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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi
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To,
Chief Secretary
All States/Union Territories

Subject: Increase in rate of pension from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- per month under the ongoing Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) as well as increase in grant from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.20,000/- under the National Family benefit Scheme(NFBS).

Sir,

This is to inform that Government of India has decided to :

- (i) increase the rate of pension under IGNWPS from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- per month per beneficiary and to revise the eligibility criteria from 40-59 years to 40-79 years.
- (ii) increase the rate of pension under IGNDPS from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- per month per beneficiary and to revise the eligibility criteria from 18-59 years to 18-79 years.
- (iii) increase the lump sum grant under NFBS from Rs. 10000/- to Rs. 20000/- and also to revise the eligibility criteria from 18-64 years to 18-59 years.
- (iv) make the requirement of "at least an equal contribution under all the pension schemes as well as under NFBS by State Governments/UT Administrations" recommendatory.
- (v) implement the revised norms under IGNWPS and IGNDPS with effect from 1st October, 2012, and under NFBS from the date of approval of the Cabinet.
- (vi) continue implementation of the NSAP during the 12th Five Year Plan and to provide 3% administrative charges on approved items.

2. Consequent upon the Government decision the revised eligibility criteria for pension/assistance are as follows:

Sl No.	Schemes	Existing eligibility criteria	Revised eligibility criteria
1.	IGNWPS	BPL widows in age group of 40-59 years. Rate of assistance: Rs. 200/- p.m.	BPL widows in age group of 40-79 years or above. Rate of assistance: Rs. 300/- p.m
2.	IGNDPS	BPL persons with severe or multiple disabilities in age group of 18-59 years Rate of assistance: Rs. 200/- p.m.	BPL persons with severe or multiple disabilities in age group of 18-79 years. Rate of assistance: Rs. 300/- p.m.

Sl No.	Schemes	Existing eligibility criteria	Revised eligibility criteria
3	IGNOAPS	(i) BPL persons of age 60 -79 years. Rate of assistance: Rs. 200/- p.m.	(i) BPL persons of age 60 -79 years (excluding BPL widows and BPL persons with severe and multiple disabilities). Rate of assistance: Rs. 200/- p.m
		(ii) BPL persons of 80 years or above. Rate of assistance: Rs. 500/- p.m.	(ii) BPL persons of 80 years or above. Rate of assistance: Rs. 500/- p.m.
4	NFBS	The death of a “primary breadwinner” (male or female) should have occurred while he or she is in the age group of 18 to 64 years i.e. more than 18 years of age and less than 65 years of age. Rate of assistance: One time assistance of Rs. 10000/-.	The death of a “primary breadwinner” (male or female) should have occurred while he or she is in the age group of 18 to 59 years i.e. more than 18 years of age and less than 60 years of age. Rate of assistance: One time assistance of Rs. 20000/-.

3. The revised norms under IGNOAPS and IGNDPS would be effective from 1.10.2012. However, the revised norms under NFBS would be effective from 18.10.2012. Accordingly, revised guidelines under IGNOAPS, IGNOAPS, IGNDPS and NFBS have been separately issued by this Ministry (copies enclosed).

4. Further, it is recommended that States/UTs make at least an equal contribution under all the pension schemes as well as under NFBS.

5. States may continue to utilize upto 3% of NSAP funds disbursed during a financial year towards administrative expenses on approved list of items specified in the O.M. No. J-11060/6/2009-NSAP dated 29th September 2010 issued by this Ministry subject to conditions specified in the said O.M.

6. In view of the above, the all the States are requested to identify widows and disabled persons, satisfying the revised eligibility criteria under IGNOAPS and IGNDPS, from existing IGNOAPS beneficiaries in the age group of 60-79 years, and migrate them to respective pension schemes.

7. The number of beneficiaries who would become eligible to receive central assistance consequent upon the change in the eligibility criteria has been worked out and the statements enclosed are as under:-

- i) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNOAPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- ii) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNOAPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-II.
- iii) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNDPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-III.

- iv) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under NFBS, State-wise is given in Annexure-IV.

8. It may please be noted that the amount of central assistance would depend upon the number of beneficiaries covered or the estimated/ approved number whichever is lower. In case, more than the estimated/ approved number of beneficiaries are covered by any State under any of the pension schemes, the expenditure on excess number of beneficiaries will have to be met from State's own resources. Action taken and the number of beneficiaries identified as well as the fund requirement during 2012-13 may be intimated to this Ministry by 30th November 2012 .

Yours faithfully


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