

Fisheries - Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003 Notification - Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

Ms.No. 13/FY

Pondicherry, dt.11.12.2003.

READ: I.D.No.1-1(1)/2002-03/PCI, dt.25.2.2003 of the Director of Fisheries, Pondicherry.

The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of the official Gazette;

NOTIFICATION

1. The Administrator of Pondicherry has been pleased to approve 'Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003' and inclusion of new component "Old age pension scheme for fishermen" in the existing scheme "Welfare & Relief to fishermen during lean season and natural calamities".

2. The 'Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003' is appended to this order.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No.88764/03/F4, dt.22.10.2003.

(By Order of the Administrator)

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. (FY)

Tο The Director of Stationery & Printing, Pondicherry. - with a request to publish in the gazette and to send 30 copies of the same to this Secretariat.

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OLD ACE PENSION FOR FISHERMEN RULES, 2003

1. Short title, application and commencement

- These rules may be called the "Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003".
- (2) They shall extend to the whole of the Union Territory of Pondicherry.
- (3) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the official gazette.
- 2. <u>Object:</u> The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to Old aged Fishermen.
- 3. <u>Definition</u>: In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (i) "Appellate authority" means the Secretary to Government in charge of Fisheries.
 - (ii) "Director" means the Director incharge of the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare.
 - (iii) "Government" means the Administrator of the Union Territory of Pondicherry appointed by the President under article 239 of the Constitution of India.
 - (iv) "Mental Illness" means any mental disorder other than mental retardation.
 - (v) "Mental Retardation" means a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person which is specifically characterized by sub normality of intelligence.
 - (vi) "Old Age" means sixty years of age and above in the case of the both men and women.
 - (vii) "Pension" means the financial assistance sanctioned under these rules.
 - (viii) "Union Territory" means the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

4. Eligibility

- (1) The following shall be the eligibility conditions for grant of pension under these rules:
 - (i) The applicant shall be a resident of the Union Territory for a period not less than five years preceding the date of application.
 - (ii) The applicant should have completed 60 years of age at the time of application
 - (iii) The applicant should have actively engaged in fishing upto the age of 60 years.
 - (iv) The applicant should produce medical certificate regarding his health condition.
 - (v) The applicant should be a member of Fishermen Coop. Society.
 - (vi) The applicant /spouse or of anyone else who is legally bound to maintain the said person should not own any Mechanised crafts and personal assets.
 - (vii) The applicant should not have any other regular source of income from movable/immovable property by self/spouse.
 - (viii) The applicant should not have overdue with the department in respect of loan availed.

- (ix) The annual income of the applicant or of the person who is legally bound to maintain the applicant should be less than Rs.24,000/-.
 (x) The applicant shall not be an income of the person who is legally bound to
- (x) The applicant shall not be an inmate of an institution or a home where free boarding and lodging is provided.
- (x) The applicant shall not receive any other financial assistance from any other agencies / sources which are fully or partly funded by the Central or State Government.
- (2) When both the husband and wife are old aged persons, both of them shall be eligible for grant of pension.

5. Making of application

(1) Application for old age shall be made in Form I appended on these rules by the intending applicant.

(2) The application shall be submitted to the Director in Pondicherry region; the Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, in Karaikal region; the Assistant Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare in Mahe / Yanam region.

(3) The application shall be made available by the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Pondicherry at free of cost.

The application shall be accompanied by the following certificates/documents namely:-

(a) Certificate of residence from an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar.

(b) Certificate of income from an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsiklar.

(c) Attested copy of birth certificate/Age proof.

(d) NOC obtained from W&CD, Dept. ensuring that the applicant has not availed old age Pension from that department.

6. Receipt and Verification

- (1) The applications received from the applicants shall be entered in the receipt register in the order of seniority and assigned receipt number in seriatim.
- (2) The applicant shall be issued with an acknowledgement indicating the receipt number of his/her application.
- (3) The Director shall thereafter cause an enquiry to be conducted through the field Level functionaries of the Department and satisfy himself that the particulars furnished in the application are genuine and correct.
- (4) Verification of age may be done with reference to electoral rolls and other documents deemed necessary when the averment of the applicant as to his/her age is not supported by birth certificate or any other documents disclosing his/her date of birth/age.
- (5) Even after such verification, if the Director has a genuine doubt as to the applicant's age he may refer the case to the nearest Government Hospital/PHC/CHC and call for a medical opinion which may be treated as final.

7. Quantum of assistance and sanction

(1) The quantum of assistance shall be Rs.500/- per mensum or as may be prescribed by the Government from time to the

- (2) On being satisfied that the applicant fulfils all eligibility conditions, the Director shall sanction the assistance to the applicant and issue a sanction order in Form II and identity card in Form III appended to these rules.
- (3) Pension shall be payable from the first of the month in which it is sanctioned.

8. Tenure of sanction

The sanction once issued will be tenable for ten years, after which it shall be renewed for another period of five years and so on till the death of the pensioner.

9. Date and Mode of Payment:-

- (1) The Pension shall become due for payment only on the expiry of the month to which it relates.
- (2) Pension shall be paid to the beneficiaries through the Pondicherry Fishermen welfare and Distress Relief Society, Pondicherry on the 10th of every month or on any other day as may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

Provided that if the 10th of the month happens to be a holiday, payment may be made on the 9th of that month and if need be, further advanced depending upon the holidays.

- (3) The Pondicherry Fishermen welfare and Distress Relief Society, Pondicherry shall obtain proper acquintance from the person entitled to receive the pension and make necessary entries in the Identity Card. In respect of a person with mental retardation/mental illness, payment may be made to his/her guardian who has undertaken to support him /her, and until he/she is so supported by the guardian.
- (4) The payment shall be made on the afternoon only from 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. without detrimental to the normal functioning of the Pondicherry Fishermen welfare and Distress Relief Society, Pondicherry
- (5) For making payment of pension from Pondicherry Fishermen welfare and Distress Relief Society, Pondicherry, eligible fishermen can obtain pension in the afternoon session for three consecutive working days from the notified date of payment.
- (6) Paid acquittance alongwith unpaid amount, if any, shall be returned to the Department on the next working day.
- (7) Regional Heads of offices are responsible for the disbursement of Old Age Pension.

10. Recoveries of sanction and payment:-

- (1) A register of sanction shall be maintained constituency wise with the photograph of the pensioner affixed therin in Form-IV, appended to these rules.
- (2) A register of payment shall be maintained in Form -V, appended to these rules to watch the payment.
- (3) A register of unpaid amount shall be maintained to watch undisbursed cases to facilitate stoppage as and when necessary as in Form VI.
- 11. Stoppage and Revival of Pension:-
- (1) If the pension has been sanctioned on mistaken grounds or on the strength of the

- (2) In case pension has been sanctioned on the basis of wrong/false information given by the applicant, the entire amount paid to him from the date of sanction is liable to be recovered. The individual is also liable to be prosecuted for furnishing wrong/false information deliberately.
- (3) If the pensioner leaves the Union Territory for more than three months the pension shall be stopped.
- (4) The payment may however be revived at the discretion of the Director, if the pensioner proves his return to the Union Territory and his continued residence in the given address but with no payment of arrears.
- (5) Payment shall also be stopped, if the amount is returned unpaid for three months consecutively even though if the pensioner continues to reside in the Union Territory:

Provided that if the amount is returned due to non receipt of the same by the pensioner purely on medical grounds, payment may be continued without resort to stoppage and without any break.

- (6) Before reviving the payment stopped under rule (5) above, it shall be ensured that the reason for non receipt of the pension by the beneficiary is convincing and satisfactory. If the non receipt of pension is on grounds other than medical grounds, then in that case no arrears of payment shall be allowed.
- (7) The Director shall be the competent authority to order stoppage and revival of payment of pension under these rules.

12. Death of Pensioner:-

In the case of the death of a pensioner, the amount of pension due to the pensioner, if any remains unpaid shall lapse. No person shall claim the unpaid amount of pension as the heir to the deceased pensioner.

13. Inspection and Verification of records:-

The Director or any other gazetted officer authorized by him shall periodically verify the records at least once in a quarter and satisfy himself that payment is made regularly. A certificate to this effect shall be recorded by him.

14. Powers of the Director:-

1. The Director shall be the over all incharge of implementing the scheme in all the four regions of the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

2. He can issue any reasonable and lawful instructions which he considers necessary for the smooth implementation of the scheme and all his subordinates are bound by such instructions.

3. The Director shall be competent to order stoppage and revival of payment for any other

15. Appeal:-

Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Director may prefer appeal to the Appellate Authority within thirty days from the date of the receipt of such decision.

16. Interpretation:-

If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the same shall be referred to the Government for decision, which shall be final.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHER'S ::-(ABSTRACT)

FISHERIES - Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003 - Amendment to Rules Flex Gazette Notification - Issued.

> DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

G.O.Ms.No. O4

Puducherry, ti

READ: G.O.Ms.No.13/Fy, dated 11.12.2003 from the Under Secretary to Govt.(Fy), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.

ORDER:

The following notification shall be published in the next issue of the Official Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to enhance the quantum of financial assistance granted to the Old Aged Fisher folk of the Union territory of Puducherry and also to revise their eligibility conditions and for the said purposes, hereby makes the following amendments to the Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003, issued vide Notification under G.O.Ms.No.13/Fy, dated 11.12.2003 of the Department of Rural Development, Chief Secretariat (Fisheries), Puducherry and Published in Part II, Extraordinary Gazette of Puducherry, No.39, dated 10th December, 2003, namely.-

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT.

- (1) These rules may be called the Old Age Pension for Fishermen (Amendment) Rules, 2007.
- (2) They shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April 2006.

2. AMENDMENT OF RULE 3.-

In the Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules), in clause (vi) of rule 3, for the word "sixty", the word "fifty", shall be substituted.

3. AMENDMENT OF RULE 4.-

(2) In the said rules, in clauses (ii) and (iii) in sub-rule (1) of rule 4, for the word and figures "60 years "the word and figures "50 years", shall be substituted.

4. AMENDMENT OF RULE 7.-

- (3) In the said rules, in sub-rule (1) of rule 7 for the letters and figures "Rs.500/- ", the letters and figures "Rs.750/-", shall be substituted.
- 2) This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry vide their U.O.NO.120038/06/F4, dated 08:03:2007-

/BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR /

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- 6. The Finance Department, Puducherry:
- 7. The Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry:
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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

(G.O.Ms. No. 4/FY, dated 17th April 2007)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to enhance the quantum of financial assistance granted to the Old Aged Fisher Folk of the Union territory of Puducherry and also to revise their eligibility conditions and for the said purposes, hereby makes the following amendments to the Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003, issued vide notification under G. O. Ms. No. 13/FY, dated 11-12-2003 of the Department of Rural Development, Chief Secretariat (Fisheries), Puducherry and published in Part-II, Extraordinary Gazette of Puducherry, No. 39, dated 10th December 2003, namely:—

- 1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Old Age Pension for Fishermen (Amendment) Rules, 2007.
- (2) They shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April 2006.
- 2. Amendment of rule 3.— In the Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in clause (vi) of rule 3, for the word "sixty", the word "fifty" shall be substituted.
- 3. Amendment of rule 4.—(2) In the said rules, in clauses (ii) and (iii) in sub-rule (1) of rule 4, for the word and figures "60 years", the word and figures "50 years", shall be substituted.
- 4. Amendment of rule 7.—(3) In the said rules, in sub-rule (1) of rule 7, for the letters and figures "Rs. 500", the letters and figures "Rs. 750", shall be substituted.
- 2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry, vide their U. O. No. 120038/06/F4, dated 8-3-2007.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

M. Subramanian, Under Secretary to Government (FY).

Government of Pondicherry. (Abstract)

Fisheries - Constitution of Selection committees in all the four regions in the U.T. Pondicherry for the Implementation of the Old Age Pension Scheme for the fisher folk - Orders - - Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT **CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)**

G.O.Ms. \6 /Fy

Pondicherry, the 11 3 SEP 2004

READ: 1. G.O.Ms. No.13/Fy dt. 11.12.2003 of the Chief Secretariat (Fisheries) Pondicherry.

> -2. Letter No.1-1/DDFFW(W)/OAP/2003-04, dt:7.7.2004 of the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Pondicherry.

ORDER:

Lieutenant Governor, Pondicherry is pleased to constitute the selection committees with the following members to deal with all matters relating to the implementation of the Old Age Pension Scheme for the fisher folk in all the four regions of the U.T. of Pondicherry.

I. PONDICHERRY REGION

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR OLD AGE PENSION FOR FISHERMEN

The Director of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare 1. Chairman

Pondicherry.

The Resident Medical Officer, 2. Member

Government Hospital, Pondicherry.

The Revenue Officer, Member

Office of the Joint Secretary(Revenue),

Pondicherry.

The Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen 4. Member Secretary

Welfare(Welfare), Pondicherry.

II. KARAIKAL REGION

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR OLD AGE PENSION FOR FISHERMEN

The Regional Administrator, 1. Chairman

Karaikal.

The Medical Officer, 2. Member

Government Hospital, Karaikal

The Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Karaikal. Member

The Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen A. Member Secretary

III. MAHE REGION

LECTION COMMITTEE FOR OLD AGE PENSION FOR FISHERMEN

1. Chairman

The Regional Administrator,

Mahe.

2. Member

The Medical Officer,

Government Hospital, Mahe

3. Member

The Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Mahe.

4. Member Secretary

The Asst. Director of Fisheries and Fishermen

Welfare, Mahe.

IV. YANAM REGION

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR OLD AGE PENSION FOR FISHERMEN

1. Chairman

The Regional Administrator,

Yanam.

2. Member

The Medical Officer,

Government Hospital, Yanam.

3. Member

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The Tahsildar, Taluk Office, Yanam.

4. Member Secretary

The Asst. Director of Fisheries and Fishermen

Welfare, Yanam.

/BY ORDER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR /

(P.M. EMMANUEL)
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