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Government of Tripura
Education (SW & SE) Department
Agartala, Tripura

Dated Agartala the 8th June, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Subject: Introduction of 3 (Three) new Plan Schemes for providing Pension to Cobblers, Rickshaw Pullers and Incentive to the Girl Child.

At present 7 (seven) nos. of social security pension schemes are being implemented in the State. The schemes are briefly out lined below:

SL NO	Name of the Social Security Pension / Allowance Schemes	Number of beneficiaries covered	Eligibility criteria and rate of pension / Allowance.
1	Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme	1,36,592	Person whose age is 65 years and above and belongs to BPL households get pension @ Rs. 200/- per beneficiary per month as central Share and Rs. 200/- per month as State contribution.
2	Widow and Deserted Women Pension Scheme	46,909	Widow and Deserted Women of the age group between 18 to 64 years, who belong to BPL households get, pension @ Rs. 400/- per beneficiary per month.
3	Blind and Physically Handicapped Pension Scheme	5,186	Disabled persons of the age group of 18 to 64 years, who belong to BPL households and have disability of 40% above get, pension @ Rs. 400/- per month.
4	Disability Allowance for 100% Blind	1,006	Persons who have lost 100% eye sight and are of the age group between 10 to 64 years and also belong to BPL households get pension @ Rs. 1,000/- per month.
5	Allowance for 60% and above Disabled Persons	493	Persons who suffer from 60% and above disability and are of the age group between 10 to 64 years and also belong to BPL households get pension @ Rs. 400/- per month.
6	Allowance to 100% Blind Unemployed Person	28	Persons who have lost 100% eye sight and whose Educational qualification is VIII standard or above and age is 18 years or above and also belong to BPL households get Allowance @ Rs. 1,000/- per month.
7	Bidi Shramik Pension Scheme	200	Under this Scheme Bidi rollers, whose age is 65 years or above get pension @ Rs. 400/- per month.
TOTAL		1,90,419	

1. It is felt that out of the targeted beneficiaries in the above social pension schemes, the case of the Cobblers and the Rickshaw Pullers deserve to be considered separately and the

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age criteria may be lowered to 60 (sixty) years, since they belong to the weaker section of society and their occupation requires hard labour leading to early aging. Moreover it has been observed that in some section of the society, the birth of a girl child is not always welcomed. Some distressed and poor parents consider the girl child as a burden and a liability because substantial expenditure shall have to be incurred for the marriage of the girl. In our state there is also a gender gap in the literacy rate. As per census report of 2001 the female literacy rate is 64.90% compared to male literacy rate of 81%. At the elementary level of education also the girl children mainly belonging to ST, SC and Religious Minorities are trailing far behind the boy students. Accordingly the State Govt. may consider some incentive to the mothers of BPL households having a girl child so that the girl child can be brought up with proper care and is not treated as a burden upon the family.

3. Keeping in view the above background, 3 (three) new State Plan schemes have been prepared for sanction of monthly pension to the Cobblers and Rickshaw Pullers in the age group of 60-65 years and to the girl child through her mother for a period of 15 years – i.e. from the date of birth of a girl child till she attains the age of 15 years. The proposed 3 (three) new schemes may be implemented by the Social Welfare and Social Education Department through the Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) with the help of Agartala Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayats, R.D. Blocks and the TTAADC. The selection of beneficiaries for all the new schemes shall be made with the help of urban and rural PRI bodies and the Health Department of the State Govt. These new schemes may be considered as Plan schemes and necessary expenditure shall have to be incurred out of provisions in the State Plan. The 3 (three) draft schemes are enclosed as Annexure 'A', 'B' and 'C' for perusal.

4. The SC Welfare Department has informed that there are about 261 nos. of Cobblers in the State, in the age group of 60 years to below 65 years most of whom belong to BPL category. However, no detailed field survey has been conducted by the department in this regard. Similarly the Labour Department has informed that the estimated number of Rickshaw Pullers in the State is 16,090 out of which about 1504 nos. would be of BPL category. The Statistics Department has also intimated that about 20,462 nos of girl children are estimated to be born in the state in 2009 and out of the said girl children 11,254 would belong to BPL households as per the current growth rate figures (present BPL rate of the state is 55%). It is proposed that under the new scheme of pension to Cobblers, Rickshaw Pullers and the girl child each beneficiary may be paid @ Rs. 300/- per month. It is to be mentioned here that the State Govt. has recently enhanced the rate of state share under Indira Gardhi National Old Age

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Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 200/- per month making the total of Rs. 400/- including central share of Rs. 200/-.

5. Accordingly the financial requirement for all the proposed 3 (three) new schemes has been worked out and the details are given below about requirement of fund for next financial year.

SL No	Name of the proposed Scheme	Estimated / Projected no of beneficiaries	Rate of Pension / incentive per beneficiary per month	Financial liabilities per annum
1	TRIPURA COBBLERS PENSION SCHEME	661	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 23,79,600/-
2	TRIPURA RICKSHAW PULLERS PENSION SCHEME	1,504	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 54,14,000/-
3	TRIPURA SCHEME FOR INCENTIVE TO THE GIRL CHILD	11,254	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 4,05,14,400/-
Total				Rs. 4,83,08,000/-

6. If the 3 Schemes are to be introduced from 1st June, 2009, then the financial requirement for the 10 (Ten) months (from June-09 to March-09) of the current financial year (2009-10) will be as follows:

SL No	Name of the proposed Scheme	Projected no of beneficiaries	Rate of Pension / incentive per beneficiary per month	Financial liabilities for the period from June-09 to March-09
1	TRIPURA COBBLER PENSION SCHEME	661	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 19,83,000/-
2	TRIPURA RICKSHAW PULLER PENSION SCHEME	1,504	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 45,12,000/-
3	TRIPURA SCHEME FOR INCENTIVE TO THE GIRL CHILD 2009	11,254	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 3,37,62,000/-
Total				Rs 4,02,57,000/-

7. The Finance Dept may be requested to arrange funds for the 3 (Three) new Schemes under Plan budget for the time being and the Social Welfare & Social Education Dept will project the required amount fund for implementation of the 3 new Schemes in the revised budget estimates for 2009-10.

8. The draft schemes were referred to the Planning & Coordination Department for their examination and approval. The Planning & Coordination Department has accorded approval vide their U.O. No. 4500d/09 dt. 6-6-2009. The schemes were also referred to the Finance Department for examination and concurrence. The Finance Department also has given the concurrence to the proposed schemes to the Cobblers and the Rickshaw Pullers vide their U.O. No. 310-Finng/09 dt. 8-6-2009. However, Finance Department has made some observations in

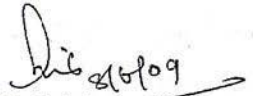
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respect of the scheme for incentive for girl child. The observation of Finance Department is given in the enclosed Annexure-I.

9. Accordingly, it is proposed that the Council of Ministers may kindly consider approval of the proposal for introduction of 3 (Three) Social Security Pension / Incentive Schemes as Annexure 'A', 'B' and 'C' involving the funding as noted above.

10. This Memorandum has been approved by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for being placed before the Council of Ministers for their consideration.

Encls: As stated.



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Principal Secretary to the
Government of Tripura

To
The Secretary,
GA (Confidential & Cabinet) Department
Government of Tripura, Agartala
(With 20 spare copies)

TRIPURA COBBLERS PENSION SCHEME-2009

- 1 Name of the Scheme : TRIPURA COBBLERS PENSION SCHEME
- 2 Targeted beneficiaries : Cobblers engaged in the profession of cobbling falling in age group of 60 years to 65 years and belonging to cardholders / listed households
- 3 Other eligibility criteria : If the applicant is covered by any other Social Sec Pension Scheme, then he / she shall not be eligible getting pension under this Scheme.
- 4 Rate of pension : At the rate of Rs. 300/- per beneficiary per month
- 5 Projected number of beneficiaries to be covered by the Scheme : There will be universal coverage of the eligible target beneficiaries only.
- 6 Proposed date of starting the Scheme : 1st June, 2009
- 7 Method for application : To apply to the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) the concerned AMC / Nagar Panchayat / R.D. Bloc prescribed application form, which shall be available from office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), of cost.
- 8 Sanctioning authority : The Child Development Project Officer will sanction pension with prior approval of the Director of Social Welfare and Social Education.
- 9 Supportive documents to be attached with the application :
 - a. Attested Copy of certificate indicating that applicant belongs to BPL household, issued by C.E.O. of the AMC, E.O of the Nagar Panchayat B.D.O of the respective R.D. Block.
 - b. Attested Copy of EPIC of the applicant.
 - c. A certificate issued by the C.E.O. / E.O. / B.D.O of the respective AMC / Nagar Panchayat / R.D.E indicating that the applicant is a Cobbler profession.
 - d. A Certificate issued by the Sub Divisional Magistrate on the basis Medical Examination or a valid certificate.
- 10 Migration from the Scheme : The beneficiary will automatically migrate to Indira Ga National Old Age Pension Schemes (IGNOAPS) from month he attains 65 years of age. The Child Development Project Officer will take necessary action to migrate beneficiary to IGNOAPS, with intimation to the Director Social Welfare and Social Education. No fresh application will be required for the purpose.
- 11 Termination of coverage by the Scheme : Coverage by this Scheme will be terminated automatic case of death of beneficiary. However pension for the month in which the beneficiary dies will be paid to his nominal legal heir.
- 12 Others : The government can make any change in the scheme and when required.

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TRIPURA RICKSHAW PULLERS PENSION SCHEME-2009

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| 1 | Name of the Scheme | : | TRIPURA RICKSHAW PULLERS PENSION SCHEME |
| 2 | Targeted beneficiaries | : | Rickshaw Pullers falling in the age group of 60 years to 65 years and belonging to BPL cardholders / listed households |
| 3 | Other eligibility criteria | : | If the applicant is covered by any other Social Security Pension Schemes then he shall not be eligible for getting pension under this Scheme. |
| 4 | Rate of pension | : | At the rate of Rs. 300/- per beneficiary per month |
| 5 | Projected number of beneficiaries to be covered by the Scheme | : | There will be universal coverage of the eligible targeted beneficiaries only. |
| 6 | Proposed date of starting the Scheme | : | 1st June, 2009 |
| 7 | Method for application | : | To apply to the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) the concerned AMC / Nagar Panchayat / R.D. Block prescribed application form, which shall be available from the office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), free of cost. |
| 8 | Sanctioning authority | : | The Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) will sanction the pension with prior approval of the Director of Social Welfare and Social Education. |
| 9 | Supportive documents to be attached with the application | : | <p>a. Attested Copy of certificate indicating that the applicant belongs to BPL household, issued by the C.E.O. of the AMC, E.O of the Nagar Panchayat B.D.O of the respective R.D. Block Attested Copy EPIC of the applicant.</p> <p>b. Attested Copy of EPIC of the applicant.</p> <p>c. A certificate issued by the C.E.O. / E.O. of the respective AMC / Nagar Panchayat indicating that the applicant is a rickshaw Puller by profession, in case of licensed Rickshaw Pullers. In case of unlicensed Rickshaw Pullers belonging to the rural area, certificate from the local Gaon Panchayat or All Village committee would be required.</p> <p>d. A Certificate issued by the Sub Divisional Magistrate on the basis Medical Examination or a valid birth certificate.</p> |
| 10 | Migration from the Scheme | : | The beneficiary will automatically migrate to Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Schemes (IGNOAPS) from the month he attains 65 years of age. The Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) will take necessary action to migrate the beneficiary to IGNOAPS, with intimation to the Director of Social Welfare and Social Education. No fresh application will be required for the purpose. |
| 11 | Termination of coverage by the Scheme | : | Coverage by this Scheme will be terminated automatically in case of death of beneficiary. However pension for the month in which the beneficiary dies will be paid to his nominal legal heir. |
| 12 | Others | : | The government can make any change in the scheme and when required. |

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TRIPURA SCHEME FOR INCENTIVE TO GIRL CHILD-2009

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| 1 | Name of the Scheme | : | TRIPURA SCHEME FOR INCENTIVE TO GIRL CHILD 2009 |
| 2 | Targeted beneficiaries | : | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any Girl Child born on or after 1st June-2009 to parents who are Cardholders / listed BF households. The Incentive amount will be paid to the mother of the girl child, preferably through a Bank Post Office account. b. In case the mother of the girl child dies before the girl child attains 15 years of age, then the father/ leg guardian will become the recipient under the Scheme. |
| | Other eligibility criteria | : | Up to 2 (Two) girl children in a family will be covered by the Scheme. |
| 3 | Rate of incentive | : | At the rate of Rs. 300/- per beneficiary per month, up to the month the girl child attains the age of 15 years. |
| 4 | Projected number of beneficiaries to be covered by the Scheme | : | Up to 2 girl children of a mother in each and every BF family who are born on or after 1st June-2009 will be covered by the Scheme up to the month the girl child attains 15 years of age. |
| 5 | Proposed date of starting the Scheme | : | 1st June, 2009 |
| 6 | Method for application | : | To apply to the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) the concerned AMC / Nagar Panchayat / R.D. Block prescribed application form, which shall be available from the office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), free of cost. |
| 7 | Sanctioning authority | : | The Child Development Project Officer will sanction the incentive with prior approval of the Director of Social Welfare and Social Education. |
| 8 | Supportive documents to be attached with the application | : | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attested Copy of certificate indicating, that the applicant belongs to BPL household, issued by the S.D.O, E.O, or C.E.O. of the respective R.D. Block Nagar Panchayat / AMC. b. Attested Copy of EPIC of the applicant. c. It will be desirable to cover the birth of girl child if it takes place in a medical institution. Since, such facility may not be readily available in remote areas, an attested Copy of Birth Certificate of the Girl Child issued by Registrar of Birth and Death, should be the main basis for eligibilities. |
| 9 | Termination of coverage by the Scheme | : | Coverage by this Scheme will be terminated automatically in case of death of the girl child before she attains 15 years of age. However incentive for the month in which the girl child dies will be paid. |
| 10 | Others | : | The government can make any change in the scheme and when required. |

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