GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM,
SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT
SAMAJ KALYAN BHawan, LUMSEY,
5TH MILE TADONG, GANGTOK – SIKKIM

Dated: 12th March 2015

NOTICE

The Department has transferred the Pension of the beneficiaries under the following sub-schemes of National Social Assistance Programme to the respective Banks under Direct Benefits Transfer for credit to the individual beneficiaries’ Saving Bank Account.

i. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme

ii. Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (80% and above disability within the age group of 18 years and above)

iii. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension scheme

(a) The pension has been released up to the month of Mar.2014 for Old Age Pension, up to Nov.2014 for Disability Pension and up to the month of Aug.2014 for Widow Pension respectively for those beneficiaries who have submitted their Bank Account details and Aadhaar Card copies along with LIFE CERTIFICATE to the Department through the Office of the Gram Vikash Adhikaris, and Panchayat members;

(b) The Gram Vikash Adhikaris, Panchayat members and well wishers are requested to kindly convey this information to the notice of all pensioners concerned;

(c) The pensioners should carry along with them the Pension Passbook issued by the Department for drawal of pensions from the Nationalised Banks, Scheduled Banks / Private Banks, State Bank of Sikkim, SISCO Bank and Post Office;
(e) The Official responsible for disbursement of pension in the respective Banks is required to ensure that the payments are made to those beneficiaries having Pension Passbook after duly verifying the authenticity and identity of the pensioners comparing the photos affixed in the Pension Passbook and record the month/year of drawal of pension in the Passbook;

(f) No payment be made to unauthorized person(s) even upon the production of Passbook, to avoid pilferage / misappropriation. However, in case of bedridden and disabled pensioners, the pension may be released to their legal representatives on production of an authorization letter from the pensioner(s) duly verified by the Ward Panchayat and certified by the Gram Vikash Adhikari or Sub - Divisional Magistrate, as the case may be, authenticated with his official seal;

(g) The pensioners whose pension are not credited in their Savings Bank Account may directly approach the Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, 5th Mile Lumsay, Tadong during office hours for release of their pension. They are required to come along with the LIFE CERTIFICATE, PHOTOCOPY OF AADHAR CARD (if available) AND SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT PASSBOOK (1st PAGE) or the Ward Panchayat members may visit the office on behalf of the beneficiaries with the above documents of the beneficiaries on or before 30th Mar 15

(h) The Panchayat members are requested to kindly notify the Department and Banks as well in case of deceased beneficiaries to enable withhold / stop the drawal of pension which has been credited.

(i) The list of all beneficiaries can be accessed from the Departmental website - www.sikkimswelfare.in for drawal of pension. The beneficiaries whose account number is not mentioned / left blank in the list may approach the Department with documents as stated at (g) above;

(j) The pension so credited in the account of beneficiaries should be drawn within one month from the date of publication of the notice or otherwise the respective Bank should return the said amount, with details of undisbursed amount to the Department on or before 30th April, 2015 without fail;
(k) One beneficiary is entitled to avail one pension under the Schemes that are being operated;

(l) The pension of Unmarried Women shall be released shortly.

(m) All the pensions scheme under operation in the Department are meant for the individuals belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. This may be noted by all concerned;

(o) For any query and assistance, the following officers may be contacted:

(1) Shri N.T. Bhutia, Deputy Director (SWD) - M.No: 9593077666

(2) Shri Zangpo Gyaltsen, Assistant Director (IT) - M.No: 9434382578

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