

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Minorities Welfare Department – Introducing “DULHAN” for providing financial assistance of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to each girl belonging to the Minority at the time of Marriage residing at Andhra Pradesh State – Orders – Issued.

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MINORITIES WELFARE (SDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 67

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.  
Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.340, Minorities Welfare (Wakf-III) Department, dated.21.07.2008.
2. G.O.Rt.No.123, Minorities Welfare (Wakf-III) Department, dated.24.04.2012.
3. G.O.Rt.No.276, Minorities Welfare (ICM-II) Department, dated.08.10.2012.
4. G.O.Rt.No.159, Minorities Welfare (SDM) Department, dated.04.09.2014.

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ORDER:

Government have enabled scheme for conducting Mass Marriages of poor Muslims & Christian girls in the State who are below the poverty line vide G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> read above. As per the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare on the floor of Legislative Council, a Committee was constituted to look into the possibility of increasing the amount of financial assistance for conducting of Mass Marriages of Poor Muslim girls from Rs.25,000/-, the eligibility criteria and also the mode of payment vide G.O. 4<sup>th</sup> read above.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter and the recommendations of the Committee, hereby introduce the Scheme of “DULHAN” for all unmarried girls belonging to Minority Community at marriage in supersession of orders issued in the G.O.s with regard to Mass Marriages of Poor Minority Girls, with a view to reduce financial distress in their families. Under the Scheme, a onetime financial assistance of Rs.50,000/- before the Marriage shall be sanctioned to eligible unmarried girl belonging to the minority community, subject to the following guidelines given as under:

**I. Eligibility Criteria:**

- (a) The unmarried girl shall belong to the minority community.
- (b) The unmarried girl shall be a resident of AP State.
- (c) The unmarried girl should have completed 18 years of age and the Bridegroom should have completed 21 years at the time of Marriage.
- (d) The Income of the Bride Parents shall not exceed Rs.1,00,000/- per annum.

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