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LABOUR & ESI DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 24th May, 2016

Sub:— Guidelines of "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)".

1. Background and Approach:

In order to provide support to construction workers who have attained the age of 60 years and are unable to earn their living sufficiently through their own labour, it is found necessary to have a scheme for providing pension to such workers. Thus, to meet the pension needs of building and other construction workers registered under the Odisha Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, this Scheme namely "**Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)**" has been launched.

2. Funding Pattern:

2.1. "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" is a scheme purely funded by the Odisha Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board with an annual budgetary outlay to be decided by the Board for each financial year, which is subject to revision from time to time.

2.2. For this purpose, the Board shall prepare a budget for each financial year, at its discretion, and release funds to the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department upto the financial limit fixed for that year. The Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department will implement the scheme and release funds to the districts, in the pattern of "Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)".

3. Pension Amount:

The monthly pension amount per beneficiary under the "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" will be at par with Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY). This can be revised by the State Government from time to time.

4. Target Group and Eligibility Criteria:

4.1. A person who is a construction worker and who is validly registered for a continuous period of 5 years with the Odisha Building and Other Construction Workers'

Welfare Board, on completion of 60 years of age, will be eligible for assistance under the “Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)”.

4.2. This assistance will be available only to the beneficiary who is not in receipt of any other old-age Pension from the Central Government or the State Government or any organisation aided by either Government.

4.3. This assistance can be availed by a beneficiary and his/ her spouse where both husband and wife fulfil the eligibility criteria as per point 4.1.

4.4. The beneficiary has to produce the Living Certificate by 31st March every year, for continuance of the assistance.

5. Setting of Target and Selection Procedure:

5.1. The Physical Targets for each district will be set by the Collector annually taking into account the number of Construction Workers who have completed 60 years of age, and who have been validly registered for a continuous period of at least 5 years with the Board, in each district. This information will be collected from the District Labour Officers.

5.2. The District Labour Officer will submit to the District Collector, the list of construction workers who have completed 60 years of age and who have been validly registered with the Board for a continuous period of at least 5 years before completing 60 years of age.

5.3. The District Collector will cause enquiry into each case through the concerned block functionaries/ ULB functionaries to ascertain whether these workers meet the eligibility criteria spelt out under point 4 of these guidelines. The District Collector will also cause verification of the beneficiary data as per SECC 2011 data (as updated from time to time), to verify the eligibility of the beneficiaries.

5.4. After field enquiry into eligibility and verification of SECC data, the District Collector will finalise the Municipality/ NAC/ Block-wise list of eligible beneficiaries for the district. This list will be prepared in order of priority, keeping the beneficiaries who have a longer period of registration with the Board at the top of the list and those with a shorter period of registration with the Board lower down in the list. The final list for the district may also be modified by the District Collector, during the financial year, on reasonable ground.

5.5. If the beneficiary found eligible has already been covered under any other old-age pension Scheme, the person can be transferred to Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana and the caused vacancy can be used to absorb other beneficiaries. The district has the responsibility to see that the same beneficiary does not avail the benefit from Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana as well as other Pension Scheme.

5.6. The final Municipality/ NAC/ Block-wise list will be communicated by the District Collector to the OB&OCWW Board, Labour & ESI Department, Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department.

5.7. The beneficiary list received from the District Collectors will be sanctioned by the OB&OCWW Board and that will be the physical target for that year. The sanctioned list will be communicated to the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department for implementation.

5.8. The Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department will place the requisite funds along with the sanctioned Municipality/ NAC/ Block-wise list to the District Collectors.

5.9. The final Municipality/ NAC/ Block-wise list will be communicated by the District Collector to the BDOs in rural areas and to the District Social Welfare Officer, who will disburse the assistance from the sanctioned list.

5.10. The Financial Allocation will be made by the OB&OCWW Board to the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department districtwise as per the Physical Target and Unit Cost.

5.11. Application Procedure will be at par with Point No. 9 of Madhu Babu Pension Yojana with a clause that Identity Card issued under Sec.12 of the B&OCW (RE&CS) Act will be a pre-requisite document for coverage under the Scheme.

6. Financial Management:

6.1. The OB&OCWW Board will release funds to the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department, up to the financial limit fixed for that year.

6.2. The Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department will open a bank account in the name of "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" and the Board will credit the required amount to that account.

6.3. The interest accrued on deposit of "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" fund shall be treated as part of "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" fund and will be utilized for this scheme only.

6.4. All accounts of the "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" will be subject to audit by AG, Odisha/ CAG/ CA Firm of the Board.

6.5. Overall supervision of the scheme will be made by Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department.

7. Administration of the Scheme:

The "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" shall be administered as per the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana Rules and executive instruction issued there under. The provisions governing the "Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)" shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)", unless explicitly provided for otherwise under these Guidelines.

8. Miscellaneous:

8.1. Labour & ESI Department of Government of Odisha shall be the Administrative Department for "Nirman Shramik Pension Yojana (NSPY)" scheme. The funds for this scheme will be released by the OB&OCWW Board and the execution/ implementation of the scheme will be carried out by the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department.

8.2. Labour and ESI Department and the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department shall be responsible for clarifying doubts, if any, and ensure that bottlenecks in the implementation of the scheme are removed as expeditiously as possible and communicated to all concerned as and when required.

8.3. This will be given effect from the date of its issue.

ORDER

It is ordered that this Resolution be published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Government of Odisha for the general information and copy be communicated to all the Departments of Government / Heads of Departments and other concerned.

By Order of the Governor

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