

CHAPTER 6

SOCIAL SECURITY NET

1. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To disburse pension to the Destitute Old Age Persons
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.400/-Per month
4.	Beneficiary	Old aged persons who are 65 years and above, belonging to households below the poverty line and 60 years and above for persons affected by leprosy, blindness, insanity, paralysis and loss of limb.
5.	Eligibility criteria	In the case of persons affected by leprosy, blindness, insanity, paralysis and loss of limb the age limit is 60. For other old aged persons, the age limit is above 65 years, belonging to households below the Poverty Line.
6.	Other benefits given	Twice in a year for Deepavali and Pongal festivals one free Dhoti for each Male and one free Saree for each female are supplied. All the pensioners are supplied daily with free Nutritious meal. 2 kilogram of rice per month to those who are taking Nutritious Meal and 4 kilogram of rice per month to those who are not taking Nutritious meal are supplied at free of cost.
7.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form to be obtained from the Taluk Office or in plain paper duly filled up and sent to the Tahsildar/ Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme)
8.	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.)
9.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

2. Destitute physically handicapped pension scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Destitute Physically Handicapped Pension Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To give pension to the Destitute Physically Handicapped persons.
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.400/- per month
4.	Beneficiary	Destitute Physically Handicapped persons whose disability is more than 50 per cent and blind persons.
5.	Eligibility criteria	Age must be above 45 years. Must have no source of income. Must not be a professional beggar. Must not be supported by son or son's son aged above 20 years. If the District Committee constituted by the District Collector, District Social Welfare Officer and District Medical Officer recommends, Physically Handicapped Pension is sanctioned without any age limit. No age limit for totally blind persons. Must not possess property of value more than Rs.5,000/- Medical Certificate need not be submitted by the Physically Handicapped persons who lost both of their legs.
6.	Other benefits given	Twice in a year for Deepavali and Pongal festivals one free Dhoti for each Male and one free Saree for each female are supplied. All the pensioners are supplied daily with free Nutritious meal. 2 kilogram of rice per month to those who are taking Nutritious Meal and 4 kilogram of rice per month to those who are not taking Nutritious meals are supplied at free of cost.
7.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form to be obtained from the Taluk Office or in plain paper duly filled up and sent to the Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme)
8.	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.)
9.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

3. Destitute Widow Pension Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Destitute Widows Pension Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To give pension to Destitute Widows.
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.400/- per month
4.	Beneficiary	Pension will be given to all the widows applying for without age limit subject to eligibility.
5.	Eligibility criteria	No age limit Must have no source of Income. Must not be professional beggars Pension is given in spite of having legal heirs of above 18 years of age. Must not possess property of value more than Rs.5,000/-. Instead of getting the reports regarding the pension given to the widows from Village Administrative Officers and Revenue Inspectors, copy of resolution of Village Panchayat/ Town Panchayat may be submitted Assistance will not be given if remarried.
6.	Other benefits given	Twice in a year for Deepavali and Pongal festivals one free Dhothi for each Male and one free Saree for each female are supplied. All the pensioners are supplied daily with free Nutritious meals. 2 kilogram of rice per month to those who are taking Nutritious Meals and 4 kilogram of rice per month to those who are not taking Nutritious meals are supplied at free of cost.
7.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form to be obtained from the Taluk Office or in plain paper, duly filled up and sent to the Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.)
8.	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar / Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme)
9.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

4. Destitute Agricultural Labourer Pension Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Destitute Agricultural Labourers Pension Scheme.
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To give pension to the Destitute Agricultural Labourers.
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.400/- per month
4.	Beneficiary	Destitute Agricultural labourers above 60 years of age
5.	Eligibility criteria	Age must be above 60 years. Must have no source of Income Must not be professional beggars Must not be supported by son or son's son aged above 20 years. Must not possess property of value more than Rs.5,000/-
6.	Other benefits given	Twice in a year for Deepavali and Pongal festivals one free Dhoti for each Male and one free Saree for each female are supplied. All the pensioners are supplied daily with free Nutritious meals. 2 kilogram of rice per month to those who are taking Nutritious Meals and 4 kilogram of rice per month to those who are not taking Nutritious meals are supplied at free of cost.
7.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form to be obtained from the Taluk Office or in plain paper duly filled up sent and to the Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.)
8.	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme)
9.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

5. Destitute Deserted Wives Pension Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Destitute Deserted Wives Pension Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To give pension to the Destitute Deserted Wives.
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.400/- per month.
4.	Beneficiary	Destitute Deserted Wives above 30 years.
5.	Eligibility criteria	Age must be above 30 years. Should be a permanent resident of Tamil Nadu Must be legally divorced or separated from husband for more than 5 years. In spite of having legal heirs more than 18 years, pension will be given. Must have no source of income. Must not be professional beggars. Instead of getting the reports regarding the pensioners from Village Administrative Officers and Revenue Inspectors, copy of resolution of Village Panchayat / Town Panchayat may be submitted. Must not possess property of value more than Rs.5,000/-. Must be permanent resident of Tamil Nadu.
6.	Other benefits given	Twice in a year for Deepavali and Pongal festivals one free Dhoti for each Male and one free Saree for each female are supplied. All the pensioners are supplied daily with free Nutritious meals. 2 kilograms of rice per month to those who are taking Nutritious Meal and 4 kilograms of rice per month to those who are not taking Nutritious meal are supplied at free of cost.
7.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form can be obtained from the Taluk Office or application in plain paper duly filled up can be sent to the Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme)
8.	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme)
9.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

6. Distress Relief Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Distress Relief Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To sanction financial assistance to bereaved families who have lost their breadwinners
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.10,000/- (Central Government Assistance)
4.	Eligibility criteria	1)Legal heirs of the deceased breadwinner of the family 2)Landless Agricultural Labourers family. 3) Marginal farmers who possess less than 2.5 acres of irrigated land or 5 acres of unirrigated land or a total of 5 acres of irrigated and unirrigated lands. If a person having irrigated and unirrigated land, one acre irrigated land to be taken as 2 acres unirrigated land. If lease cultivation 1 acre lease land should be taken as 0.5 acres and thus total area to be arrived. 4) Annual income Rs. 7200/- from all sources.
5.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form can be obtained from the Taluk Office or application in plain paper duly filled up can be sent to the Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.) (Application should be sent within six months from the date of death of the breadwinner of the family accompanied by the death certificate / Application should be sent within 1 ½ years from the date of death to the District Collector.)
8.	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.)
9.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

7. Accident Relief Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Accident Relief Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To sanction financial assistance to bereaved families who have lost their breadwinners
3.	Assistance provided	Rs.15,000/- (Rs.10,000/-Central Government Assistance and Rs.5,000/- State Government assistance)
5.	Procedure to apply	Prescribed form can be obtained from the Taluk Office or application in plain paper duly filled up and can be to the Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme) (Application should be sent along with the death certificate , Postmortem Report, First Information Report (F.I.R) within six months from the date of death of the breadwinner of the family)
6	Officer to be contacted	Tahsildar/Special Tahsildar (Social Security Scheme.)
7.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
8.	Grievances if any to be reported to	Revenue Divisional Officer/District Collector.

8. Annapurna Scheme

1.	Name of the Scheme	Annapurna Scheme
2.	Objective of the Scheme	To ensure food security to the Old Age Pensioners.
3.	Assistance provided	10 kgs. of rice per month is supplied free of cost to the destitute senior most citizens among National Old Age Pension Scheme beneficiaries. Separate ration cards in different colour with the identification mark "ANNAPURNA" are printed by the Collectors and issued to the beneficiaries
4	Officer to be contacted	District Collector
7.	Time limit for processing applications	Within one month from the date of receipt of application.
8.	Grievances if any to be reported to	In Chennai, Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection and at the district level to the District Collector / District Supply Officer and at the Taluk level to the Taluk Supply Officer.