

Gangtok, July 11 2018 (IPR) : As envisioned by the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Mr. Pawan Chamling to make Sikkim a TB free state by 2022, Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Sikkim has notified guidelines with regard to grant of Financial Assistance to the TB patients which will be effective from 1st April 2018. The deptt. has also notified guidelines for Proud Mother Scheme to increase Total Fertility Rate in the state.

The TB patient of the state having Sikkim Subject Certificate / Certificate of Identification will be provided Rs. 3000/- per month. It is a mandatory for all beneficiaries to get registered under State RNTCP programme to be entitled for the benefits. The patients who are either Group 'C' and 'D' govt. employee including their dependents will also get the financial assistance as part of medical reimbursement. A separate notification will be issued by the Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department. The payment will be made through DBT directly to the account of patients. Beneficiaries may contact concerned Medical Officers and Chief Medical Officers for further details. District TB Officers have been designated as Nodal officer for this scheme.

Under the Proud Mother Scheme, a woman of Sikkimese origin will be provided Rs. 7000/- (Seven Thousand) at the birth of the first living child and Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) at the birth of the second living child. In addition, Rs. 500/- will be given to the child on monthly basis till the baby attains the age of six years. Pregnant woman should attain the age of 18 years and deliver her child in a centre having health facilities. The new born must have been registered with Civil Birth Registration of the state within twenty one days of delivery and must complete primary immunization. District RCH Officers have been designated as the Nodal Officer for Proud Mother Scheme.