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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
SOCIAL WELFARE & SOCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dated October -, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Sub: Introduction of a new scheme for providing social pension to the Fishermen.

At present Social Security Pension is being provided to different categories of persons belonging to disadvantage groups under 17 different schemes. Out of these 14 schemes are being fully funded by the State Government. 3 schemes are funded jointly by the Government of India and the State Government.

2. 2,31,622 beneficiaries, including 2,25,863 beneficiaries belonging to BPL families are being benefited under these schemes. Besides 5,759 families belonging to APL families are getting pension on account of specific constraints like disability. Subsequently another scheme for providing pension to the 4 categories of un-organized sector workers namely Motor Shramik workers, Barbar workers, Laundry workers and Handloom workers has been introduced which will expand the Social Security Network further.

3. Based on the feeling that Fishermen working in the unorganized sector, are not in a position to do the work beyond the age of 55 years, it is proposed to cover **Fishermen** under Social Security Pension Scheme. The Fishermen belonging to below poverty line (BPL) category who are of 55 years and above age, are solely dependent on traditional occupation of fishing to earn their livelihood for at least 10 years and do not have any other source of income will be eligible to get monthly pension @ Rs. 400/- per month.

4. The proposed scheme will be implemented by the Department of Social Welfare & Social Education through Child Development Project Officers (CDPO). The beneficiaries will be selected by inviting application after giving wide publicity through the Urban/PRI bodies concerned. The exact number of beneficiaries will be known after getting the applications. The scheme is proposed to be implemented from the 1st November, 2012. A draft scheme along with Application Form has been prepared is annexed with this Memorandum.

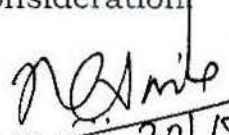
5. The proposal was sent to the Finance Department for concurrence. The Finance Department has concurred the proposal vide UO No.1760/Fin(G) /2012 dated 26-10-2012 with the following comments:-

The Finance Department concurred the proposal of SW&SE Department for pension for Fishermen subject to following:

“ Fishermen may be defined as those who are solely dependent and belong to traditional occupation of fishing so that the benefit would be more targeted”.

6. Accordingly the Council of Ministers may kindly consider the proposal for introduction of new scheme for providing Social Pension to the Fishermen for approval.

7. Hon'ble Chief Minister has kindly approved the proposal for placement before the Council of Ministers for consideration


(N.C. Sinha) 30/10/12
Principal Secretary
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