

eligible beneficiaries immediately and start making payment from the date of sanction of the pension.

- e) All States are also requested to identify from existing IGNOAPS beneficiaries who are 80 years and above and pay @ Rs.500 per month along with State contribution. The differential arrear amount of Rs.300 per month may also be paid with effect from 1.4.2011. However, new beneficiaries identified will have to be paid from the date of sanction only.

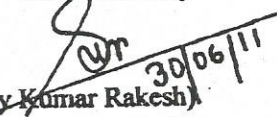
4. Further, all States are requested to make at least an equal contribution to all pension schemes from their resources. States who are not contributing at all or contributing less than Rs.200 are requested to make an equal contribution to all three pension schemes. You are requested not to reduce the budget on this account from the current level and rather use it to enhance State contribution so that pensioners get more than the present level of pension.

5. The number of beneficiaries who would become eligible to receive central assistance consequent upon the change in the eligibility criteria has been worked out and the statements enclosed are as under:-

- i) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNOAPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- ii) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNWPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-II.
- iii) The estimated no. of beneficiaries for the purpose of providing central assistance under IGNDPS, State-wise is given in Annexure-III.

6. It may please be noted that the amount of central assistance would depend upon the estimated/ approved number or the number of beneficiaries covered whichever is lower. In case, more than the estimated/ approved number of beneficiaries are covered by any State under any of the pension schemes, the expenditure on excess number of beneficiaries will have to be met from State's own resources. Action taken and the number of beneficiaries identified as well as the fund requirement during 2011-12 may be intimated to this Ministry by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 so that the matter can be taken up with the Ministry of Finance for enhancement of budgetary allocation.

Yours faithfully

  
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