

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Guidelines for central assistance under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) as part of the National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP).**

**I Name of the Scheme**

The scheme is known as 'Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme' (IGNDPS). It comes into existence from February 2009.

**II Eligibility criteria of Beneficiary**

**(A)** For purpose of claiming central assistance, the following criteria shall apply:

- (i) The age of disabled shall be between 18-64 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.
- (D)** The State Government will facilitate in obtaining the certificate of severe or multiple disability of such persons who applies for assistance under the scheme by inviting the medical authority at Block/ Tehsil/ Mandal level or as admissible so that distance may not act as deterrent and such persons do not face harassment.

### **III Amount of pension**

The Central assistance under IGNDPS will be provided at the rate of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary. The State Governments are urged to contribute at least equally towards the pension amount.

### **IV Specific condition regarding sanction of pension**

Sanction of pension to a beneficiary has to be made only after placing the database of beneficiary in the public domain/ website of the Ministry or State.

### **V Mode of payment**

The pension is to be credited into a post office or public sector bank account of the beneficiary.

### **VI Identification of beneficiary**

The Gram Panchayat/ Municipalities are expected to play an active role in identification of beneficiaries under the Scheme.

**VII Certificate of coverage**

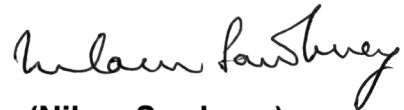
The States/ UTs are required to furnish a certificate that all eligible disabled have been covered under IGDPS.

**VIII Number of eligible beneficiaries under IGDPS**

The number of eligible beneficiaries to be assisted under IGDPS will be determined as per the field report of all the beneficiaries who satisfy the eligibility criteria.

**IX Allocation of funds**

The funds for operation of the scheme relating to IGNOAPS, IGDPS, IGWPS, National Family Benefit Scheme as part of National Social Assistance Programme and Annapurna will continue to be released in a combined manner.



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