OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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-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 beneficiary shall be in the age group of 18-64 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 disability pension under IGNDPS as follows:-

I Eligibility Criteria

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

i) The age of the disabled shall be between 18-59 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 ‘Eligibility Criteria’, ‘Amount of Pension’, ‘Certificate of Coverage’, ‘Allocation of Funds’ etc. will remain the same as mentioned in the O.M. No. dated 30th September 2009.

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