

UJJAWALA SCHEMES FOR REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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Ministry of Women and Child Department has invited application from NGOs registered under law and having properly constituted managing body for the UJJAWALA scheme laid down by the central government.

The ministry formulated a central scheme in 2016 for prevention of trafficking for rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration of victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation – UJJAWALA. The scheme has been conceived primarily for the purpose of preventing trafficking on the one hand and rescue and rehabilitation of victims on the other.

Trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation is an organized crime that violates basic human rights. India emerged as a source, destination and transit for both in-country and cross border trafficking. The problem of trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation is especially challenging due to its myriad complexities and variation. Poverty, low status of women, lack of a protective environment etc. are some of the causes for trafficking. A multi sectoral approach was needed which would undertake preventive measures to arrest trafficking especially in vulnerable areas and sections of population; and to enable rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of the trafficked victims.

UJJAWALA has four main components, prevention, rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration. The objectives of the scheme are to prevent trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation through social mobilization and involvement of local communities, awareness generation programmes, generate public discourse through workshops/seminars and such events and any other innovative activity. To facilitate rescue of victims from the place of their exploitation and place them in safe custody. To provide rehabilitation services both immediate and long-term to the victims by providing basic amenities/needs such as shelter, food, clothing, medical treatment including counselling, legal aid and guidance and vocational training. Facilitation of reintegration of the victims into the family and society at large and repatriation of cross-border victims to their country of origin.

It is informed that the Child Welfare section, Directorate of Women and Child Development, Panjim can be contacted for further detail and application on the scheme by August 30, 2019, or call on 0832 2235308 / 0832 2426112.

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