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F.No. 5-9/DSW/ICDS/2014/2402
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE

समाज कल्याण निदेशालय

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Port Blair, dated the 16/08/2015

NOTIFICATION

F. No. 5-9/DSW/ICDS/2014. In supersession of all previous Rules on Grant Of Widow Allowance/Pension in A & N Islands, the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands is pleased to frame the following rules in respect of the scheme "Grant of Widow Allowance" to poor and destitute widows of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The 'A & N Islands Widow Allowance/ Pension Rules, 2015

Short title and commencement:-

1. These Rules shall be called "The A & N Islands Widow Allowance/ Pensions Rules 2015" and shall be applicable throughout the Union Territory of A & N Islands. These rules shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
2. Aim:- The aim and objective of this Rule is to provide financial assistance by providing allowance to the poor and destitute widows of this Union Territory by way of a monthly allowance to reduce their hardship.

3. Definition:-

- a) "Allowance/Pension" means recurring financial aid (monthly allowances).
- b) "Widow" means a woman whose husband is dead or has been declared as dead by any Court or competent authority irrespective of her age.
- c) "Application Form" means the form prescribed in the rules.
- d) "Investigator" means the Officer appointed by the Director, Social Welfare, A & N Admn. for the purpose.
- e) "Sanctioning Authority" means the authority competent to sanction as mentioned in the rules.



4. Eligibility:-

- i) Woman whose husband has expired or whose husband's whereabouts are not known for more than seven years or whose husband has been declared as dead by any Court or competent authority and who are permanent residents of Union Territory of A & N Islands or have continuously been residing in these islands for more than 10 years at the time of submitting the application. A certificate in this respect is to be obtained from the Revenue Authority or from the authority concerned which has been conferred with such powers to issue such certificates.
- a. Woman whose Monthly income does not exceed Rs.4000/- (Rupees Four thousand only)
- b. The income of the applicant shall be certified by a Revenue Authority not below the rank of Tehsildar.
- ii) In case where a women is in receipt of financial assistance from any Govt./PSU/local Bodies etc., the amount of allowance shall be limited to the amount by which such income/pension falls short of Rs. 2000/-.

5. Application:

Application for "Financial Assistance" under the scheme shall be submitted in the prescribed format in the offices of the concerned Child Development Project Officers located at Port Blair, Ferrargunj, Rangat , Diglipur and Car Nicobar. The application form shall be available free of cost at the Directorate of Social Welfare, Port Blair and the sub divisional offices of CDPOs.

6. Verification:

The Applications for sanction of allowance under the scheme shall be verified by the Mukhya Sevikas with counter signature of the CDPO concerned and forward to Director Social Welfare within 15 days of the submission of application in their respective offices.

A Committee would at the Directorate level be constituted to screen the claims and to recommend deserving and genuine cases.



7. Period and Quantum of Assistance:

- a) The quantum of widow allowance shall be Rs. 2000/- per month.
- b) The financial assistance sanction shall be payable to a widow, till her death, subject to the condition mentioned, in this rules.
- c) Assistance shall be stopped on the death of widow and remarriage, if the widow dies, before receiving assistance for a particular period, the same shall lapse.
- d) Widow assistance shall become payable from the month following the one in which it is sanctioned.

8. Sanctioning Authority:

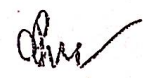
The Director, Social Welfare, Andaman and Nicobar Administration shall be the sanctioning authority who shall pass orders on each case, on the basis of verification report submitted by the departmental investigator appointed for the purpose and after obtaining the approval of Secretary (SW) and concurrence of Finance Department.

9. Mode of payment:

- a) Assistance will be paid on monthly basis through the individual Bank account of the beneficiary.
- b) Person receiving Widow assistance will not be eligible for any other financial assistance from Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

10. Stopping of Assistance:

- a) The sanctioning authority shall have the right to stop payment of assistance, if at any stage, it is found that it was sanctioned by mistakes or that it was sanctioned on furnishing of false information or that the conditions on which the assistance was granted no longer exist. It shall also stop on the remarriage of the widow divulged from inquiry or records.
- b) Change of address:
It shall be obligatory on the person receiving widow assistance to intimate any change of address to the Directorate of Social Welfare, A & N Administration. Persons shifting to a place outside the Union Territory of A & N Administration permanently shall not be eligible for this Assistance.



c) Follow up Action:-

The case of providing allowance/ Pension to the Widows shall be reviewed quarterly by the Investigator appointed for the purpose by the Director of Social Welfare and report submitted to the Director. All applicants shall furnish a certificate every year to the effect that she has not remarried.

(Lt. Gen (Retd) A.K Singh)
Lt. Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

By order and in the name of Lt. Governor.


(Dr. R. Dev Das)
Director (SW)

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS
Administration
Public Relations
Directorate of Social Welfare
Port Blair

Port Blair, dated the 1st April 2018

NOTIFICATION

F.No.6-14/DSW/Notification/2013-14/1120 The Lieutenant Governor (Administrator) Andaman and Nicobar Islands, hereby makes the following amendment in "The A&N Islands Widow Allowance/Pension (Amendment) Rules, 2013", notified vide notification number F.No. 6-14/DSW/Notification/2013-2014/1120 dated 14-05-2013 namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (i) This scheme may be called "The A&N Islands Widow Pension (Amendment) Rules, 2018
- (ii) These rules shall come into force with effect from 01st April, 2018

2. Rule 7 of the A&N Islands Widow Pension (Amendment) Rules, 2013 shall be substituted as under:-

"The quantum of Widow Allowance shall be Rs. 2500/- per month and the applicant shall cease to receive the assistance if she gets remarried or becomes financially independent afterwards, which may be divulged by due enquiry or through records".

By Order & in the name of
Lt. Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

(Geetika Sharma)

Cont. forwarded to:-

1. The Director IP&T, A&N Administration, Port Blair with the request to publish the Notification in the Official Gazette of Andaman & Nicobar Administration
2. The Manager, Govt. Press Port Blair with the request to publish the above said notification in the Official Gazette of A&N Islands and supply of 20 copies of relevant Gazette of Directorate of Social Welfare, A&N Administration.
3. The Hindi Officer (O.L.), A&N Administration, Port Blair for translating the Notification into Hindi and forward the Hindi version of the Manager Govt. Press immediately for publication in the A&N Administration Gazette

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Director (Social Welfare)