

No. J-11015/1/2011-NSAP
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated June 30, 2011

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

The undersigned is directed to refer to the guidelines of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) issued vide O.M. No. J-11012/1/2009-NSAP dated 30th September 2009. The eligibility criteria mentioned in the guidelines for the purpose of claiming central assistance was that the age of widow shall be in the age group of 40-64 years and must belong to a household living below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

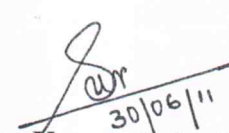
2. As a result of decision of the Government of India to lower the age limit from 65 years to 60 years under the ongoing Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (IGNOAPS), it has been decided to modify the eligibility criteria for widow pension under IGNWPS as follows:-

I Eligibility Criteria

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

- i) The age of the widow shall be between 40-59 years.
- ii) The applicant must belong to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

3. The other provisions regarding the 'Amount of Pension', 'Certificate of Coverage', 'Allocation of Funds', 'Discontinuation of Pension' etc. will remain the same as mentioned in the O.M. No. dated 30th September 2009.


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