

CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013 IN CHANDIGARH

CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF HOUSEHOLDS

The following households shall be included in the "Priority households" in rural and urban areas, unless specifically excluded:-

1. The households having gross annual income upto Rs.1.50 lakh per annum, from all sources.
2. Geographically and Socially Vulnerable groups
 - a. The residents of slum areas/ jhuggie dwellers, duly verified by the survey list of Estate office.
 - b. The residents of notified abadies (lal dora) in rural areas.
 - c. Transgenders.
 - d. Children living without protection.
 - e. The homeless/ shelterless, households/individuals, as identified.
 - f. The households with disabled people (as defined in the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1955), subject to submission of prescribed medical certificate.
 - g. The households headed by a single women (i.e., widows, unmarried, separated or deserted women), living in household as dependent or as head of household.
 - h. The households of landless agricultural laborers.
3. Occupationally vulnerable households, such as:
 - a. Street vendors, cobblers, hawkers, barbers, porters, washer man/dhobis, labourers, etc.
 - b. Technical workers such as plumbers, carpenters, masons, painters, welders, electrician, mechanic, repairman etc.
 - c. Security guards/ chowkidars, casual daily/ irregular workers, domestic helpers, unskilled workers in household industries/ shops etc.
 - d. Home-based artisans, tailors etc.
 - e. Sweeper, mali, coolies, head-loaders etc.
 - f. Private transport workers such as taxi, truck, bus, auto-rickshaw drivers, conductors, helpers to drivers and conductors, cart pullers, cycle-rickshaw pullers etc.
 - g. Beggars/rag pickers, subject to verification.
4. All skilled/semi-skilled employed in the field of sales, marketing, production etc. in private sector.
5. Any other such household be included, as may be prescribed.

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Notwithstanding the fulfilling of the above mentioned eligibility criteria for the identification of eligible households, the following households will not be eligible:

1. Income tax payers.
2. VAT payees under Punjab Value Added Tax Act-2005, as applicable to U.T., Chandigarh.
3. Service tax/Professional tax payers.
4. The households having a light (four wheeler) or heavy vehicle. This excludes one light commercial vehicle in households for earning livelihood.
5. The households receiving ration / food subsidy under any other scheme.
6. All regular employees of Central/ State Governments and Union Territories and its boards/corporations/enterprises/undertakings etc. This will also include all those autonomous bodies seeking/getting financial aids/ grants from the any Central or State Governments or Union Territories.
7. The households having more than 01 (one) hectares i.e., 2.5 acres of land, which is cultivable, as per the land revenue record in rural area.
8. The households having a vacant plot/ constructed house on or more than 5 (five) marla plot in urban area or having a constructed house in the walled/fenced premises of more than 01(one) acre of land in rural area.
9. The households having a flat/floor with a covered area of more than 1000 sq. ft. in urban area.
10. The households who sought a loan of Rs. 10 lac or above, in last two years.
11. The households who paid average electricity and water bills of over Rs. 3000/-per month, in the last six month.
12. Any such other households be excluded, as may be prescribed.

The applicants belonging to the aforesaid categories for inclusion as identified eligible households are required to submit a self declared income certificate/certification in the form an affidavit. The draft certification is under preparation and it would be got vetted from Law Department. This self certification would include the gross income of the household/ family and also a declaration that the applicant doesn't fall under any of the exclusion criterion enumerated above. This self certification would be valid, subject to field verification done by the departmental committee constituted for the purpose.

Apart from the abovementioned proposed guidelines, the department may consider the fresh survey of the households/ beneficiaries for the **inclusion under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) category**. The proposed guidelines for the inclusion of beneficiaries as AAY households (both for urban & rural) are given as:

1. Households without shelter.
2. Households with only one room.
3. Destitute/ living on alms such as beggars /rag pickers.

4. Aids, Cancer or patients with chronic diseases and having no other family member to take care.
5. Widow or Single woman (i.e., widows, unmarried, separated or deserted women), with no earning member in the family.
6. The family earning of less than Rs. 2500/- per month, from all sources.
7. No motorized vehicle in the family.
8. No refrigerator or mobile/landline phone.
9. Cooking of food done by using kerosene oil, wood, coal etc. The LPG gas user would not be considered.
10. No adult member between the ages of 17 and 60 in the family.
11. Female headed households with no adult male member between 17 and 60 years of age in the family.
12. Households with disabled member and no able bodied adult member.
13. Households with no literate adult above 25 years.
14. Landless households deriving a major part of their income from manual casual labour.

The household claiming that they fulfil the above mentioned criterion for their inclusion under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), are to be verified by departmental committee constituted for the purpose.

The guidelines/ eligibility conditions for the identification of priority households is given above. Once the guidelines are finalized, a public notice will be issued, inviting the residents of Chandigarh to apply for inclusion of their household in the list of households for getting subsidized food grains under the provisions of National Food Security Act, 2013.