



From Social Opposition to a Happy Family: How Inter-Caste Marriage Incentive Support Helped ASHOK and SABITA Build a Stable Life

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Marriage is an important part of family and social life, but couples from different caste backgrounds can sometimes face social opposition and challenges. Government initiatives supporting inter-caste marriages can help promote equality, social harmony and acceptance while providing financial assistance to eligible couples.

Demonstrating how timely government support can help couples overcome social and financial challenges, **Shri Ashok Kumar Samantaray, aged 33, and Smt. Sabita Das, aged 30**, decided to marry despite belonging to different caste categories. Ashok belongs to the General category, while Sabita belongs to the Kaibarta (SC) community. The couple, from Nirakarpur and Jatani in Khordha District, Odisha, faced strong opposition from their families and local communities because of their different caste backgrounds. Despite the social pressure and difficulties, they remained committed to building their life together. Ashok works as a driver, while Sabita is a homemaker.

Under the **Inter-Caste Marriage Incentive**, the couple received **₹2.5 lakh in financial assistance**. The support brought financial relief to their household and helped them begin their married life with greater stability. The government's recognition and support also contributed to a gradual change in the attitude of their families and community towards their marriage.

SUCCESS STORY

The Inspiring Journey of Ashok and Sabita

Under the Inter-Caste Marriage Incentive

FAMILY PROFILE

Name of Couple: Shri Ashok Kumar Samantaray (Husband) & Smt. Sabita Das (Wife)

Age: Ashok (33 years) & Sabita (30 years)

Address: Nirakarpur and Jatani, Khordha District, Odisha

Caste/Category: Ashok (General) & Sabita (Kakabarta - SC)

Occupation: Ashok work as a driver; Sabita - Housewife

Marriage Date: May 25, 2023

Government Support: ₹2.5 Lakh financial help



THE CHALLENGE (FACING SOCIAL OBSTACLES)

The Government of Odisha strongly believes in removing caste discrimination and treating everyone equally. The story of Ashok and Sabita is a perfect example of this mission.

When Ashok and Sabita decided to marry, they faced a lot of difficulties. Because they belonged to different caste categories, their families and local communities strongly opposed their marriage. They had to face harsh social pressure and loneliness just because they chose to spend their lives together.

CURRENT SITUATION (HAPPINESS AND STABILITY)

This support completely changed their lives. As a driver, Ashok's income was small and uncertain. The ₹2.5 lakh cash assistance brought financial relief to their home.

Today, things have changed for the better:

Family Acceptance: Seeing the government openly support the marriage, the community and their families changed their mindset. The anger turned into acceptance and love.

A Joyful Home: Ashok and Sabita are now living a very happy life. Their bond has grown even stronger with the birth of their beautiful baby girl.



ASPIRATION

The couple's biggest goal now is to give a bright future to their daughter. They have safely saved the incentive money for her.

"This government money has become a big blessing for our daughter. It will take care of her education and future, so she can grow up with pride and achieve her dreams."

— Ashok and Sabita

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



Marriage Certificate



Caste Certificate



Marriage Photo



After Marriage Life

ST & SC, Development, M&BCW Department

With the financial assistance and increasing family acceptance, Ashok and Sabita are now living a happy and stable life. The couple has been blessed with a baby girl, whose future and education have become their primary aspiration. They have safely saved the government assistance with the intention of using it for their daughter's education and future.

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The journey of **Ashok Kumar Samantaray and Sabita Das** highlights how government support for inter-caste marriages can provide meaningful financial assistance while encouraging social acceptance and equality. From facing opposition and social pressure to building a joyful family life, their story reflects resilience, courage and the positive impact of initiatives aimed at promoting social harmony.

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