

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 8th November, 2012

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-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 age of widow shall be in the age group of 40-59 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 40-59 years to 40-79 under the ongoing Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) 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 IGNWPS would be as under:-

I Eligibility Criteria

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

I) The age of the widow shall be between 40-79 years.

II Amount of pension

The Central Assistance under IGNWPS will be provided at the rate of Rs. 300 per month per beneficiary.

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 30th June 2011.

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