Subject: Guidelines for Central assistance under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).

The undersigned is directed to refer to the guidelines of Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) issued vide O.M. No. J-11015/1/2011-NSAP dated 30th June 2011. The eligibility criteria mentioned in the guidelines for the purpose of claiming central assistance was that the beneficiary shall be in the age group of 18-59 years and must belong to a household living below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

2. Government of India has decided to revise the eligibility age from 18-59 years to 18-79 under the ongoing Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and also to increase the rate of assistance from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/-. The revised norms will come into effect from 1.10.2012. Accordingly, the revised criteria for grant of pension under IGNDPS would be as under:

I Eligibility Criteria
   (A) For purpose of claiming Central assistance, the following criteria shall apply:
   i) The age of the disabled shall be between 18-79 years.

II Amount of pension
   The Central Assistance under IGNDPS will be provided at the rate of Rs. 300 per month per beneficiary.

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

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