



ABSTRACT

Social Welfare – Destitute Differently Abled Pension Scheme – Reduction of the minimum age from 45 years to 18 years for getting the pension – Orders - Issued.

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW 6(1)) Department

G.O.(Ms.)No. 121

Date:21.12.2011

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No.73, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 22.01.1962.
2. G.O.(Ms.)No.1402, Finance (T & A) Department, dated 06.11.1974.
3. G.O.(Ms.)No.972, Finance (T & A) Department, dated 06.10.1975.
4. G.O.(Ms.)No.964, Social Welfare Department, dated 19.12.1980.
5. From the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, D.O.No.J-11013/2/2007-NSAP, dated 17.02.2009.
6. G.O.(Ms.)No.64, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 19.03.2010.
7. G.O.(Ms.)No.87, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 31.03.2010.
8. From the Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development Letter No.J-11015/1/2011-NSAP, dated 30.06.2011.
9. G.O.(Ms.)No.61, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 20.08.2011.
10. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.Rev.Au.5(1)/67177/2011 dated 16.11.2011.

ORDER:

In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued, among other things, for introduction of a scheme for the grant of pension to old persons who have no means of subsistence and have no relatives bound by custom or usage to support them and accordingly, sanctioned for the grant of pension to destitutes of 65 years of age and over, and to destitutes of 60 years of age and over who are incapacitated to earn a living due to blindness, leprosy, insanity, paralysis or loss of limb, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1962.

2. In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, orders were issued extending this benefit of the old age pension scheme to physically handicapped destitutes with the age limit as 55 years.



3. In the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, orders were issued to reduce the age limit for physically handicapped destitute from 55 years to 45 years and the District Collectors were vested with discretion to relax the age limit of 45 years in individual cases of extreme hardship among the physically handicapped.

4. In the G.O. 4<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued for constitution of a District Level Committee consisting of (1) Collector of the District, (2) District Social Welfare Officer, (3) District Medical Officer, vested with powers to sanction the pension to the deserving individual cases of extreme hardship among the physically handicapped without any reference to the age limit prescribed.

5. In the Letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development have introduced a new scheme namely, Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme on 19.02.2009 with the following eligibility criteria:-

- ❖ Persons with 80% and above severe or multiple disabilities between 18-64 years belonging to BPL households.

6. In the Government Order 6<sup>th</sup> read above, to mitigate the plight of the persons who are hearing impaired and speech impaired, the Government have extended Destitute Differently Aabled Pension Scheme to them also.

7. In the Government Order 7<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued, among other things, for the introduction of Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) in the State of Tamil Nadu.

8. Further, in the Letter 8<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development have revised, among other things, the age criteria as 18-59 years under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).

9. The Government of Tamil Nadu have also accepted the above revision and among other things, issued orders under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) in the Government Order 9<sup>th</sup> read above.

10. In his letter 10<sup>th</sup> read above, the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated that as per the present procedure, the differently abled persons who are below 45 years of age have to apply to the District Level Committee for relaxation of age limit. The above Committee in turn sanction the pension without any reference to the age limit prescribed. Thus, the differently abled persons have to approach multiple authorities of the Committee, prescribed in G.O.(Ms.)No. 954, Social Welfare Department, dated 19.12.1980 for sanction of Social Security Pension in relaxation of the prescribed minimum age limit of 45 years.

11. In order to alleviate such difficulties being faced by the differently abled persons, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in the Conference of the District Collectors and Police Officers held on 13.11.2011 and 14.11.2011 has announced that the age limit for the beneficiaries under Destitute Differently Aabled Pension Scheme will be reduced to 18 years from the existing minimum age of 45 years.



12. In pursuance of the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has sent a proposal to the Government to reduce the age limit of 45 years and above under Destitute Differently Abled Pension Scheme to 18 years and above, on par with the age limit prescribed under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme. The percentage of disability under the State Government Scheme will continue to remain at 60% which is more beneficial than the percentage of disability of 80% as prescribed in the Government of India Scheme.

13. The Government after consideration, direct that the minimum age for getting benefit under the Destitute Differently Abled Pension Scheme be reduced from 45 years to 18 years.

14. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 110/DS(VS)/P/2011, dated 21.12.2011.

(By order of the Governor)

K. Gopal,  
Secretary to Government.

To

The Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai - 5.

All District Collectors (Through Commissioner of Revenue Administration).

All Pay and Accounts Officers / All District Treasury Officers (Through Commissioner of Revenue Administration).

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai - 18 (By Name).

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