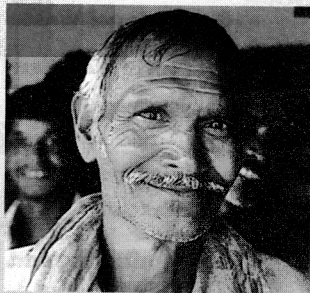


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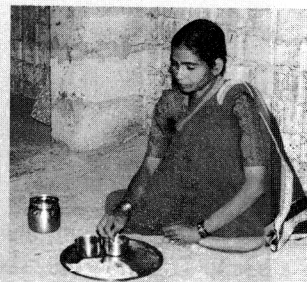
NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME



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I INTRODUCTION:

1. The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) was included in the Central Budget for 1995-96. The details of the Programme have been worked out by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Rural Development) in consultation with the representatives of State Governments. The Prime Minister, in his broadcast to the Nation on 28th July, 1995, has announced that the Programme will come into effect from 15th August, 1995.
2. This Guidelines sets out the features of the NSAP, procedures for its implementation, the regulation and release of Central assistance to States and other matters relevant to the NSAP.

II. MAIN FEATURES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

3. The NSAP will include, for the time being, three benefits as its components, viz.,
 - (i) *National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)*
 - (ii) *National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)*

(iii) *National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS)*

More such schemes may be added in future.

4. The Programme came into effect on 15th August, 1995.
5. NSAP is a social assistance programme for poor households and represents a significant step towards the fulfilment of the Directive Principles in Articles 41 and 42 of the Constitution recognizing the concurrent responsibility of the Central and State Governments in the matter.
6. The NSAP is a Centrally Sponsored Programme under which 100 per cent Central assistance is extended to the States/UTs to provide the benefits in accordance with the norms, guidelines and conditions laid down by the Central Government.
7. In providing social assistance benefits to poor households in the case of old age, death of the breadwinner and maternity, the NSAP aims at ensuring minimum national standards, in addition to the benefits that the States are currently providing or might provide in future. The intention in providing 100 per cent Central assistance is to ensure that social protection to the beneficiaries everywhere in the country is uniformly available without interruption. Accordingly, it should be ensured that Central assistance does not displace State's own expenditure in this respect and that the States/UTs may expand their own coverage of social assistance independently, wherever they wish to do so.
8. The NSAP provides opportunities for linking the social assistance package to schemes for poverty alleviation and the provision of basic needs. Specifically, old age pensions can be linked to medical care and other benefits for the old and the poor. Integrated Rural Development

Programme (IRDP)/Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) assistance may be provided in addition to family benefits for the families of poor households on the loss of breadwinner. Maternity assistance can be linked to maternal and child care and provision of better diet to pregnant mothers.

9. The NSAP shall be implemented by the Panchayats and Municipalities in the delivery of social assistance so as to make it responsive and cost-effective. In the process, the Panchayats and the Municipalities will be strengthened and it may be possible for them to mobilize local resources for supplementing benefits from the Government. Panchayats and Municipalities will be encouraged to involve voluntary agencies to the extent possible in taking these benefits to the poor households for whom they are intended. The responsibility for implementation shall, however, rest on the Panchayats and the Municipalities.
10. The NSAP will be implemented in the States/UTs in accordance with the General Conditions applicable to all the components of the NSAP as well as the Specific Conditions applicable to each component. These are set out below:

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

11. The scales of benefit under the NSAP would be as below:
 - i) National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS): Rs. 75/- per month per beneficiary.
 - ii) National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS): Rs. 10,000/- in case of death of the primary breadwinner to the bereaved household.
 - iii) National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS): Rs. 500/- per pregnancy up to the first two live births.

12. Any scheme of social security operated in the State/UT with the Central funds provided for the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) will carry the name of the appropriate component of the NSAP such as, the National Old Age Pension Scheme, the National Family Benefit Scheme and the National Maternity Benefit Scheme.
13. The State/UT Governments will:
- (i) Ensure wide and continuous publicity to the benefits under the NSAP and the procedures for claiming them through posters, brochures, media and other means. They shall ensure that application forms are widely available in local languages. Procedure for verification of applications should be prompt and simple. Sanctions should be expeditious. Delays and malpractices should be eliminated in disbursement. Adequate accounting arrangements should be instituted to enable proper post-audit. Every effort should be made through these means to ensure that only eligible persons obtain the benefits.
 - (ii) Subject to these and other guidelines issued by the Government of India from time to time, suitable procedures may be instituted for the implementation of the Programme and Government of India kept informed. They may also comply with any modifications that Government of India may indicate, based on review. In the procedures so instituted, the nodal authority for the NSAP as well as the sanctioning authority for each scheme under the NSAP at the District level will also be prescribed.
 - (iii) Intimate to the Government of India the number of beneficiaries under each component of the NSAP, district-wise. In order to facilitate smooth flow of funds to the implementing agencies and to ensure prompt disbursal of benefits under NSAP, the State/UT Governments would arrange for opening of separate accounts at the District level for the release of funds by the Central Government under the NSAP, for the district.
- (iv) Constitute State level and District level Committees for the purposes laid down in these guidelines in the implementation of the NSAP.
- The State Level Committee will be headed by the Chief Secretary and will include (a) concerned Secretaries such as Finance, Rural Development, Municipal Affairs, Health and Welfare; (b) a nominee of the Union Ministry of Rural Development; (c) a nominee of the Ministry of Urban Development; and (d) independent experts and representatives of NGOs.
- This Committee will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the Programme and matters concerned therewith and to report to the Government of India.
- The District Level Committee (DLC) will be headed by the Collector and will include (a) concerned Members of Parliament; (b) about one-third of the Members of the State Legislative Assembly from the district, as far as possible representing all political parties; (c) Chairperson of the Zilla Parishad and/or of its relevant Standing Committee; (d) Heads of the relevant Departments at the District level; (e) representatives from among chairpersons of Panchayat Samitis and Municipalities; and (f) independent experts and representatives of NGOs. The District Level Committee will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the Programme and for matters concerned therewith.
14. The District Collector or any other officer given the nodal responsibility of implementing the NSAP at the District level, will be responsible for:-
- (i) efficient implementation of the NSAP in accordance with these

guidelines and the procedures instituted;

- (ii) giving wide publicity to the NSAP and its procedures;
- (iii) for convening meetings regularly of the District level Committee;
- (iv) for monitoring and compiling information about the implementation of the scheme and furnishing it to the prescribed authorities.

The District Collector/Sanctioning Authority, in turn, will be responsible for arranging the payment of the benefit to the beneficiaries. Disbursement of this benefit to individual beneficiaries may take place preferably in the gram sabhas/ neighbourhood committees as the case may be.

15. The Panchayats/Municipalities will be responsible for implementing the schemes in their respective areas of operation and for:

- (i) Disseminating information about the NSAP and the procedures for obtaining benefits under it. In this task, they should encourage and involve the cooperation of voluntary organisation.
- (ii) The Gram Panchayats/Municipali-

ties are expected to play an active role in the **identification** of beneficiaries under the three schemes. The State Government may thus communicate targets for NOAPS, NFBS and NMBS to the Gram Panchayats/Municipalities so that identification can take place in the gram sabhas by the gram panchayats and in neighbourhood/mohalla committee by the Municipalities in line with these targets. Further, central assistance under NOAPS, NFBS and NMBS may also be **preferably disbursed** in public meetings, such as gram sabha meetings in the rural areas and neighbourhood/mohalla committees in urban areas.

- (iii) Monitoring and following up delays, if any, in sanctions and disbursement.

16. All benefit payments should preferably be payable to the bank account of the beneficiary in the Post Office Savings Bank or in a commercial bank or through Postal Money Order. However, in the case of NOAP and NMBS cash disbursement may be permitted provided the payment is made in public meetings, preferably of gram sabha in village and in neighbourhood/mohalla committees.

National Old Age Pension Scheme

Specific conditions:

17. Central assistance under the NSAP will be available for old age pensions provided strictly according to the conditions in paragraph 18 below. No other criteria will be valid.
18. For purposes of claiming Central assistance, the following criteria shall apply:-
 - i) The age of the applicant (male or female) shall be 65 years or higher.
 - (ii) The applicant must be a destitute in the sense of having little or no regular means of subsistence from his/her own sources of income or through financial support from family members or other sources. In order to determine destitution, the criteria, if any, currently in force in the State/UT Governments may also be followed. The Government of India reserves the right to review these criteria and suggest appropriate revised criteria.
 - (iii) The amount of the old age pension

will be Rs. 75/- per month for purposes of claiming Central assistance.

- iv) The ceiling on the total number of old age pensions for purposes of claiming Central assistance will be as specified for the States/UT's in Table I.
- (v) The benefit under NOAPS should be disbursed, in not less than two instalments in a year and if possible, the benefit may be disbursed

in more instalments as per directions of the State Government.

- 19. Village Panchayats and relevant Municipalities shall report every case of the death of a pensioner immediately after its occurrence to the appropriate sanctioning authority. The sanctioning authority shall ensure that payments are stopped thereafter.
- 20. The sanctioning authority shall have the right to stop/recover payments of any pension sanctioned on the basis of false or mistaken information about eligibility.

National Family Benefit Scheme

Specific Conditions:

21. Central assistance will be available for a lumpsum family benefit for households below the poverty line on the death of the primary breadwinner in the bereaved family subject to the conditions in Paragraph 22 below:
22. For purposes of determining Central assistance the following criteria shall apply:
 - (i) The 'primary breadwinner' will be the member of the household-male or female- whose earnings contribute substantially to the total household income.
 - (ii) The death of such a primary breadwinner should have occurred whilst he or she is in the age group of 18 to 64 years i.e. more than 18 years of age and less than 65 years of age.
 - (iii) The bereaved household qualifies as one below the poverty line according to the criterion prescribed by the Government of India.

- (iv) The Central assistance under the scheme will be Rs. 10,000/- in the case of death of the primary breadwinner.
 - (v) The ceiling on the total number of family benefits for purposes of claiming Central assistance will be as calculated for the States/UTs in Table I.
23. The family benefit will be paid to such surviving member of the household of the deceased who, after due local inquiry, is determined to be the head of the household. For the purpose of the Scheme, the term 'household' would include spouse, minor children, unmarried daughters and dependent parents. In case of death of an unmarried adult, the term household would include minor brothers/sisters.
24. The sanctioning authority shall have the right to recover payments made on the basis of false or mistaken information about eligibility.

National Maternity Benefit Scheme

Specific Conditions:-

25. The maternity benefit will provide a lumpsum cash assistance to women of households below the poverty line subject to the conditions in Paragraph 26 below.
26. For purposes of determining Central assistance, the following criteria shall apply:-
 - (i) The maternity benefit will be restricted to pregnant women for up to the first two live births provided they are of 19 years of age and above.
 - (ii) The beneficiary should belong to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.
 - (iii) The ceiling on the amount of the benefit for purposes of claiming Central assistance will be Rs. 500/
 - (iv) The ceiling on the total number of

maternity benefits for purposes of claiming Central assistance will be as specified for the States/UTs in Table I.

27. The maternity benefit will be disbursed in one instalment 12-8 weeks prior to the delivery. However, the benefit can be made even after the delivery of child subject to the sanctioning authority being satisfied about the genuineness of the case. It is desirable that the child receives one dose of Oral Polio and BCG vaccination at birth and the first dose of DPT and Polio in the sixth week.
28. The sanctioning authority shall have the right to stop/recover payments made on the basis of false or mistaken information about eligibility.

VII. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

29. The State/UT Committee constituted as per Para 13(iv) shall institute adequate and appropriate arrangements for monitoring and evaluation of the NSAP. For this purpose, they can utilise the District Level Committees, Government evaluation agencies and independent academic and other institutions.
30. An Advisory Committee will be established at the all India level to assist the Ministry of Rural Development in the monitoring and evaluation of the NSAP and to advise on matters related to its effective implementation.
31. The State/UT Governments shall furnish to the Department of Rural Development in the Ministry of Rural Development, which is the nodal agency at the Centre, monthly and annual progress reports as per format prescribed in Annexure II.

**Central
Assistance
Under the NSAP**

32. Central assistance to States/UTs under the NSAP will be determined in the following manner:-
- (i) Table (I) Indicates for each State/UT, the Qualifying Financial Entitlement (QFE) for Central assistance in respect of each of the three benefits. The QFE is the product of the financial ceiling for the benefit and the corresponding numerical ceilings in Table I. The numerical ceilings for each State in respect of each of the benefits have been worked out on the basis of the basic parameters furnished in Table 2. The parameters are liable to be updated from time to time. The method of computation has been explained in the Annexure I.
 - (ii) However, the numerical ceiling and the Qualifying Financial Entitlement mentioned above provide only an upper limit and in so doing the physical and financial target for the long

- run. Actual physical targets and allocation of funds from year to year for the State Governments will however be based on the budget allocation for NSAP in the current year.
- (iii) State/UT Governments will be expected to maintain the level of their own current expenditure on social protection programmes and ensure that Central assistance under the NSAP is in addition to the State budgetary outlays for the current year or 1993-94, whichever is more, on such programmes. This consideration will be taken into account in determining the level of Central assistance. For this purpose, social protection outlays will be taken to include outlays on all social assistance pensions (such as for the old, agricultural labourers, widows, deserted women and the physically handicapped), survivor family benefits, maternity assistance, maternal and child care and child nutrition.
33. The procedure for the release of Central assistance will be as follows:-
- (a) First instalment will be released in the beginning of the financial year on ad-hoc basis to those districts who have claimed second instalment in the previous year.
- (b) In case of districts who have not claimed second instalment of the previous year, first instalment will be released upon their fulfilling all the conditions that would have made them eligible for release of second instalment in the previous year i.e. the district should send proposal for release of funds after utilisation of 60% available funds alongwith Audit Report and Utilisation Certificate in the prescribed proforma through State Govt. in Annexure III.
- (c) The second instalment for the districts will be released on the requests of districts through State Government as per performa given in Annexure III on fulfilment of the following conditions:-
- (i) 60% of the total available funds, i.e., opening balance for the year and the amount received should be utilised at the time of applying for the second instalment.
- (ii) The opening balance in the district, i.e., the aggregate of balance with DRDA should not exceed 20% of the district allocation during the previous year. In case the opening balance exceeds this limit, the Central share of the excess will be deducted at the time of release of second instalment.
- (iii) Submission of Audit Report (for each scheme of NSAP separately) for the previous years.
- (iv) Submission of Utilisation Certificate for the previous year in the prescribed proforma (Annexure IV). Expenditure, available funds and balance as shown in Audit Report & Utilisation Certificate should match.
- (d) The quantum of second instalment will be dependent on the time of reporting of utilisation. Depending on the receipt of complete proposal for second instalment, the quantum will be governed as follows:
- Proposal received in:-
- | | | |
|----------|---|------------------------|
| December | - | 50% of allocated funds |
| January | - | 40% of allocated funds |
| February | - | 30% of allocated funds |
| March | - | 20% of allocated funds |
- Proposal received after 15th March will not be entertained.

Annexure I

1. The numerical ceiling and the Qualifying Financial Entitlement given in Table I provide only for upper limit and in so doing the physical targets for the long run. Actual physical targets and allocation of funds from year to year for the State/UT Governments will however be based on the budget allocation for NSAP in the current year.
2. The following examples indicate how the numerical ceiling and the QFE are worked out. The data used relate to an 'average' State and are based on Census (1991), SRS (1992) and the latest available poverty estimates. The basic parameters assumed in the illustrative examples for an 'average' State are the following:- (I) Population; (1998) : 46949100; (ii) Poverty ratio in total population : 24.2 per cent (iii) Proportion of 65+ age group in total population : 3.9 percent (iv) Proportion of 18-64 age group in total population : 55.6 percent (v) Age specific mortality in the 18-64 age group : 0.0058 (i.e. 5.8 per

1000) (vi) Crude Birth Rate : 0.0281 (i.e.) 28.1 per 1000) (vii) Proportion of first two live births in total births : 54 percent.

3. The scales of benefits are : (i) Rs. 75/- per month (i.e. Rs. 900/- per annum) for old age pensions (ii) Family benefit of Rs. 10,000/- for poor households on the death of the primary breadwinner (iii) Maternity Benefit of Rs. 500/- for women in poor households up to the first two live births.
5. For the 'average' State, the number of deaths in the 18-64 age group in households below the poverty line can be estimated as : Population X Poverty Ratio X Proportion of 18-64 age group in total population X Age specific mortality in 18-64 age group = $46949100 \times 0.242 \times 0.556 \times 0.0058 = 36639$ or 36600. Half the number of such deaths are assumed to relate to the primary breadwinner. The numerical ceiling works out to be : $0.5 \times 36600 = 18300$. The QFE will accordingly be : Rs. $10000 \times 18300 =$ Rs. 1830 lakh.

Numerical ceilings and Qualifying Financial Entitlement:

4. It is assumed that 50 per cent of the population below the poverty line in the age group 65+ will qualify for old age pensions under the destitution criteria laid down. Accordingly, the numerical ceiling for old age pensions in the 'average' State chosen in the example will be : Population X Poverty Ratio X Proportion of 65+ age group in total population X 0.5 = $46949100 \times 0.242 \times 0.039 \times 0.5 = 221552$ or 221600
6. The numerical ceiling for maternal benefits will be : Population X Poverty Ratio X Crude Birth Rate X Proportion of first two births in total live births = $46949100 \times 0.242 \times 0.281 \times 0.540 = 172402$ or 172400 (to the nearest hundred). The QFE will be Rs. $500 \times 172400 =$ Rs. 862.00/- lakh.

Table 1.

NSAP : Numerical ceiling and Qualifying Financial Entitlement for States/UTs based on population projections as 1.7.98 and poverty ratios based on (Modified Expert Group) Report for 1993-94.

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	NOAPS		NFBS		NMBS		Total QFE (Col.4+6+8) (Rs. Lakh)
		Numerical Ceiling Number	QFE (Rs. Lakh)	Numerical Ceiling Number	QFE (Rs. Lakh)	Numerical Ceiling Number	QFE (Rs. Lakh)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	466000	4194.00	28800	2880.00	284900	1424.50	8498.50
2.	Arunanchal Pradesh	9200	82.80	800	80.00	11500	57.50	220.30
3.	Assam	133200	1198.80	21500	2150.00	177900	889.50	4238.30
4.	Bihar	1107700	9969.30	90500	9050.00	862300	4311.50	23330.80
5.	Goa	4500	40.50	300	30.00	5700	28.50	99.00
6.	Gujarat	221600	1994.40	18300	1830.00	172500	862.50	4686.90
7.	Haryana	86300	776.70	6100	610.00	87500	437.50	1824.20
8.	Himachal Pradesh	38100	342.90	2300	230.00	47500	237.50	810.40
9.	J & K	51100	459.90	3100	310.00	63800	319.00	1088.90
10.	Karnataka	340200	3061.80	24500	2450.00	270600	1353.00	6864.80
11.	Kerala	224900	2024.10	9200	920.00	116800	584.00	3528.10
12.	Madhya Pradesh	599000	5391.00	60000	6000.00	597700	2988.50	14379.50
13.	Maharashtra	669800	6028.20	48000	4800.00	509200	2546.00	13374.20
14.	Manipur	16600	149.40	900	90.00	20700	103.50	342.90
15.	Meghalaya	17900	161.10	1000	100.00	22400	112.00	373.10
16.	Mizoram	5000	45.00	300	30.00	6300	31.50	106.50
17.	Nagaland	13000	117.00	500	50.00	16300	81.50	248.50
18.	Orissa	324000	2916.00	34900	3490.00	289700	1448.50	7854.50
19.	Punjab	62300	560.70	3800	380.00	45900	229.50	1170.20
20.	Rajasthan	237500	2137.50	18800	1880.00	258000	1290.00	5307.50
21.	Sikkim	4800	43.20	300	30.00	6000	30.00	103.20
22.	Tamilnadu	430300	3872.70	36600	3660.00	318900	1594.50	9127.20
23.	Tripura	28700	258.30	1700	170.00	35800	179.00	607.30
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1255200	11296.80	113300	11330.00	1133300	5666.50	28293.30
25.	West Bengal	478400	4305.60	42700	4270.00	391200	1956.00	10531.60
26.	A & N Islands	2800	25.20	200	20.00	3500	17.50	62.70
27.	Chandigarh	2200	19.80	100	10.00	2800	14.00	43.80
28.	D & N Haveli	1900	17.10	200	20.00	2400	12.00	49.10
29.	Daman & Diu	400	3.60	0	0.00	500	2.50	6.10
30.	NCT Delhi	40200	361.80	2300	230.00	50300	251.50	843.30
31.	Lakshadweep	300	2.70	0	0.00	400	2.00	4.70
32.	Pondicherry	7900	71.10	500	50.00	9900	49.50	170.60
	Total	6881000	61929.00	571500	57150.00	5822200	29111.00	148190.00

Note : The numerical ceilings have been worked out with reference to the basic parameters for each State given in Table 2 following the procedure explained in the Annexure. The figures are to the nearest hundred. The Qualifying Financial Entitlement is the numerical ceiling multiplied by the financial ceiling for the relevant benefit.

Table 2 : NSAP : Revised Basic Parameters for States/UTs

Sl. No	State	Projected population as on 1-7-98	Poverty Ratio based on Modified Expert Group Report for 1993-94	Ratio 65+ age group in total population	Ratio of 18-64 age group in total population	Age specific mortality In 18-64 age group	Crude Birth rate	Ratio of 1st two births in total births
1	2	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	75183500	0.222	0.041	0.557	0.0062	0.0245	0.697
2.	Arunanchal Pradesh	1036000	0.394	0.045	0.520	0.0071	0.0290	0.969
3.	Assam	26084500	0.409	0.025	0.553	0.0073	0.0308	0.542
4.	Bihar	100776900	0.550	0.040	0.495	0.0066	0.0323	0.482
5.	Goa	1352300	0.149	0.045	0.625	0.0052	0.0290	0.969
6.	Gujarat	46949100	0.242	0.039	0.556	0.0058	0.0281	0.540
7.	Haryana	19142000	0.251	0.036	0.513	0.0050	0.0320	0.570
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5949500	0.284	0.045	0.520	0.0053	0.0290	0.969
9.	J & K	9026600	0.252	0.045	0.520	0.0053	0.0290	0.969
10.	Karnataka	50051300	0.332	0.041	0.546	0.0054	0.0263	0.620
11.	Kerala	32161800	0.254	0.055	0.590	0.0038	0.0177	0.807
12.	Madhya Pradesh	76143800	0.425	0.037	0.522	0.0071	0.0349	0.529
13.	Maharashtra	90860800	0.369	0.040	0.551	0.0052	0.0253	0.601
14.	Manipur	2180800	0.338	0.045	0.509	0.0046	0.0290	0.969
15.	Meghalaya	2103200	0.379	0.045	0.505	0.0050	0.0290	0.969
16.	Mizoram	866900	0.257	0.045	0.520	0.0053	0.0290	0.969
17.	Nagaland	1525400	0.379	0.045	0.574	0.0030	0.0290	0.969
18.	Orissa	36069800	0.486	0.037	0.553	0.0072	0.0278	0.595
19.	Punjab	22532800	0.118	0.047	0.555	0.0052	0.0271	0.638
20.	Rajasthan	50974800	0.274	0.034	0.517	0.0052	0.0349	0.529
21.	Sikkim	514400	0.414	0.045	0.528	0.0051	0.0290	0.969
22.	Tamilnadu	59922200	0.350	0.041	0.591	0.0059	0.0207	0.734
23.	Tripura	3268200	0.390	0.045	0.553	0.0047	0.0290	0.969
24.	Uttar Pradesh	157578400	0.409	0.039	0.503	0.0070	0.0363	0.485
25.	West Bengal	76666000	0.357	0.035	0.558	0.0056	0.0248	0.577
26.	A & N Islands	364900	0.345	0.045	0.556	0.0044	0.0290	0.969
27.	Chandigarh	877300	0.114	0.045	0.614	0.0026	0.0290	0.969
28.	D & N Haveli	168500	0.508	0.045	0.505	0.0088	0.0290	0.969
29.	Daman & Diu	117700	0.158	0.045	0.556	0.0054	0.0290	0.969
30.	NCT Delhi	12175000	0.147	0.045	0.571	0.0045	0.0290	0.969
31.	Lakshadweep	61800	0.250	0.045	0.534	0.0054	0.0290	0.969
32.	Pondicherry	938400	0.374	0.045	0.590	0.0053	0.0290	0.969
	All India	963624600						

Source: Col.(2) Based on the Report of the Standing Committee of Experts on population (1989) and estimated by R.G. Office.

Col.(4) Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor, Planning Commission, July, 1993 Table 3.4, Officially Released Estimates for 1993-94.

Col. (5) to (9) Sample Registration System (SRS), Fertility and Mortality Indicators, 1992, Registrar General of India 1994. The SRS estimates are for the 15 major States and for all India. The estimates for the small States and UTs are based on unpublished basic records from the Registrar General Census

ANNEXURE III

Proforma for release of funds under NSAP

1. Name of the Scheme _____
2. Name of the district/State _____
3. (i) Physical Target for the district during year _____
(ii) Physical Target achieved during _____
4. Financial Allocation during the year _____
5. Opening balance as on 1.4 _____
6. Funds released during the year _____
7. Total funds available _____
8. Funds utilised up -to-date _____
9. Percentage of utilisation _____
10. Balance as on _____
11. Enclose a copy of Utilisation Certificate for the previous year _____
12. Enclose a copy of Audit Report for the previous year _____

It is certified that

- (i) Conditions on which funds were sanctioned have been fulfilled and that the funds reported above has been actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.
- (ii) There is no committed liability of previous year.
- (iii) Panchayats are involved in the identification of the beneficiaries.

Date

Signature

Chief Executive Officer,

Zilla Panchayat/

Collector/District Magistrate

- Note :**
1. The figures shown in Audit Report should tally with the figures as in utilisation certificate and the same should be furnished separately for the three schemes of NSAP. A separate proposal should be furnished separately for each scheme of NSAP.
 2. A district should apply for release of second instalment after utilisation of 60% funds.

ANNEXURE IV

Utilisation Certificate - NSAP

District/District Rural Development Agency/Zilla Parishad

Utilisation Certificate for the year

(a) Unspent balance from previous year

(b) Grants received from central Govt. during the year

Letter No.	Date	Amount (in Rs.)
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i.

ii.

iii.

(c) Miscellaneous receipts of the Agency, if any under NSAP

Total funds available

1. Certified that a sum of Rs. _____ lakh (Rs _____) was received by the District Rural Development Agency/Zilla Parishad _____ as grant-in-aid during _____ from Government of India vide Ministry's letter No. & Dated given above under _____

Further a sum of Rs. _____ (Rs. _____ only) being unspent balance of the previous year _____ was allowed to be brought forward for utilisation during the current year. The miscellaneous receipts of the district Agency during the year were Rs. _____ lakhs.

2. It is also certified that out of the above mentioned total funds of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) has been utilised by District/DRDA/ZP for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. It is further certified that the unspent balance of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) remaining at the end of the year will be utilised for the programme next year.

3. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grant-in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the reasonable checks to see that the money has been actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Name

District Collector/CEO, ZP/

District Social Welfare Officer

Date