Department of Social Welfare (Financial Assistance Section) Govt. of NCT of Delhi

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ORDER

Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare has approved the proposal for following changes/ modifications to be made in the implementation of Financial Assistance Schemes i.e. Old Age Assistance and Financial Assistance for Persons with Special Needs:

- All applications/ cases wherein remittances have not been remitted since 2017, shall be rejected. If, a genuine applicant comes to the notice of the District Social Welfare Officers, whose case has been so rejected, can be reconsidered only with the prior approval of Appellate Authority i.e. Director, Social Welfare.
- In cases of remittance failure due to non validation of Aadhar/ Account or any other technical/ non-technical reasons, arrears for a maximum period of one year only or ii. actual arrear amount, whichever is less, shall be payable to the beneficiary.
- (a) In cases where a beneficiary availed excess payment by wrongful means, the excess payment will be recovered from the beneficiary and the pension will be iii. restored from the month subsequent to the month in which repayment is made. No arrears will be paid for the intervening period when the pension was stopped.
 - (b) In exceptional cases, subject to approval, where the beneficiary does not have the financial ability to pay the excess amount, the pension will not be paid for such duration so as to recover amount equivalent to the excess amount already paid. The pension will be restored (subject to approval) thereafter, provided the beneficiary fulfills the eligibility criteria in force at the time of restoration of pension. No arrears will be paid for the intervening period when the pension was stopped.

In cases, where the recovery runs into lakhs, adjusting the amount to be recovered against the months of non-payment of assistance may not be feasible. In such cases, the amount to be recovered may be decided by the Director, Social Welfare, who is also the Appellate Authority. After the payment of the recovery amount, as decided

by the Director, the assistance may be restored from the month subsequent to the month repayment is made. No arrears will be paid for the intervening period when the pension was stopped.

All Officers/ Officials involved in the implementation Financial Assistance Schemes are directed to take action as per above amendments.

(Anjali Sehrawat, IAS) Director (Social Welfare)

For compliance:

1. All District Social Welfare Officers

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1. PS to Secretary, SW, 7th Floor, MSO Building, ITO, New Delhi-110002

2. Dy. Director (FAS), SW, 7th Floor, MSO Building, ITO, New Delhi-110002

3 Sr. System Analyst for uploading on the website of the Department.

(Anjali Sehrawat, IAS) Director (Social Welfare)