by the following methods

(i) *In case, the beneficiary purchased the e-Scooter:* The applicant has to submit the original invoice to the Department and the subsidy amount will be credited to the beneficiary's account. However, the date of purchase of the e-scooter as reflected in the invoice shall be subsequent to the date of notification of these rules in the Official Gazette.

(ii) *In case, the beneficiary has not purchased the e-Scooter:* The applicant has to pay 25% of the total cost of the vehicle (as defined in clause 7(b)) as initial payment to the dealer and has to submit the invoice for the amount. The subsidy amount will be credited to the dealer's account.

(d) The Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department shall ensure compliance with the instructions of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which state that, in accordance with the provisions of the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019, the Union Territory Government shall mandate the use of Aadhaar authentication for beneficiaries, as per Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

8. *Powers of the Director.*— The Director shall have powers:—

- (a) To reject any applicant for the reasons to be recorded in writing;
- (b) To determine the eligibility or otherwise in doubtful cases; and
- (c) To recover the subsidy under any circumstances for reasons to be recorded in writing.

9. *Recovery/Cancellation of the Subsidy.*— Before distribution of the subsidy under this Scheme, an undertaking shall be obtained from the beneficiary to the effect that she will not sell/lease or transfer the vehicle for a period of 5 years and in case, it is proved or subsequently found that the information furnished by her is false, or if, the e-scooter has been sold/leased or transferred (even if such selling is an unregistered) or if, she ceases to have possession of the vehicle, or if it is continuously used by any person other than the beneficiary or her family members, the total subsidy shall be liable for recovery as arrears of land revenue in accordance with the Revenue Recovery Act.

10. *To whom the application should be made.*— The application in the prescribed form shall be made to the Director for the Puducherry region, Assistant Director for the Karaikal and Yanam regions and to the Regional Administrator Mahe, for the Mahe region. The Regional Administrator, Mahe, shall forward any applications received to the Director, Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare, Puducherry, for further processing.

11. *Interpretation.*— If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these guidelines, the same shall be referred to the Government and the decision of the Government shall be the final.

ANNEXURE – I

(see Rule 5)

**APPLICATION FOR “MUDHALVARIN PUDHUMAI PENN SCHEME
FOR THE PURCHASE OF E-SCOOTERS
ON SUBSIDY BY WORKING WOMEN AND
COLLEGE-GOING FEMALE STUDENTS, 2025”**

Application No.

1. Name of the applicant :
2. Father / Husband's Name :
3. Gender :
4. Date of Birth :
5. Nativity / Residence :
6. Address (with PIN Code) :

7. Educational Status :
8. Percentage of Marks :
(S.S.L.C./H.S.C./UG and
currently pursuing any
studies)
9. Name of the Organization/ :
Employer (for working
women)
10. Experience :
11. Caste :
12. Valid Driving Licence No. :
and Date of expiry of Licence
13. Contact Number :

Affix
Recent
passport
size
photograph

14. Aadhaar Card Number :
15. Invoice No. and date :
(original)
14. Annual Family Income :

Declaration

I W/o., D/o., hereby assure that the e-scooter which I got under the “Mudhalvarin Pudhumai Penn Scheme for the purchase of e-scooters on subsidy by working women and college-going female students, 2025” will be used only for the purpose for which it has been given. I shall not sell/lease/transfer the vehicle to any other person for a period of five years. In case, any misuse is found, the subsidy granted for the vehicle shall be treated as a debt, and I shall repay the total cost along with the prescribed interest, as may be determined by the Government.

Place :

Signature of the Applicant.

Date :

(with full Name in BLOCK LETTERS)
