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Sub: CHSS benefits for mentally handicapped children

Head, Medical Division, BARC may please refer to letter No. MD/Psy/52/00/269 dated December 20, 2000 from the Psychiatrist, BARC Hospital on the above subject.

The proposal for extension of the CHSS benefits beyond 25 years of age to the children who are suffering from mental illness which is distinct from mental retardation has been examined in this Department. Since it has been explained that mental disability of the above children falls above 40% and are not able to achieve psychosocial and economic independence, it has been decided to extend the CHSS facility to them beyond 25 years of age, in relaxation of the relevant provisions in the Rules. However, the necessity to continue the facility to them would be assessed after a period of one year and action would be taken accordingly. This is also subject to the condition that the child concerned would be depending on prime beneficiary in-as-much as in the case of female children, the treatment would be available only upto marriage.

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Head, Medical Division, BARC.