

No. J-11015/ 1 /2012-NSAP
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi
Dated: 8th November 2012

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 |
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| 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. |

