



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Social Justice Department--National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) - Implementation of Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension (IGNDPS) and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.24/ 2013/SJD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21.03.2013

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- Read: 1. D.O. No. J - 11013/2/2007-NSAP dated 16.02.2009 and 17.02.2009 from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi  
2. Office Memorandum No. J - 11012/1/2009-NSAP dated 30.09.2009  
3. Office Memorandum No. J - 11015/1/2011-NSAP dated 30.06.2011  
4. Office Memorandum No. J - 11015/1/2012-NSAP dated 08.11.2012

ORDER

Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India vide reference 1st cited above has introduced two new schemes viz. Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme(IGNDPS) and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) from February 2009 onwards. As per the Office Memorandum cited above the Ministry has proclaimed eligibility criteria for the implementation of the scheme. The Ministry has requested State Governments to introduce the new pension schemes in the State.

2. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction to implement the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) in the State in addition to the existing State Pension Schemes for the Disabled and Widows.

3. A. The eligibility criteria of the IGNDPS is as follows :

- (i) The age of disabled shall be between 18 - 79 years.
- (ii) The applicant must belong to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.
- (iii) The applicant should be suffering from severe or multiple disabilities as defined in 'Persons with Disabilities Act , 1995' (PWD Act 1995) and the 'National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999' (National Trust Act 1999) revised from time to time and any other guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in this regard.

B. For the purpose of defining severe or multiple disabilities the following may be considered :

(i) As per clause (i) of section 2 of the PWD Act, 'Disability ' means (i) blindness, (ii) low vision, (iii) leprosy cured, (iv) hearing impairment, (v) loco motor disability, (vi) mental retardation and (vii) mental illness.

(ii) As per clause (t) of section 2 of the PWD Act, 'persons with disability' means a person suffering from not less than forty percent of any disability as certified by medical authority.

(iii) As per clause (4) of section 56 of the PWD Act 'Persons with severe disability ' means a person with eighty percent or more of one or more disabilities.

(iv) As per clause (h) of section 2 of the National Trust Act, 'Multiple Disabilities' means combination of two or more disabilities as defined in clause (i) of section 2 of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

C. For the purpose of certification of disabilities covered under the scheme, the following may be considered :

(i) The applicant shall submit a medical certificate from 'medical authority' as per the provision of clause(p) of section 2 of the PWD Act and Para B (ii) above.

(ii) The findings of the competent medical authority on the extent of disability would be treated final.

4. The eligibility criteria of the IGNWPS is as follows:-

- i) The age of the widow shall be between 40 - 79 years
- (ii) The applicant must belong to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

5. IGNWPS will be discontinued in the following cases :

- (i) In case of remarriage
- (ii) Once the widows move above the poverty line

6. The mode of payment will be by e-payment through Bank Account

7. A separate data base of eligible beneficiaries as per the above guidelines will be created at the Local Self Government Institution level. The existing beneficiaries of the IGNOAPS and also of the State Disability and Widow pension schemes who satisfy the above guidelines shall migrated to the new pension schemes. The new beneficiaries satisfying eligibility criteria of these schemes shall also be included in the scheme.

8. The rate of IGNWPS will be Rs. 525/- p.m. including the Central Share of Rs. 300/- p.m. The rate of IGNDPS will be @ Rs. 700/- p.m. including Central share of Rs. 300/- p.m.

9. The expenses for these schemes will be met from the Head of Account 2235-60-200-76 NSAP (Plan).

10. The present practice of release of funds under the above Head of Account for NFBS is the allocation direct to the District Collectors from Social Justice Department in Government Secretariat shall be discontinued in view of the introduction of these two new pension schemes IGNWPS and IGNDPS and the operation of the HoA 2235-60-200-76 NSAP(Plan) shall be entrusted with the Commissioner of Land Revenue as being done in the case of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). Hence hereafter , the release of funds under IGNDPS, IGNWPS and NFBS shall be done by the Commissioner of Land Revenue along with the fund release of IGNOAPS.

11. The Commissioner of Land Revenue will collect MPR (Annexure I ) in the prescribed format for the above schemes for online uploading in the NSAP Website.

12. The procedure for submitting application, sanctioning pension, maintaining accounts, furnishing reports and appeal will be as in the case of State Pension Schemes for Disabled and Widows respectively.

13. Detailed Rules for IGNOAPS, IGNWPS and IGNDPS will be issued separately.

14. Application forms for the IGNDPS and IGNWPS is given as Annexure II and III.

15. The State Pension Schemes for the disabled and widows who are not covered by the IGNDPS and IGNWPS shall continue along with these new pension schemes.

By Order of the Governor  
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Additional Secretary to Government

The Commissioner of Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Social Justice, Thiruvananthapuram

The Accountant General, (A&E)/(Audit) , Kerala , Thiruvananthapuram

The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi (with C/L)

The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram

The Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam , Kochi, Thrissur, Kozhikode Corporations

Local Self Government Department

Finance Department (vide no. 36646/WW2/12/Fin dated 23.07.2012 and 15449/WW2/13/Fin dated 18.02.2013 )

The Secretary, Kerala Legislature, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director, KILA, Mulamkunnathukavu , Thrissur

All District Collectors

✓ The Executive Director, IKM, Thiruvananthapuram

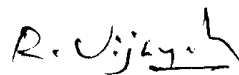
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