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# Now, married daughters eligible for compassionate appointments

## BSY Cabinet clears amendment to KCS Rules to this effect

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In a decision that the government expects will make a positive difference to hundreds of families, the Cabinet approved on Thursday an amendment to the rules to allow daughters in a family to secure government jobs on compassionate grounds, even if they are married.

At present, married daughters are not eligible to bag government jobs on compassionate grounds if the father or mother die while in service.

The Karnataka Civil Services

(Appointment on Compassionate Grounds) (Amendment) Rules 2020, was approved by the Cabinet to this effect, Law Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, briefing reporters.

The Cabinet decision comes a month after the Karnataka High Court held that the exclusion of married daughters from appointment on compassionate grounds is discriminatory and ultra vires the Constitution.

That apart, rules also have been amended to make guardians of a deceased employee eligible for jobs. "If the parents

### OTHER DECISIONS

■ Ratification of Karnataka Town and Country Planning (4th amendment) Bill, 2020, allowing purchase of premium FAR.

■ Approval of Rs 35 crore for extension of amenities under the Karnataka State Wide Area Network (KSWAN) scheme.

■ Administrative approval of Rs 12.75 crore for 1,500 motorised three-wheelers to be distributed to people with locomotor disabilities aged between 20 and 60 years.

■ Administrative approval for DPR of lift irrigation for Rs 48 crore to fill 19 tanks in Honnali, Davangere, from Tungabhadra.

■ Approval of Rs 10.27 crore to purchase uniforms for anganwadi workers and helpers under ICDS scheme and for a second pair of uniform for an equal amount, under the Poshan Abhiyan. This will cover 62,580 helpers and 65,911 anganwadi workers.

of a deceased employee do not have any other children to take care of them, their guardians will also be eligible to secure jobs," Bommai said.

### Swachh Bharat Phase-2

In other decisions, the Cabinet approved the implementation of the phase two of Swachh Bharat Mission. Under this

programme, individual toilets will be constructed for about 5.5 lakh houses over the next five years.

Also, a one-time approval was given for authorisation of 65 housing board colonies constructed since 2000 without necessary government sanctions. "Local bodies were unable to provide them with infrastructure because of this," Bommai explained.

Further, the Cabinet decided to extend the bank guarantee period given to Karnataka State Handloom Development Corporation for working capital loan raised through bank consortium. The corporation had taken a loan of Rs 31 crore, of which it has repaid Rs 7 crore. The rest they will pay within one year and the government decided to extend the bank guarantee, Bommai said.