



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Finance Department – Implementation of Home Delivery of Social Security Pensions - through the District Co-operative Banks (DCB) / Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and fixing norms for the receipt of Welfare Fund Board Pensions as addition to the Social Security Pensions- Orders issued.

FINANCE (SFC Cell-A) DEPARTMENT

GO (Ms) No.324/2016/Fin

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- Read-
1. GO(P)No.363/2013/Fin dated 27/07/2013
 2. GO (Ms) No.282/2016/Fin dated 15/07/2016
 3. GO(Rt) No.6203/2016/Fin dated 23/07/2016
 4. Circular No.67/2016/Fin dated 27/07/2016

ORDER

Government provides Social Security Pensions in a monthly basis to the beneficiaries. Government have announced the introduction of a mechanism for the disbursement of Social Security Pensions as Home Delivery based on the decision of the Council of Ministers. Meanwhile Government in its order read as 2nd paper above have enhanced the minimum rate of Social Security Pension to Rs.1000/- per month from June 2016 onwards.

2. In order to implement the Home Delivery of Social Security Pensions, a survey has been conducted among the pensioners by the Kudumbashree, vide Government order read as 3rd paper above. Based on the feedback from the survey and further consultation with the stake holders, it has been decided to implement the Home Delivery of Social Security

Pensions to the beneficiaries through the District Co-operative Banks (DCB) / Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

3. The operational guidelines for the implementation of the Home Delivery through the District Co-operative Banks (DCB) / Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are detailed below;

- i. The Co-operative Department / DCB shall select one or more PACS at each LG level /based on service area approach depending upon the number of beneficiaries to be covered by each PACS.
- ii. Wherever the PACS are not functioning well, the branches of the DCB / other credit Co-operatives are allowed to undertake the responsibility of the disbursement of the pension.
- iii. It will be the responsibility of the Co-operative Department / DCB to ensure the credibility and capability of the PACS to be selected for the disbursement of Social Security Pension. Care should be taken to ensure that as many capable PACS with genuine track record are enlisted for this assignment.
- iv. The DBT Cell in the Directorate of Panchayats shall transfer the funds required to disburse the pension at each Local Government level to the Bank Account of the District Co-operative Bank based on the number of pensioners in the service area of PACS linked to the DCB. The initial transfer will be 20% of the total amount needed to disburse the arrears of pensions. Thereafter, the releases will be made on a daily basis to recoup the money spent.

- v. DCB shall transfer the funds to the selected PACS for the disbursement of Social Security Pension in its jurisdiction. The amounts that are due to each PACS on the basis of the number of pensioners linked to them will be indicated on the screen in the software. The DCB Authorised Officer should in the normal course, transfer that amount to the PACS. [However, in exceptional cases, for making the distribution more efficient, DCBs may deviate from the amount to be transferred so indicated.] The actual amount transferred to each PACS at a time should be entered in the facility provided for the same in the software.
- vi. IKM should facilitate the PACS to take the print out of the beneficiary list (Scroll) connected to the disbursement in their jurisdiction through login password.
- vii. The Bill Collector / designated employees/ activity groups as decided by the DCB/PACS shall disburse the pension within the prescribed time limit with signature / thumb impression in the copy of the scroll.
- viii. The Bill Collector / designated employees/ activity groups entrusted for the disbursement of pension should give the counterfoil of the scroll detaining the amount and period of pension to the beneficiary.
- ix. The Bill Collector /designated employees/ activity groups entrusted for the disbursement of pension should ensure the identity of the pensioner through Aadhar / any valid ID proof with photograph.
- x. After the disbursement of pension as per the list provided by the IKM, necessary entries in the software to be made by the Secretary/designated officer of the PACS on satisfying the signature / thumb impression in the scroll.

- xi. The IKM will provide necessary space for marking / entry details of the disbursement of pension in the software.
- xii. Authorized Officer of DCB and PACS shall be provided with access to the IKM Pension Software Sevana.
- xiii. The Secretary/designated officer of the PACS shall enter the details of pension distribution in the online portal using the login credentials provided by DBT cell/IKM.
- xiv. The PACS shall submit the copy of the scroll to the DCB at the earliest but necessarily within three days of disbursement of pension and the Secretary / designated officer in the DCB should authenticate the entry / disbursement data made by the PACS, digitally signed the same and submit it in the system.
- xv. On the basis of the data on the authenticated receipt of the disbursement of pension, next batch of funds will be released from the DBT cell to the DCB.
- xvi. In order to evaluate the pros and cons of this mechanism, a pilot intervention at one Grama Panchayat in Kollam District will be organized immediately.

4. In view of the decision to enhance the pension and for Home delivery of Social Security Pensions, Government have wider consultation on the payment of pension by the Welfare Fund Boards also. Considering all aspects including the financials of Welfare Fund Boards, norms in existence in respect of payment Social Security Pensions, etc; Government are pleased to issue the following orders:

- a. Social Security pension/Welfare pensions payments shall be streamlined in future after preparing a comprehensive data base by Information Kerala Mission (IKM).

- b. Thereafter a pensioner will be eligible to receive only one pension at a monthly rate of Rs.1000/-.
- c. In the case of those who are in receipt of two pensions at present, the rate of one pension will be at the enhanced rate of Rs.1000/- per month. The second pension will be given at the rate at which the pension amount was disbursed before the enhancement of the minimum pension.
- d. The pension that is to be paid at the enhanced rate shall be specified in the comprehensive data base that would be prepared by IKM.
- e. In the case of pensioners getting pensions in excess of the amount as detailed above, as part of the 2016 Onam payments, the excess payments so made will be adjusted in the future payments
- f. Those members getting pension from Welfare Fund Boards paying pension exclusively from the provision of beneficiary contribution, such as Kerala Toddy Workers' Welfare Fund Board, Kerala Headload Workers' Welfare Board, Kerala Building And Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Kerala Motor Transport Workers' Welfare Fund Board, Kerala Abkari Workers Welfare Fund Board and those who are getting disability pension will be eligible for more than one pension.
- g. Pensioners eligible for second pension such as Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension / Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension etc will be paid only the Government of India share in the concerned pension.
- h. Since the number of membership to any beneficiary in the Welfare Fund Board is limited to only one, they will be eligible to receive pension from only one Welfare Fund Board.
- i. Receipt of more than two pensions will be discontinued forthwith.
- j. In future, pension sanction / release will be strictly verified, using Aadhar particulars

also.

k. IKM will publish the consolidated list of beneficiaries on detailed verification based on the conditions mentioned in previous clauses.

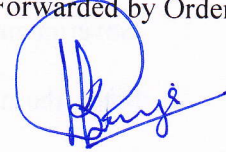
5. The Government Orders read as 1st and 2nd papers above stand modified to the above extent.

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