

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

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Guidelines for Central assistance under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).**

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the guidelines of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) issued vide O.M. No. J-11015/1/2011-NSAP dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The eligibility criteria mentioned in the guidelines for the purpose of claiming central assistance was that the age of applicant (male or female) shall be 60 years or higher and must belong to a household living below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

2. As a result of decision of the Government of India to increase in rate of pension from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- and to revise the upper age limit from 59 years to 79 under the ongoing Indira Gandhi Widow Pension Scheme (IGN'WPS) and Indira Gandhi Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), it has been decided to modify the eligibility criteria for old age pension under IGNOAPS with effect from 1.10.2012.

**I Eligibility Criteria**

For purpose of claiming Central assistance, the following criteria shall apply :

- i) The age of the applicant (male or female), shall be 60 years or higher (excluding BPL widows and BPL persons with severe and multiple disabilities in the age group of 60-79 years).

**II Amount of Pension**

- i) The Central Assistance under IGNOAPS will be provided at the rate of Rs. 200 per month per beneficiary for beneficiaries in the age group of 60-79 years (excluding BPL widows and BPL persons with severe and multiple disabilities in the age group of 60-79 years).
- ii) The Central Assistance under IGNOAPS will be provided at the rate of Rs. 500 per month per beneficiary for beneficiaries who are 80 years and above.

3. The other provisions regarding 'Eligibility Criteria', 'Certificate of Coverage', 'Allocation of Funds', 'Discontinuation of Pension' etc. will remain the same as mentioned in the O.M. dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

  
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