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MATERIAL FOR PREPARATION FOR ECONOMIC SURVEY 2014-15

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Scheme & Programme of Senior Citizens , differently abled & vulnerable persons

9. Welfare of Senior Citizens

9.1 Government of Delhi has brought out "a policy for senior citizens" The policy considers persons of 60 years and more in age as "Senior Citizens". The policy envisages ensuring welfare of senior citizens and improving quality of their lives. It aims at providing assistance to enable them to cope with the problems of old age. It also proposes affirmative action by the Government Departments in collaboration with civil society for ensuring that the existing public services for senior citizens are made more user friendly and sensitive to the needs of senior citizens. Government of Delhi would also consider having a public education mechanism to prepare people for old age in order to ensure that they are able to grow gracefully and remain financially secure in their later years. There are a number of schemes being implemented by Social Welfare Department for welfare of senior citizens.

9.2 Pension to Senior Citizen

This scheme is being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare. Under this scheme, pension is remitted on quarterly basis in the savings accounts of the beneficiaries maintained in the bank, through Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) as per the Aadhaar number of the beneficiary or through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) of RBI. The persons, who are resident of Delhi for minimum five years with proof, age of 60 years and above and having family income less than Rs. 60,000/- per annum are eligible. The income does not include the income of independent sons and daughters. Area MLA/MP/Gazetted Officer may recommend the application. All supporting documents to be self-attested by the applicant. The applicant must have a valid ID proof as listed in the notification. The quantum of financial assistance to senior citizens of 70 years and above is Rs. 1500/- per month, whereas for those between 60-69 years, it is Rs. 1000/- per month. Additional assistance of Rs. 500/- per month is provided to the beneficiaries of SC/ST/Minorities category on production of relevant documents. The total number of beneficiaries admissible under the scheme has been enhanced by 40000 cases and now the ceiling on total number of cases is 4.3 lakh. The details regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the plan scheme "Senior Citizens Pensions Scheme" in Delhi during the last five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 is presented in Statement 17.1

Statement 17.1
PERFORMANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN PENSION SCHEME

Sl. NO	Year	Plan Outlay (Rs. Crore)	Expdr.	No. of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	310.00	309.73	250000
2.	2010-11	410.00	409.91	338420
3.	2011-12	490.00	470.90	343708
4.	2012-13	563.20	558.34	386068
5.	2013-14	541.00	537.88	375668

9.3 Old Age Homes

The Govt has established two Old Age Homes-One at Bindapur, Pocket-IV , New Delhi -110059 being run by the Department of Social Welfare and another at Lampur, Sewa Sadan Complex, Lampur, Delhi-110040

The following service provided at the Old Age Homes

- Free boarding/lodging at the state run Old Age Homes for free seats
- Medical care & Counselling.
- Recreational facilities and rehabilitation programme.

Eligibility Criteria :- Admission in the institution is open to destitute Old and Infirm Person:-

Who are in the age group of 60 years and above.

Who have none to support or maintain them.

Who are not suffering from any infectious/communicable disease.

Who are residents of Union Territory of Delhi.

9.4 Recreation Centers for senior Citizens

The scheme of recreation centre is operational in Delhi it provides an avenue for the well being and holistic development of the elderly citizens in Delhi. The aim of recreation centre for aged person is to provide facilities for relaxation, avenues of social interaction for their leisure time. At present there are 101 running Recreation Center getting grant for the financial year 2014-15.

9.5 Maintenance Tribunal and Appellate Tribunal

✓The Government of Delhi has notified and set up eleven Maintenance Tribunals and Appellate Tribunals in all districts of Delhi to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred under the said Act 2007. Maintenance Tribunals in each district is headed by A.D.M.s as the Presiding Officers / Chairperson along with two Non-official Members one of whom is female. Appellate Tribunal in each district is headed by Dy. Commissioners (Revenue) as the Chairpersons along with two Non-official Members one of whom is a female

The Deputy Commissioner under Rule 21 have been empowered to ensure life and property of senior citizen, oversee the work of Maintenance and Appellate Tribunals, monitoring of old age homes, liaisoning /coordination issues, awareness generation, sensitization etc.

Action Plan for the protection of life and property of senior citizen drawn up under Rule 22 , wherein the police officer is required to take action.

10. Welfare of Differently Abled Persons

- 10.1 The Department of Social Welfare is running 5 schools for deaf with + hostel 1293 students, 3 Training cum Production Centres 2 Sheltered Workshop for differently abled persons, 1 Hostel for the College going and 1 school for the visually handicapped with 125 students and 123 students respectively and six homes and 1 school for mentally challenged children with 1046 & 48 students respectively. Further, Social Welfare Department has constructed a primary school for deaf at Nehru Vihar for providing educational facilities to deaf children of the school going age.
- 10.2 General and special Disability Camps :- Under the Scheme " National Programme for Rehabilitation of Person with disabilities" two types of camps i. e. General Disability Camps and special Disability Camps were organized by Department of Social Welfare in all districts of Delhi. During 2014-15 General Disability Camps will be organized in coordination with other govt. agencies in every district in which persons with disabilities are facilitated with the facility of disability certificate , DTC Passes, ID Card by the office of Dy. Commissioner Registration in Integrated School Railway Concession Pass, Services for Autism & Cerebral palsy, Aid and Appliances, issue of forms of different schemes of FAS
- 10.3 The information regarding allocation of fund , expenditure incurred, camps held and beneficiaries covered under the welfare program for persons with disabilities in Delhi during 2009-10 to 2012-13 is presented in Statement 17-2

Statement 17.2
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SCHEME,

S.No	Year	Plan Outlay (Rs in lacs)	Expdr. (Rs in lacs)	No.of camps	No.of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	60.00	59.90	25	4391 (673 disability certificates were issued)
2.	2010-11	50.00	43.79	19	3281
3.	2011-12	29.00	26.71	12	2076
4.	2012-13	31.00	29.18	9	1431

- 10.4 There is a plan scheme of "Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs" under which an allowance @ Rs. 1500/- per month is remitted quarterly, provided they have more than 40 per cent disability, are between the age group of 0-59 years, have residence proof of minimum 5 years stay in Delhi, with family income not more than Rs. 75000/- per annum. Here "Family" means parents or if the parent(s) are not alive then legal guardian in case of the minor, unmarried, unemployed disabled person(s). In case of married disabled persons, it means wife /husband and minor or disabled adult children solely dependent on him/her. Mentally challenged and mentally ill persons have also been included in the scheme for the benefits. The assistance is remitted on quarterly basis in the savings accounts of the beneficiaries maintained in the bank, through Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) as per the Aadhaar number of the beneficiary or through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) of RBI.
- 10.5 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under "Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs " during 2009-10 to 2013-14 is presented in Statements 17.3

Statement 17.3
PERFORMANCE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DELHI

S.No	Year	Modified budget (Rs.in lacs)	Expdr. (Rs.in lacs)	No.of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	761.00	760.95	6200
2.	2010-11	2650.00	1786.48	25691
3.	2011-12	2850.00	2752.38	26622
4.	2012-13	5800.00	5740.72	36809
5.	2013-14	7800.00	7581.72	45471

11. Delhi Family Benefit Scheme

The objective of the scheme is to provide one-time assistance to poor households in the event of the death of the breadwinner (male/female). 'Bread winner' is defined as the member of the household whose earnings contributed the largest proportion to the total household income. Amount of benefit is Rs. 10,000/-. The applicant should have residence proof of minimum 5 years stay in Delhi before the date of application and the age of the deceased should be between 18 to 60 years, i.e. death of the bread winner has occurred while he/she was in the age group 18-60 years. Family income of the applicant should not be more than Rs 60,000/- per annum.

Statement 17.4
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME

S.No	Year	Plan Outlay (Rs. Lakh)	Expdr. (Rs. Lakh)	No.of beneficiaries
1.	2009-10	195.00	161.70	1617
2.	2010-11	215.00	207.70	2077
3.	2011-12	258.00	253.40	2534
4.	2012-13	270.00	269.40	2694
5.	2013-14	310.00	282.70	2827

12. BEGGARS

There are 11 institutions for the beggars in various parts of Delhi, which look after beggars as and when beggars are sent to these homes under the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 as extended to UT of Delhi. In addition to one regular Beggars Court, two mobile Beggars courts have been started in 2009. A table regarding details of anti begging operation & trial by beggars is given as under:-

Year	Beggars apprehended by RCC /Police	Beggars committed by the Hon'ble Court	Released by the Hon'ble Court
2013	1035	357	678
2014 (till August)	497	109	388

13. WELFARE OF LEPROSY AFFECTED PERSONS

A Rehabilitation Center for Leprosy [RCL] affected person was established during the year 1980-81. At present Social Welfare Department is paying Rs 1800/- per month to RCL beneficiaries as financial assistance. Most of the beneficiaries are residing in different areas of Delhi such as Tahirpur [Trans Yamuna], R.K.Puram, Sri Niwas Puri & Patel Nagar etc. The major colony of Leprosy affected persons is Tahirpur where Shelter workshop & Training cum Production center are located. In these centers, Department provides production work facilities to enable leprosy affected persons to stand on their own legs and to make them economically independent. In these centers, department provides training facilities in handloom weaving, shoe-making, chalk making, candle making etc.