

PRESS RELEASE

Applications Invited for Support Persons to Assist Children Affected in POCSO Cases

Introduction

In Dharmapuri District, Support Persons are proposed to be selected to provide the necessary support and guidance to children affected by sexual offences during the investigation and court proceedings, in accordance with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), POCSO Rules, 2020, and Government of Tamil Nadu, Social Welfare and Women's Rights Department, Government Order (Ms.) No. 23, dated 12.08.2026.

Role of the Support Person

The Support Person shall work in coordination with the Police, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), hospitals, courts, and other concerned institutions, keeping in view the best interests, safety, and rights of the child.

The Support Person shall also assist the child in accessing necessary medical care, psychological support, education, and rehabilitation services. They shall provide the child and family with necessary information regarding the progress of the case and ensure the safety of the child.

Eligibility

Any person holding a postgraduate degree in fields related to child welfare, health, or education, particularly Social Work, Sociology, Law, Psychology, Child Development, or other relevant fields connected with child welfare, may apply.

Graduates having a minimum of 3 years of experience in work related to children's education, development, health, or protection are also eligible to apply.

The minimum age for appointment as a Support Person is 25 years.

Tenure and Honorarium

The tenure of a Support Person shall be 3 years.

Eligible Support Persons will be assigned cases and will be paid an honorarium of up to ₹10,000 per case, including travel expenses, only for the work undertaken in the assigned case from its commencement until its completion.

The honorarium will be paid in four instalments of ₹2,500 each. No honorarium will be paid for periods during which no cases are assigned.

Submission of Applications

Interested and eligible individuals and eligible organisations engaged in child protection-related work may download the Support Person application form from www.dharmapuri.nic.in.

The completed application form, along with the required documents, may be submitted in person or by post on or before 23.10.2026 to:

District Child Protection Unit (DCPU)
Old District Collectorate,
Dharmapuri – 636 705.

**District Collector
Dharmapuri District**