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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110114
Dated 30th June 2011

To,

The Secretary
In-charge of NSAP
All States/ Union Territories

Subject: Lowering of age limit under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) from 65 years to 60 years and increase in central assistance to beneficiaries of 80 years and above- regarding.

Sir,

This is to inform that Government of India has decided to lower the age limit from 65 to 60 years under ongoing Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). Government has also decided to increase the rate of central assistance from Rs.200 to Rs.500 for IGNOAPS beneficiaries of 80 years and above. The revised norms would be effective from 1.4.2011.

2. Further, due to revision in age limit from 65 to 60 years under IGNOAPS, the upper age limit under Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) have also been revised from 64 years to 59 years. IGNWPS would henceforth be applicable for BPL widows in the age group of 40-59 years and IGNDPS would be applicable for BPL persons with severe or disabilities in the age group of 18-59 years. Accordingly, revised guidelines under IGNOAPS, IGNWPS and IGNDPS have been separately issued by this Ministry (copies enclosed).

3. In view of the above, the States are requested to take immediate follow up action to implement the above decisions as per the following:-

- a) States with existing State pension schemes are requested to identify the eligible beneficiaries in the age group of 60-64 yrs from the existing pensioners who fulfill the criteria of IGNOAPS.
- b) States who have paid pension @ Rs.200 or more from their resources for existing eligible beneficiaries (60-64 yrs) can reimburse expenditure from ACA @ Rs.200 per month per beneficiary after migrating them to IGNOAPS. States who have paid pension @ less than Rs.200 per month may reimburse the actual amount paid by them upto June 2011.
- c) From July 2011 all beneficiaries in the age group of 60-79 years should be paid central assistance of at least Rs.200 along with State contribution. However, new beneficiaries identified as per the revised eligibility criteria will have to be paid from the date of sanction only.
- d) All other States who do not have any existing old age pension scheme for persons in the age group of 60-64 years are requested to identify the

eligible beneficiaries immediately and start making payment from the date of sanction of the pension.

- e) All States are also requested to identify from existing IGNOAPS beneficiaries who are 80 years and above and pay @ Rs.500 per month along with State contribution. The differential arrear amount of Rs.300 per month may also be paid with effect from 1.4.2011. However, new beneficiaries identified will have to be paid from the date of sanction only.

4. Further, all States are requested to make at least an equal contribution to all pension schemes from their resources. States who are not contributing at all or contributing less than Rs.200 are requested to make an equal contribution to all three pension schemes. You are requested not to reduce the budget on this account from the current level and rather use it to enhance State contribution so that pensioners get more than the present level of pension.

5. The number of beneficiaries who would become eligible to receive central assistance consequent upon the change in the eligibility criteria has been worked out and the statements enclosed are as under:-

- i) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNOAPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- ii) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNOAPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-II.
- iii) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNDPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-III.

6. It may please be noted that the amount of central assistance would depend upon the estimated/ approved number or the number of beneficiaries covered whichever is lower. In case, more than the estimated/ approved number of beneficiaries are covered by any State under any of the pension schemes, the expenditure on excess number of beneficiaries will have to be met from State's own resources. Action taken and the number of beneficiaries identified as well as the fund requirement during 2011-12 may be intimated to this Ministry by 31st July 2011 so that the matter can be taken up with the Ministry of Finance for enhancement of budgetary allocation.

Yours faithfully


(Sanjay Kumar Rakesh) 30/06/11

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AS PER REVISED NORMS UNDER INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME (IGNOAPS) w.e.f. 1.4.2011

S.No.	State/Union Territory	Estimated number of beneficiaries (60-64 yrs)	Approved number of beneficiaries (65 yrs and above)	Total number of beneficiaries	Estimated number of beneficiaries (80 yrs and above)	Estimated number of beneficiaries (60-79 Yrs)
1	2	3	4	5(=3+4)	6	7(=5-6)
1	Andhra Pradesh	414692	971709	1386401	93640	1292761
2	Bihar	1074378	2341267	3415645	300826	3114819
3	Chhattisgarh	282040	530193	812233	73122	739111
4	Goa	6236	11592	17828	1609	16219
5	Gujarat	263756	457296	721052	81156	639896
6	Haryana	81637	215198	296835	31945	264890
7	Himachal Pradesh	19884	90619	110503	8913	101590
8	Jammu & Kashmir	16263	129000	145263	5421	139842
9	Jharkhand	305564	841976	1147540	79712	1067828
10	Karnataka	427915	811726	1239641	137544	1102097
11	Kerala	160261	432300	592561	60098	532463
12	Madhya Pradesh	722927	1222212	1945139	194634	1750505
13	Maharashtra	965958	1937477	2903435	275988	2627447
14	Orissa	583907	1193176	1777083	155709	1621374
15	Punjab	62833	166689	229522	27926	201596
16	Rajasthan	363966	631040	995006	121322	873684
17	Tamil Nadu	535632	1015000	1550632	146081	1404551
19	Uttar Pradesh	1702031	3310152	5012183	523702	4488481
18	Uttarakhand	108168	193029	301197	32050	269147
20	West Bengal	541509	1271631	1813140	203066	1610074
21	Arunachal Pradesh	4380	26829	31209	1217	29992
22	Assam	135088	650748	785836	42982	742854
23	Manipur	10359	50714	61073	3767	57306
24	Meghalaya	9322	73043	82365	2742	79623
25	Mizoram	2612	23747	26359	825	25534
26	Nagaland	6021	40462	46483	2634	43849
27	Sikkim	2321	15169	17490	611	16879
28	Tripura	15958	136592	152550	7632	144918
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1546	5154	6700	429	6271
30	Chandigarh	1273	4350	5623	449	5174
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1935	6956	8891	341	8550
32	Daman & Diu	485	630	1115	128	987
33	NCT of Delhi	46792	94000	140792	12314	128478
34	Lakshadweep	258	480	738	62	676
35	Puducherry	8084	15523	23607	2509	21098
	Total	8885991	18917679	27803670	2633106	25170564

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AS PER
REVISED NORMS UNDER INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL WIDOW
(IGNWPS) PENSION SCHEME w.e.f. 1.4.2011**

S. No.	Name of State/ UT	Estimated number of BPL widows (40-64 yrs)	Estimated number of BPL widows as per revised age criteria (40-59 yrs)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	276314	181871
2	Bihar	385547	241332
3	Chhattisgarh	156038	101817
4	Goa	5101	3495
5	Gujarat	128983	85719
6	Haryana	31202	22057
7	Himachal Pradesh	10071	6749
8	Jammu & Kashmir	4730	2964
9	Jharkhand	182707	124808
10	Karnataka	295476	202186
11	Kerala	109764	75027
12	Madhya Pradesh	304747	188772
13	Maharashtra	486058	323936
14	Orissa	306923	194379
15	Punjab	22584	15258
16	Rajasthan	155409	99231
17	Tamil nadu	357014	249163
18	Uttar Pradesh	584781	365460
19	Uttrakhand	56179	37371
20	West Bengal	393447	271476
21	Arunachal Pradesh	2535	1849
22	Assam	91326	63840
23	Manipur	4675	3306
24	Meghalaya	5808	4321
25	Mizoram	1192	891
26	Nagaland	2551	1961
27	Sikkim	994	701
28	Tripura	10605	7432
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1007	781
30	Chandigarh	597	457
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	902	606
32	Daman & Diu	297	208
33	NCT Delhi	22525	15964
34	Lakshdweep	184	127
35	Puducherry	6018	4199
	Total	4404289	2899714

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AS PER REVISED NORMS
UNDER INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL DISABILITY PENSION SCHEME (IGNDPS)**

w.e.f. 1.4.2011

S.No.	Name of State/ UT	Estimated number of persons with severe or multiple disabilities (18-64 yrs)	Estimated number of persons with severe or multiple disabilities as per revised age criteria (18-59 yrs)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	58723	51570
2	Bihar	184106	167243
3	Chhattisgarh	43861	38482
4	Goa	670	606
5	Gujarat	47758	43111
6	Haryana	15211	13962
7	Himachal Pradesh	4187	3701
8	Jammu & Kashmir	4048	3702
9	Jharkhand	45398	41022
10	Karnataka	62251	56283
11	Kerala	39182	34569
12	Madhya Pradesh	136468	120086
13	Maharashtra	125364	114552
14	Orissa	125078	110822
15	Punjab	8998	8199
16	Rajasthan	77117	68275
17	Tamil Nadu	119105	110689
18	Uttar Pradesh	261865	236629
19	Uttarakhand	19875	17715
20	West Bengal	126457	116527
21	Arunachal Pradesh	1945	1802
22	Assam	26955	24383
23	Manipur	1341	1194
24	Meghalaya	1396	1268
25	Mizoram	587	544
26	Nagaland	1386	1276
27	Sikkim	1187	1097
28	Tripura	2950	2664
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	446	413
30	Chandigarh	310	294
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	372	338
32	Daman & Diu	97	89
33	NCT of Delhi	9471	8882
34	Lakshadweep	75	67
35	Puducherry	1765	1585
	Total	1556004	1403641