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**Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

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From

**Bhaskar Sarma, IAS**  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

To

**All Collectors**  
**Municipal Commissioners, BMC/CMC/BeMC/SMC/RMC**

Sub: ***Guidelines for Sanction of Madhubabu Pension to the widows and orphaned children of COVID affected families in the State.***

Madam/Sir,

The State Government has decided to cover widows and orphaned children of COVID affected families under Madhubabu Pension Yojana (MBPY) as a measure of their social security. Accordingly, the MBPY Rules, 2008 has been amended to add such widows as a sub-category in the existing widow pensioners and orphaned children as a separate category under it.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, in a review meeting on COVID, categorically instructed to identify and process pension sanction to the widows and the orphans due to Covid related causalities within next two weeks. In this light, the following points may be considered for identification of beneficiaries on priority and sanction of pension to them.

1. Widows of the persons died due to COVID will be identified on the basis of self-declaration. While applying for pension, they shall have to submit a self-declaration mentioning death of her husband due to COVID, which have be to verified later by local authorities. Similarly, every child who has become orphaned due to death of either both of the parents or any one parent (the other died earlier) can avail pension under MBPY. District Social Welfare Officer and District/Block level child welfare committees may facilitate the process of identification of such children. In case of an orphan child, a minor account may be opened in bank/post office for the purpose.
2. In case of applicants not having Aadhaar IDs, their Aadhaar applications may be collected along with pension applications and the same should be processed further for early sanction. We may generate Aadhaar for such cases subsequently when the situation normalizes.

3. Pension applications after due verification at Block/ULB level may be forwarded to the concerned Tehsildar for certification of death due to COVID, which is mandatory. Requisite modifications in the online application format of MBPY are being put in place to provide Tehsildar as a new user login specifically for such cases. With due approval/recommendation of Tehsildar, the pension applications shall be forwarded to the BDO/EO and subsequently to Sub-Collector for sanction.
4. Sub-Collector, upon receipt of such pension applications shall approve/reject them expeditiously within a week and all the sanctioned applications should be forwarded to District Social Security Officer immediately without any delay. While sanctioning, the Sub-Collector should approve applications under these two categories **on a priority basis**.
5. All such cases identified during COVID-19 Pandemic last year should be scrupulously processed and pension be sanctioned to all eligible persons within 15 days of receipt of their pension applications. All your field functionaries may be requested for proactive identification and processing of pension applications of all the victims identified from March-2020 onwards. Necessary measures should be taken for its widespread publicity and awareness generation among the intended beneficiaries.
6. DSSOs shall maintain a database of such beneficiaries, who are sanctioned pension under these two categories and submit a status report to this Department every month. Information of the orphaned children, sanctioned pension will be shared with the District Child Protection Authority/ District Child Welfare Committee as per section 31 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 for their proper care and rehabilitation.

Your personalized attention is required for smooth and expeditious implementation of the above Govt. decision with strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

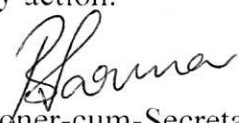
Yours faithfully,

  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

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Copy forwarded to all DSSOs for information and necessary action.

  
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