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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

(G.O. Ms. No. 10/FY, Puducherry, dated 29th March 2023)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to approve the proposal for enhancement of financial assistance for funeral expenses of the deceased fishermen pensioners in the Union territory of Puducherry and for the said purpose hereby further amends the "Old Age Pension for Fishermen Rules, 2003" issued *vide* Notification under G.O. Ms. No. 13/Fy, dated 11-12-2003 of the Department of Rural

Development, Chief Secretariat (Fisheries), Puducherry and published in the Extraordinary Gazette of Puducherry, Part-II, No. 39, dated 10th December 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) and G.O. Ms. No.19/Fy, dated 30-09-2010 of the Department of Rural Development, Chief Secretariat (Fisheries), Puducherry, as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (i) These rules may be called the Old Age Pension for Fishermen (Amendment) Rules, 2023.

(ii) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) It shall come into force with effect from the date of publication of this Notification in the Official Gazette.

Amendment of Rule 12.— The rule 12 shall be substituted and read as “Death of Pensioner and Financial Assistance Towards Funeral Expenses of Pensioners” :

In the said rule 12, the following clauses (i) to (vii) shall be incorporated.

(i) In the case of death of a pensioner, the amount of pension due to the pensioner, if any, remains unpaid shall lapse. No person shall claim the unpaid amount of pension as the heir to the deceased pensioner.

(ii) On the death of a pensioner, a financial assistance of ₹ 15,000 shall be paid towards the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioner.

(iii) The assistance shall be payable to his/her son or daughter or spouse or any other relative under whose care and maintenance, the pensioner was living at the time of his/her death.

(iv) For getting this assistance, an application shall be made in Form-VII appended to these rules, within 90 days from the date of death of the pensioner. On genuine grounds, the Director of Fisheries, Puducherry/District Collector, Karaikal/Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam may entertain such applications in respect of their regions beyond 90 days and up to 180 days.

(v) The applications shall be accompanied by original Death Certificate issued by the competent authority, copies of document establishing the relationship between the deceased and the applicant, original Pension Identity Card issued by the Department, a certificate from local Panchayat President/Authorized Fisheries Official or any other responsible person of the locality to the effect that the applicant was maintaining the pensioner at the time of his/her death and incurred expenses towards his/her funeral and other documents as specified in Form-VII. Application tendered without the documents specified above shall be rejected.

(vi) No payment shall be made if, he/she has received similar assistance from any other Department.

(vii) If, the deceased has not received the pension for more than three months prior to his/her death, the application for grant of funeral expenses shall not be entertained :

Provided that the non-receipt of pension was purely on medical grounds, the Director of Fisheries, Puducherry/Deputy Director of Fisheries, Karaikal/Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mahe/Yanam, on being satisfied of the same, may entertain the application in respect of their regions.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their I.D. No. 2259/FC/FD/F3/A4/2022-23, dated 22-03-2023.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S. MURUGESAN,
Under Secretary to Government (Fisheries).

FORM-VII

[See Rule 12 (iv)]

**Application for Grant of Funeral Expenses of the Pensioner under
Grant of Old Age Pension to Fishermen Scheme****Part-I**

(Particulars about the deceased)

1. Name of the deceased pensioner :
2. Address of the deceased pensioner :
(enclose photocopy of Family Ration Card)
3. Name of the father/husband/guardian :
of the deceased pensioner.
4. Pension No. (enclose the original :
Identity Card issued by the Department).
5. Aadhaar No. (enclose photocopy) :
6. Place and address where death :
occurred.
7. Cause of death :
8. Date of death :
(enclose original Death Certificate).
9. Place where the last rites and funeral :
were performed.
10. Date of funeral :
11. Month up to which pension was :
received (enclose photocopy of Bank
Account Passbook, Statement for the
past six month).

Photo
of the
deceased
pensioner

Place :

Date :

*Signature/Thumb-impression
of the Applicant.*

Part-II

(Particulars about the applicant)

1. Name of the applicant :
2. Father's/Husband's name :
3. Address of the applicant (enclose photocopy of Family Ration Card). :
4. Relationship with the deceased :
(enclose any proof such as Family Ration Card/Birth Certificate/Marriage Certificate/EPIC to establish the relationship).
5. Aadhaar No. (enclose photocopy) :
6. Place where the last rites and funeral were performed. :
7. Date of funeral :
8. Details of the spouse/sons/daughters of the deceased. :

Photo
of the
applicant

| SI. No. | Name | Age | Relationship | Address |
|---------|------|-----|--------------|---------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |

9. Whether the applicant has applied for/ obtained any assistance from any other source for the same purpose ?
If so, please furnish the details.

I husband/wife/son/daughter/
guardian of the deceased Thiru/Tmt.
hereby declare that I have performed the last rites and funeral of the
said Thiru/Tmt. I have
not obtained/applied for any financial assistance from any other source
for the same purpose.

I further declare that the particulars furnished above are true and
correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will repay the entire
amount, if, the particulars furnished by me proved to be false on a later
date.

Place : *Signature/Thumb-impression*
Date : *of the Applicant.*

Part-III

Declaration by Other Legal Heirs of Deceased Pensioner

I/We, the undersigned to this declaration, hereby declare that
I/We have no objection to make payment for financial assistance towards
funeral expense of Thiru/Tmt. of the
applicant Thiru/Tmt.

| Sl. No. | Name, Aadhaar No. and Address | Relationship with the deceased | Signature |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |

Place :

Date :

Part-IV**Verification Report of the Authorized Fisheries Official**

The Authorized Fisheries Official for the marine/inland fishing village hereby report that the deceased pensioner Thiru/Tmt., s/o, w/o. was receiving Old Age Pension through the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare and that he/she expired on The applicant Thiru/Tmt. is the husband/wife/son/daughter/others to be (specified) of the applicant has submitted application for grant of funeral expense assistance, wherein, the funeral of the deceased has been performed.

- (a) Whether original Pension Identity Card enclosed? : Yes/No
- (b) Whether original Death Certificate enclosed? : Yes/No
- (c) Whether photocopy of Family Ration Card/Birth Certificate/Marriage Certificate/Voter's Identity Card of applicant enclosed? : Yes/No
- (d) Whether photocopy of burial/cremation permission obtained from Competent Authority? : Yes/No
- (e) Whether eligible/ineligible to grant funeral expenses? :

Place :

Date : *Signature of the Authorized Fisheries Official.*
