

12(a) The pensions which have remained unpaid for two consecutive instalments or more shall be enquired into by the concerned District Social Welfare Officer who will take necessary action in this regard. Payees acknowledgement shall be recorded and kept under lock and key by the District Social Welfare Officer till the accounts have been audited by Accountant General, Haryana.

13. Handling cash payment to the postal authorities shall be made, as far as possible, through bank drafts issued in favour of Postal Department.

14. All the undisbursed money orders shall be received by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned. A proper record of such amounts shall be kept in a separate register. The undisbursed amount received back shall be taken in the cash book and the entire amount thus received shall be refundable by short drawal from subsequent pension bill.

15. The Director, Social Welfare shall be over all incharge of the "Haryana Old age Pension (Liberalised) Scheme" and necessary instructions in regard to its proper enforcement and accounting procedure shall be issued by him from time to time.

16. The expenditure on the administration of the "Haryana Old Age Pension (Liberalised) Scheme" including the cost of the money order form money order commission etc. shall be debitabale to the head of account as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

ASHA SHARMA,

Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Haryana,
Social Welfare Department.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 21st April, 1988

No. 1447-SW(3)(B)88.—These rules shall be called "The Haryana Pension to Widows and Destitute Women Scheme Rules, 1988" and shall be applicable throughout the State of Haryana. These rules shall come into operation from the date of publication.

2. **Aim.**—The aim of these rules is to provide social security to women who are unable to sustain themselves from their own resources and are in need of financial assistance from the State.

3. **Eligibility.**—(i) A woman, in the age group of 18—65 years, is eligible for grant of pension if she is a widow or unmarried woman or a married woman who has been deprived of the financial support from her husband because of his continued absence or because of his physical/mental incapacity or desertion by husband or any other reasons and her close relatives such as parents, sons, son's son not supporting her and her own income from all sources is less than the income prescribed by Government in this regards in consultation with Finance Department, provided she is a domicile of Haryana and has been residing in Haryana State for 1 year at the time of submission of application.

(ii) A woman who is eligible for grant of pension on the 1st April, of any year will be entitled to receive the pension from 1st July of that year.

3 (a) The amount of pension to be paid to a pensioner per month shall be decided by State Government from time to time.

4. **Committees.**—(a) Separate Committees will be constituted for scrutinising the eligibility of women for grant of pension in the rural and urban areas. In the rural areas, the Committee will consist of Block Development and Panchayat Officer or Social Education and Panchayat Officer and the District Social Welfare Officer or his representative. In the urban areas, this Committee will consist of Officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee or the Executive Officer or the Secretary of Municipal Committee and District Social Welfare Officer or his representative. In a situation where District Social Welfare Officer can not be represented on the Committee because of any reason, the Deputy Commissioner will nominate the Officer/official from any Government Department in his place

(b) A District Level Committee comprising of Chief Medical Officer as a Member, District Social Welfare Officer as Member-Secretary and Deputy Commissioner of the District as Chairman will also be constituted.

5. **Scrutiny.**—(a) In the rural areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants shall be conducted in the village itself in an assembly of the village community. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting shall be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer, sufficiently in advance. Adequate publicity about the date, time and venue of the meeting shall be made by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, to enable all women desirous of obtaining pension to attend the meeting. In particular, the Block Development and Panchayat Officer will invite the present and previous Panches and Sarpanches, Mahila Panches, Lambardars and other respectable persons of the village.

(b) In the urban areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants, residing in one or more municipal wards, may be conducted at a time, in order to facilitate the process of scrutiny. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting will be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer. Adequate publicity about the date, time and venue of the meeting as well as about the municipal wards to be covered in a particular meeting, will be made by the Officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee. Present as well as former Municipal Commissioners and other respectable persons belonging to the Municipal wards to be covered in the meeting shall be invited to attend the meeting.

(c) The Committee shall make available application forms to all women desirous of obtaining pension and will also guide them in filling up application forms if necessary. The Committee shall scrutinise each application thoroughly to verify the eligibility of the applicant, for the grant of pension and will take into account all available oral and documentary evidence, for this purpose. (Information supplied by respectable persons of the area and the neighbours of the applicants will also be given due weightage by the Committee in forming an opinion about the eligibility of an applicant. The Committee shall exercise reasonable judgement in deciding each case.

(d) In case of those applicants where the Committee is satisfied about the eligibility of applicants for grant of pension, the Committee shall record its sanction and will send the original applications alongwith a list of such applications on a proforma prescribed by the Social Welfare Department for this purpose to District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of pensions.

(e) In those cases where the Committee comes to a definite conclusion that an applicant is ineligible for grant of pension, the Committee shall record its reasons. The Committee will prepare a list of such applications on a proforma prescribed by the Social Welfare Department for this purpose and forward the list along with original applications to District Social Welfare Officer, for record.

(f) In those cases where the Committee entertains serious doubts about the eligibility of an applicant but is not able to come to a definite conclusion, the Committee will prepare a list of such applicants on a proforma prescribed by the Social Welfare Department for this purpose and forward the list of such applications alongwith original applications to District Level Committee for its decision.

(g) The grant of pension shall be conveyed by the D.S.W.Os to the women to whom pension has been sanctioned.

6. (a) The District Level Committee shall make a detailed examination of those applications where the Committee for Scrutiny has been unable to make clear cut recommendations. It will take into account all available evidence for reaching a conclusion; and may also collect or cause to be collected further evidence to come to a decision. The Committee may also subject the applicant to a detailed medical examination in order to ascertain her age. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

(b) The Committee will prepare a list of those applications to whom the pension is granted on a proforma prescribed by the Social Welfare Department for this purpose and forward this list alongwith original applications to the District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of pension. It will also prepare a list of rejected applications on a proforma prescribed for this purpose by the Social Welfare Department and will forward this list to the District Social Welfare Officer alongwith original applications, for record.

7. **Scrutiny of fresh applications.**—Each year, Committees for Scrutiny will conduct scrutiny of the new applicants in the month of April, May and June. Pension shall be sanctioned to those applicants who are found eligible by the Committees with effect from 1st of July, every year.

8. **Annual verification of pensioner.**—(i) During its visit to the village/ward for the purpose of verification of fresh applicants Committee for Scrutiny will also investigate if any of the pensioner is no longer eligible for pension. For this purpose, all the existing pensioners will be required to present themselves before the Committee. Pension to those women who fail to present themselves before the Committee will become liable for suspension.

(ii) In those cases where Committee comes to a definite conclusion that a pensioner is no longer eligible for pension, the Committee will terminate the pension of such beneficiaries and will send intimation to District Social Welfare Officer of such termination, for further necessary action. However, the Committee shall exercise reasonable judgment to decide these cases. The District Social Welfare Officer shall intimate the fact of termination of pension to the pensioner. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of pension.

(iii) In those cases where the pensioner has not presented herself before the Committee and the Committee suspects the eligibility of a pensioner, the Committee may direct District Social Welfare Officer to discontinue further disbursement of pension to such pensioners. District Social Welfare Officer shall issue a notice to the beneficiary asking her to show cause why her pension should not be terminated. If the pensioner fails to satisfy the District Social Welfare Officer regarding her continued eligibility of pension, the pension shall be terminated by District Social Welfare Officer. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of pension. Otherwise, the pension shall be resumed after the pensioner satisfies the District Social Welfare Officer about her eligibility for pension.

9. **Stoppage of pension.**—(i) Pension shall be sanctioned for the entire life of the applicant. However, the District Social Welfare Officer shall have the right to stop payment of pension, if any at stage it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or false information or the condition for which the pension was granted no longer exists.

(ii) Pension shall cease to be payable on the death of a pensioner and if the grantee dies before receiving pension for a particular period, the same shall lapse.

(iii) In case pension is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant, in her application form, the amount given would be recovered as arrears of land revenue. In case of deliberate wrong information, the pensioner shall be liable for prosecution.

(iv) Pension under this scheme shall not be liable to attachment under any court of law.

(v) Pension shall cease to be payable when a widow/destitute women attains the age of 65 years or the date from which she gets employed or gets any other means of subsistence, whichever is earlier. However, in case where destitute women and widows attain the age of 65 years and having still no source of income, her case shall be transferred to Old Age Pension Scheme (Liberalised).

10. **Change of address.**—It shall be obligatory for a pensioner to intimate any change of address to the District Social Welfare Officer. A pensioner shifting to a place outside Haryana State for a period exceeding three months shall not be ordinarily eligible for payment of pension during the period of her stay outside Haryana State. However, in a case involving real hardships, the District Social Welfare Officer may permit payment of pension to such a woman for a period of absence upto one year if he is satisfied that the shifting of residence was absolutely essential for the pensioner.

11. **Mode of payment.**—(a) Pension shall be payable by money order without deduction of money order commission the cost of which shall be borne by Government. In exceptional cases involving real hardship, the District Social Welfare Officer may make payment of a pension in case provided he is satisfied that a particular woman is the right payee, while recording reasons in writing.

(b) The period for payment of pension shall be decided by Director, Social Welfare from time to time.

12. No further payment shall be made if money order acknowledgement has not been received for two consecutive instalments.

12. (a) The pensions which have remained unpaid for two consecutive instalments or more shall be enquired into by the concerned District Social Welfare Officer who will take necessary action in this regard. Payees acknowledgement shall be recorded and kept under lock and key by the District Social Welfare Officer till the accounts have been audited by Accountant-General, Haryana.

13. Handling cash payment to the postal authorities shall be made, as far as possible, through bank drafts issued in favour of Postal Department.

14. All the undisbursed money orders shall be received by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned. A proper record of such amounts shall be kept in a separate register. The undisbursed amount received back shall be taken in the cash book and the entire amount thus received shall be refundable by short drawal from subsequent pension bill.

15. The Director Social Welfare shall be over all incharge of the "Haryana Pension to Widows and Destitute Women Scheme" and necessary instructions in regard to its proper enforcement and accounting procedure shall be issued by him from time to time.

16. The expenditure on the administration of the "Haryana Pension to Widows and Destitute Women Scheme" including the cost of the money order form/money order commission etc. shall be debitable to the head of account as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

ASHA SHARMA,

Commissioner and Secretary to
Government, Haryana,
Social Welfare Department.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 21st April, 1988

No. 1447-SW-(3)A-88.—These rules shall be called "The Haryana Handicapped Persons Pension Rules, 1988" and shall be applicable throughout the State of Haryana. These rules shall come into operation from

2. **Aim.**—The aim of the rules is to provide social security to Handicapped Persons who are unable to sustain themselves from their own resources and are in need of financial assistance from the State.

3. **Eligibility.**—A person in the age-group of 21 to 65 years shall be eligible for grant of Handicapped Pension if he is a domicile of Haryana State and has been residing in Haryana State for three years at the time of submission of application.

and

His close relative such as parents, son, son's son are not supporting him and his own income from all sources is less than the income prescribed by Government in this regard.

and

he suffers from one or more of the following handicaps :—

- (a) Total absence of sight.
- (b) Visual acuity not exceeding 3/60 to 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses.
- (c) A lose of sense of hearing to the extent that it is non-functional for the ordinary purposes of life.
- (d) Orthopaedic handicap with a permanent disability of 70 per cent and above.
- (e) Mental Retardation with I.Q. not exceeding 50.

3-A. The rate of pension shall be decided by Government from time to time.

4. **Committees.**—(a) Separate Committees will be constituted for scrutinising the eligibility of persons for grant of pension in the rural and urban areas. In the rural areas, the Committee will consist of Block Development and Panchayat Officer or Social Education and Panchayat Officer and the District Social Welfare Officer or his representative. In the urban areas, this committee will consist of officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee or the Executive Officer or the Secretary of Municipal Committee and District Social Welfare Officer or his representative. In a situation where District Social Welfare Officer cannot be represented on the Committee because of any reason, the Deputy Commissioner will nominate one Officer/Official from any Government Department in his place.

(b) A District Level Committee comprising of Chief Medical Officer as Member, District Social Welfare Officer as Member Secretary and Deputy Commissioner of the District as Chairman will also be constituted.

SOCIAL DEFENCE SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 24th August, 1992

No. 1921-SW(3)/92.—These rules shall be called "The Haryana Pension to Widows & Destitute Women Scheme Rules 1988-1989" and shall be applicable throughout the State of Haryana. These rules shall come into operation from the 1st July, 1991.

2. Aim.—The aim of these rules is to provide social security to women who are unable to sustain themselves from their own resources and are in need of financial assistance from the State.

3. A woman, in the age group of 18 years and above is eligible for grant of pension if she is a widow or unmarried woman or a married woman who has been deprived of the financial support from her husband because of his physical/mental incapacity or desertion by husband or any other reasons and her close relative such as parents, sons, son's son are not supporting her and her own income from all sources is less than the income prescribed by Government in this regard in consultation with Finance Department, provided she is a domicile of Haryana and has been residing in Haryana State for the last 1 year at the time of submission of application.

3. (a) The amount of pension to be paid to a pensioner per month shall be decided by State Government from time to time.

4. Committees.—(a) Separate Committees will be constituted for scrutinising the eligibility of women for grant of pension in the rural and urban areas. In the rural areas, the Committee will consist of District Social Welfare Officer or his representative, Circle Revenue Officer & Medical Officer (of Health Department). In the urban areas, the Committee will consist of Officer incharge of the Municipal Committee or the Executive Officer or the Secretary of Municipal Committee and District Social Welfare Officer or his representative and a Medical Officer of Health department.

(b) A District Level Committee comprising of Chief Medical Officer as a Member, District Social Welfare Officer as Member-Secretary and Deputy Commissioner of the District or his representative as Chairman will also be constituted.

5. Scrutiny.—(a) In the rural areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants shall be conducted in the village block itself in an assembly of the village/local Community. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting shall be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer sufficiently in advance in consultation with the Circle Revenue Officer concerned. Adequate publicity about the date, time and venue of the meeting as well as criteria of eligibility shall be made by the Circle Revenue Officer/District Public Relation Officer to enable all woman applicants desirous of grant of pension to appear before the Committee. In particular, Circle Revenue Officer will invite Lambardars and other respectable persons of the village.

(b) In the urban areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility applicants residing in one or more municipal wards, may be conducted at a time, in order to facilitate the process of scrutiny. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting will be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer in consultation with the officer incharge of Municipal Committee concerned. Adequate publicity will be made by the Officer incharge of the Municipal Committee sufficiently in advance about the date, time and venue of the meeting, Municipal Wards to be covered in a particular meeting and the eligibility criteria. All women applicants desirous of grant of pension shall appear before the Committee for scrutiny. Present as well as former Municipal Commissioners and other respectable persons belonging to the Municipal Wards to be covered in the meeting shall be invited to attend the meeting.

(c) The Committee shall make available application forms to all women desirous of obtaining pension and will also guide them in filling up application forms if necessary. The Committee shall scrutinise each application thoroughly to verify the eligibility of the applicant, for the grant of pension and will take into account all available oral and documentary evidence, for this purpose. Information supplied by respectable persons of the area and the neighbours of the applicants will also be given due weightage by the Committee in forming an opinion about the eligibility of an applicant. The Committee shall exercise reasonable judgement in deciding each case.

(d) In case of those applicants where the Committee is satisfied about the eligibility of applicants for grant of pension, the Committee shall record its sanction and will send the original applications alongwith a list of such applications on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence & Security Department for this purpose to District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of pensions.

(a) In those cases where the Committee comes to a definite conclusion that an applicant is ineligible for grant of pension, the Committee shall record its reasons. The Committee will prepare a list of such applications on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence and Security Department for this purpose and forward the list alongwith original applications to District Social Welfare Officer for record.

(f) In those cases where the Committee entertains serious doubts about the eligibility of an applicant but is not able to come to a definite conclusion, the Committee will prepare a list of such application on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence and Security Department for this purpose and forward the list of such applications alongwith original applications to District Level Committee for its decision.

(g) The grant of pension shall be conveyed by the District Social Welfare Officers to the women to whom pension has been sanctioned.

6. (a) The District Level Committee shall make a detailed examination of those applications where the Committee for scrutiny has been unable to make clear cut recommendations. It will take into account all available evidence for reaching a conclusion and may also collect or cause to be collected further evidence to come to a decision. The Committee may also subject the applicant to a detailed medical examination in order to ascertain her age. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

(b) The Committee will prepare a list of those applications to whom pension is granted on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence and Security Department for this purpose and forward this list alongwith original applications to the District Social Welfare Officer for this purpose and forward this list alongwith original applications to the District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of pension. It will also prepare a list of rejected applications on a *pro forma* prescribed for this purpose by the Social Defence and Security Department and will forward this list to the District Social Welfare Officer alongwith original applications, for record.

7. **Sanctioning of New Cases.**—All fresh applications for claim of pensions received, examined and found eligible during the year will be sanctioned and brought on to the pension rolls on two different dates in a year. Those pension cases found eligible as on 31st of March will be sanctioned and made payable on the 1st of April and those cases found eligible as on 30th September will be sanctioned and made payable on the 1st of October.

8. **Verification of pensioners.**—(i) During its visit to the village/ward for the purpose of verification of fresh applicants Committee for Scrutiny may also investigate if any of the pensioner is no longer eligible for pension. For this purpose, all the existing pensioners will be required to present themselves before the Committee Pension to those women who fail to present themselves before the committee will become liable for suspension.

(ii) In those cases where Committee comes to a definite conclusion that a pensioner is no longer eligible for pension, the Committee will terminate the pension of such beneficiaries and will send intimation to District Social Welfare Officer of such termination, for further necessary action. However, the Committee shall exercise reasonable judgement to decide these cases. The District Social Welfare Officer shall intimate the fact of termination of pension to the pensioner. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of pension. The decision of the District Level Committee shall be final and will not be subjected to any further investigation.

(iii) In those cases where the pensioner has not presented herself before the Committee and the Committee suspects the eligibility of a pensioner, the Committee may direct District Social Welfare Officer to discontinue further disbursement of pension to such pensioners. District Social Welfare Officer shall issue a notice to the beneficiary asking her to show cause why her pension should not be terminated. If the pensioner fails to satisfy the District Social Welfare Officer regarding her continued eligibility of pension, the pension shall be terminated by District Social Welfare Officer. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of pension. Otherwise, the pension shall be resumed after the pensioner satisfies the District Social Welfare Officer about her eligibility for pension.

9. **Stoppage of pension.**—(i) Pension shall be sanctioned for the entire life of the applicant. However, the District Social Welfare Officer shall have the right to stop payment of pension, if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or false information or the condition for which the pension was granted no longer exists.

(ii) Pension shall cease to be payable on the death of a pensioner and if the grantee dies before receiving pension for a particular period, the same shall lapse.

(iii) In case pension is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant, in her application form, the amount given would be recovered as arrears of land revenue. In case of deliberate wrong information, the pensioner shall be liable for prosecution.

(iv) Pension under this scheme shall not be liable to attachment under any court of law.

(v) Pension shall cease to be payable when a women gets employed or gets any other means of subsistence, whichever is earlier.

10. **Change of address.**—It shall be obligatory for a pensioner to intimate any change of address to the District Social Welfare Officer. A pensioner shifting to a place outside Haryana State for a period exceeding three months shall not be ordinarily eligible for payment of pension during the period of her stay outside Haryana State. However, in case involving real hardships the District Social Welfare Officer may permit payment of pension of such a woman for a period of absence upto one year if he is satisfied that the shifting of residence was absolutely essential for the pensioner.

11. **Mode of payment.**—(a) Pension shall be disbursed through the Patwaris under the supervision of Circle Revenue Officers or by any other means of payment to be decided by the Government from time to time.

(b) The periodicity of payment of pension shall be decided by Director, Social Defence and Security from time to time.

12. No further payment shall be made if the acknowledgement of disbursement/payment has not been received for two consecutive instalments.

(a) The pensions which have remained unpaid for two consecutive instalments or more shall be enquired into by the concerned District Social Welfare Officer who will take necessary action in this regard. Payees acknowledgement shall be recorded and kept under lock and kept by the District Social Welfare Officer till the account have been audited by Accountant General, Haryana.

13. Handling cash payment to the disbursing officials shall be made, as far as possible, through bank drafts issued in favour of them.

14. All the undisbursed amount shall be received by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned. A proper record of such amounts shall be kept in a separate register. The undisbursed amount received back shall be taken in the cash book and the entire amount thus received shall be refundable by short drawal from subsequent pension bill.

15. The Director, Social Defence and Security shall be over all incharge of the "Haryana Pension to Widows and Destitute Women Scheme" and necessary instructions in regard to its proper enforcement and accounting procedure shall be issued by him from time to time.

16. The expenditure on the administration of the "Haryana Pension to Widows and Destitute Women Scheme" including the cost of the money order form/money order commission/computerisation charges or any other expenditure on disbursement of pension shall be debitable to the head of account as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department conveyed,—vide their U.O. No. 1/62-86-3 FGII/1847, dated 5th August, 1992.

No. 1921-SW(3)/92.—These rules shall be called "The Haryana Handicapped Persons Pension Rules, 1988" and shall be applicable throughout the State of Haryana. These rules shall come into operation from 1st July, 1991.

2. **Aim.**—The aim of the rules is to provide social security to Handicapped Persons who are unable to sustain themselves from their own resources and are in need of financial assistance from the State.

3. **Eligibility.**—A person in the age-group of 18 years and above shall be eligible for grant of Handicapped Pension if he is a domicile of Haryana State and has been residing in Haryana State for three years at the time of submission of application.

and

His close relative such as parents, sons, son's son are not supporting him and his own income from all sources is less than the income prescribed by Government in this regard.

and

He suffers from one or more of the following handicaps :—

- (a) Total absence of sight.
- (b) Visual acuity not exceeding 3/60 to 10/200 (snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses.
- (c) A loss of sense of hearing to the extent that it is non-functional for the ordinary purposes of life.
- (d) Orthopaedic handicap with a permanent disability of 70% and above.
- (e) Mental Retardation with I.Q. not exceeding 50.

3-A. The rate of pension shall be decided by Government from time to time.

4. **Committees for Scrutiny.**—(a) Separate Committees will be constituted for scrutinising the eligibility of persons for grant of handicapped pension in the rural and urban areas. In the rural areas, the Committee will consist of District Social Welfare Officer or his representative, Circle Revenue Officer and Medical Officer (of Health Department). In the urban areas, the Committee will consist of officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee or the Executive Officer or the Secretary of Municipal Committee and District Social Welfare Officer or his representative and a Medical Officer of Health Department.

(b) **District Level Committee.**—A District Level Committee comprising of Chief Medical Officer as a Member, District Social Welfare Officer as Member-Secretary and Deputy Commissioner of the District or his representative as Chairman will also be constituted.

5. (a) In the rural areas the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants shall be conducted in the village/block itself in an assembly of the village/local community. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting shall be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer sufficiently in advance in consultation with the Circle Revenue Officer concerned. Adequate publicity about the date, time and venue of the meeting as well as criteria of eligibility shall be made by the Circle Revenue Officer/District Public Relation Officer to enable all applicants desirous of grant of pension to appear before the Committee. In particular, Circle Revenue Officer will invite Lambardars and other respectable persons of the village.

(b) In the urban areas, the scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants residing in one or more Municipal Wards may be conducted at a time, in order to facilitate the process of scrutiny. The date, time and venue for holding such a meeting will be fixed by the District Social Welfare Officer in consultation with the officer Incharge of Municipal Committee concerned. Adequate publicity will be made by the Officer Incharge of the Municipal Committee sufficiently in advance about the date, time and venue of the meeting, Municipal Wards, to be covered in a particular meeting and the eligibility criteria. All persons desirous of grant of pension shall appear before the Committee for scrutiny. Present as well as former Municipal Commissioners and other respectable persons, belonging to the Municipal Wards to be covered in the meeting shall be invited to attend the meeting.

(c) The Committee shall make available application forms to all persons desirous of obtaining pension and will also guide them in filling up application forms if necessary. The Committee shall scrutinise each application thoroughly to verify the eligibility of the applicant, for the grant of pension and will take into account all available oral and documentary evidence for this purpose. Information supplied by respectable persons of the area and the neighbours of the applicants will also be given due weightage by the Committee in forming an opinion about the eligibility of an applicant. As a proof of indisability, the applicant will be required to submit to the Committee a medical certificate to be issued by the authority prescribed by the Government for this purpose. This certificate shall be treated as conclusive evidence by the Committee to determine the degree of handicap of the applicant. The Committee shall exercise reasonable judgement in deciding each case.

(d) In case of those applicants where the Committee is satisfied about the eligibility of applicants for grant of pension, the Committee shall record its sanction and will send the original applications on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence and Security Department for this purpose to District Social Welfare Officer for disbursement of pensions.

(e) In those cases where the Committee comes to a definite conclusion that an applicant is ineligible for grant of pension, the Committee shall record its reasons. The Committee will prepare a list.

of such applications on *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence and Security Department for this purpose and forward the list alongwith original applications to District Social Welfare Officer, for record.

(f) In those cases where the Committee entertains serious doubts about the eligibility of an applicant but is not able to come to a definite conclusion, the Committee will prepare a list of such applicants on a *pro forma* prescribed by the Social Defence and Security Department for this purpose and forward the list of such applications alongwith original applications to District Level Committee for its decision.

(g) In those cases where the applicant does not produce the disability certificate, but otherwise appears eligible for grant of pension, the Committee shall declare him eligible for grant of pension subject to the production of disability certificate. Camps shall be organised in medical institutions by Chief Medical Officer for facilitating the issue of disability certificate, to such applicants. The District Social Welfare Officer shall be competent to grant pension to such applicants on the production of proper disability certificate.

(h) The grant of pension shall be conveyed by the District Social Welfare Officer to the persons to whom pension has been sanctioned.

6. (a) The District Level Committee shall make a detailed examination of those applications where the Committee for Scrutiny has been unable to make clear cut recommendations. It will take into account all available evidence for reaching a conclusion and may also collect or cause to be collected further evidence to come to a decision. The Committee may also subject the applicant to a detailed medical examination in order to ascertain his age and disability. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

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7. **Sanctioning of New Cases.**—All fresh applications for claim of pensions received, examined and found eligible during the year will be sanctioned and brought on to the pension rolls on two different dates in a year. Those pension cases found eligible as on 31st of March will be sanctioned and made payable on the 1st of April and those cases found eligible as on 30th September will be sanctioned and made payable on the 1st of October.

8. **Verification of pensioners.**—(i) During its visit to the village/ward for the purpose of verification of fresh applicants Committee for Scrutiny may also investigate if any of the pensioner is no longer eligible for pension. For this purpose, all the existing pensioners will be required to present themselves before the Committee. Pension to those persons who fail to present themselves before the Committee will become liable for suspension.

(ii) In those cases where Committee comes to a definite conclusion that a pensioner is no longer eligible for pension, the Committee will terminate the pension of such beneficiaries and will send intimation to District Social Welfare Officer of such termination, for further necessary action. However, the Committee shall exercise reasonable judgement to decide these cases. The District Social Welfare Officer shall intimate the fact of termination of pension to the pensioner. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of pension. The decision of the District Level Committee shall be final and will not be subjected to any further investigation.

(iii) In those cases where the pensioner has not presented himself before the Committee and the Committee suspects the eligibility of a pensioner, the Committee may direct District Social Welfare Officer to discontinue further disbursement of pension to such pensioners. District Social Welfare Officer shall issue a notice to the beneficiary asking him to show cause why his pension should not be terminated. If the pensioner fails to reply to the notice within a period of three months or fails to satisfy the District Social Welfare Officer regarding his continued eligibility of pension, the pension shall be terminated by District Social Welfare Officer. Otherwise, the pension shall be resumed after the pensioner satisfies the District Social Welfare Officer about his eligibility for pension. An appeal shall lie, within 3 months from the intimation of such termination to the District Level Committee against such termination of pension.

9. **Stoppage of pension.**—(i) Pension shall be sanctioned for the entire life of the applicant. However, the District Social Welfare Officer shall have the right to stop payment of pension, if at any stage, it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or false information or the condition for which the pension was granted no longer exists.

(ii) Pension shall cease to be payable on the death of a pensioner and if the pensioner dies before receiving pension for a particular period, the same shall lapse.

(iii) In case pension is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant, in his application form, the amount given would be recovered as arrears of land revenue. In case of deliberate wrong information, the pensioner shall be liable for prosecution.

(iv) Pension under this scheme shall not be liable to attachment under any court of law.

(v) Pension shall cease to be payable when a handicapped person gets employed or gets any other means of subsistence which is earlier.

10. **Change of address.**—It shall be obligatory for a pensioner to intimate any change of address to the District Social Welfare Officer. A pensioner shifting to a place outside Haryana State for a period exceeding three months shall not be ordinarily eligible for payment of pension during the period of his stay outside Haryana State. However, in case involving real hardships, the District Social Welfare Officer may permit payment of pension to such a person for a period of absence upto one year if he is satisfied that the shifting of residence was absolutely essential for the pensioner.

11. **Mode of payment.**—(a) Pension shall be disbursed through the Patwaris under the supervision of Circle Revenue Officers or by any other means of payment to be decided by the Government from time to time.

(b) The periodicity of payment of pension shall be decided by Director, Social Defence and Security from time to time.

12. No further payment shall be made if the acknowledgement of disbursement/payment has not been received for two consecutive instalments.

13. The pensions which have remained unpaid for two consecutive instalments or more shall be enquired into by the concerned District Social Welfare Officer who will take necessary action in this regard.

14. Payees acknowledgement shall be recorded and kept under lock and key by the District Social Welfare Officer till the accounts have been audited by Accountant General, Haryana.

15. Handling cash Payment to the disbursing officials shall be made, as far as possible, through bank drafts issued in favour of them.

16. All the undisbursed amount shall be received by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned. A proper record of such amounts shall be kept in a separate register. The undisbursed amount received back shall be taken in the cash book and the entire amount thus received shall be refundable by short drawal from subsequent pension bill.

17. The Director, Social Defence and Security shall be over all incharge of the "Haryana Handicapped Persons Pension Scheme" and necessary instructions in regard to its proper enforcement and accounting procedure shall be issued by him from time to time.

18. The expenditure on the administration of the "Haryana Handicapped Persons Pension Scheme" including the cost of the money order form/money order commission/computerisation charges or any other expenditure on disbursement of pension shall be debitable to the head of account as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

19. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department conveyed,—vide their U.O. No. 1/62-86-3 FGH/1847, dated 5th August, 1992.

S. K. SHARMA,

Financial Commissioner and Secretary to Government,
Haryana, Social Welfare Department.

Extract from Haryana Government Gazette (Extra.), dated the 14th September, 1995]

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 10th September, 1995

No. 1203-SW(3)/95.—The Governor of Haryana is pleased to substitute Rule 7 regarding sanctioning of new cases of (i) The Haryana Pension to Widows and Destitute Women Scheme Rules 1988-89 and (ii) The Haryana Handicapped Persons Pension Rules, 1988, both issued,—*vide* Haryana Government notification No. 1921-SW(3) 92, dated 24th August, 1992, as under :—

Rule 7 regarding sanctioning of new cases:

All fresh applications for claim of pensions received, examined and found eligible during the month will be sanctioned and brought on roll on the 1st of the month during which the case would be found eligible. The Scrutiny Committee set up under rule 4 would meet atleast once in a month or as frequently as required.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department conveyed,—*vide* their U.O. No. 1/62/86-3 FG-II/1517, dated 25th August, 1995.

VEENA EAGLETON,

Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Haryana,
Social Welfare Department.

[Extract from Haryana Government Gazette (Extra.), dated the 10th June, 2011]

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 10th June, 2011

No. 458B-SW(4)-2011.—In partial modification of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department Notification No. 1921-SW(3)/92, dated 24th August, 1992, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to substitute Para No. 3 of the "The Haryana Pension to Widows & Destitute Women Scheme Rules 1988-89" with the following :

3. Eligibility Criteria—

A woman of age 18 years and above is eligible for grant of pension under the Scheme if she is domicile of Haryana and has been residing in Haryana State for the last one year at the time of submission of application and her own income from all sources is below ₹ 30,000/- per annum and further any one of the three conditions are fulfilled :

- (i) She is a widow; or
- (ii) She is destitute without husband, parents and son(s); or
- (iii) She is destitute due to desertion or physical/mental incapacity of,
 - (a) Husband in case of married woman; or
 - (b) Parents in case of other women.

Note : "Physical/mental incapacity" is as defined in Notification No. 1953-SW (4) 2009, dated 30th October, 2009 and as amended from time to time.

Exclusion:

Notwithstanding the above, a woman employed by any Government or by any Local/Statutory Body or any organization substantially financed by any Government or Local/Statutory Body or who is drawing pension or family pension there from will not be eligible under this Scheme."

This issues with the approval of the Council of Ministers, Haryana, as conveyed *vide* U.O. No. 9/53/2011-2 Cabinet, dated 26th May, 2011.

DHANPAT SINGH,

Financial Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Government,
Haryana, Social Justice & Empowerment Department.

[Extract from Haryana Government Gazette, dated the 26th August, 2014]

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 16th August, 2014

No. 605A-SW(4)-2014.—In partial modification of the Social Justice & Empowerment Department Notification No. 458B-SW(4)/2011, dated 10th June, 2011, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to increase the income limit from Rs. 30,000/- per annum to Rs. 2,00,000/- per annum in Para 3, "Eligibility Criteria" of the "The Haryana Pension to Widows & Destitute Women Scheme Rules 1988-89".

This issues with the approval of the Council of Ministers, Haryana, as conveyed *vide* U.O. No 9/228/2014-2 Cabinet, dated 7th August, 2014.

Chandigarh:
The 12th August, 2014.

P. K. DAS,
Principal Secretary to Government Haryana,
Social Justice & Empowerment Department.

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