

Press Release

Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam

Old age and widow pensioners of state schemes will be getting pension on monthly basis

P & RD Minister appreciates CM's initiative

Dispur, May 27: The fund release process of Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin Briddha Pension Achoni (SKKSBPA) and Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme (IMUWPS) implemented through Panchayat and Rural Development (P & RD) Department is more simplified as the state cabinet decided to bring the said two schemes out of ceiling purview in its yesterday's regular weekly meeting. The new system will significantly ease the process of getting pensions benefitting more than 15 lakh persons.

From now onwards, there will be no need of approval of Finance Department for releasing the fund for pension and the senior most secretary of P & RD, Assam will sanction the proposals. The pensioners of these schemes will receive monthly pension by 10th of every month.

Appreciating the initiative taken by the Chief Minister, the P & RD Minister Ranjeet Kr Dass expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister of Assam Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma and his cabinet colleagues for this significant decision.

It may be mentioned here that 12,56,698 senior citizens are being provided old age pension under SKKBPA and a total of 13,15,759 numbers of beneficiaries are sanctioned under the scheme till date. Similarly 1,70,034 beneficiaries have already received monthly pension under IMUWPS and a total of 1,85,332 beneficiaries are sanctioned under it. The number of beneficiaries under both the schemes is likely to be increased as both the schemes are universal.

Minister Dass appeals all deserving beneficiaries to come forward for taking benefit of both the schemes.

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