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NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 6th February, 2024

MISC7-901/89/2023-SW-SW-Pt.: The Scheme Guideline of Chief Minister's "Ima Nongthangleima Yaipha Tengbang" Scheme under Social Welfare Department, Government of Manipur is hereby notified and will be effective from date of notification.

SCHEME GUIDELINE

IMA NONGTHANGLEIMA YAIPHA TENGBANG SCHEME

1. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1. The Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Manipur has been implementing various schemes/ programmes and services for the upliftment of disadvantaged segments of the population specially women, children, differently abled persons, old aged and infirm. Such schemes/ programmes for women include Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), old aged & infirmed persons / destitute under Manipur Old Age Pension Rules, National Old Pension, Family Benefit, Maternity Benefit Schemes and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). However, there is a need for a scheme/ programme specially designed/ targeted for woman without any income and not covered by the existing government schemes for individual beneficiaries.
- 1.2. "Ima Nongthangleima Yaipha Tengbang" scheme was announced during the commemoration of Nupi Lan Day on 12th December, 2023. Through financial assistance and resources, the Ima Nongthangleima Yaipha Tengbang Scheme aims to empower women, fostering economic independence and contributing to their overall well-being. The scheme is designed to benefit approximately 4 lakh women in Manipur who are above the age of 40 years, providing them with monetary support for their diverse livelihood pursuits. Monetary benefit at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month will be given to those women who are not beneficiaries of any existing government scheme for individual beneficiaries and are living without any source of livelihood.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE SCHEME:

- 2.1. Nongthangleima is regarded as female deity of war in Manipur mythology. By naming this scheme as such, the Government recognizes that the women of Manipur are at the forefront in the battle for economic pursuits as well in the political sphere. The role of Manipuri women in fighting for justice and for Manipur is well documented, especially during the 'Seven Years Devastation' and also in the Nupi Lans of 1904 and 1939. By naming it after Ima Nongthangleima, the State Government is honoring the efforts of Manipuri women in all fields.
- 2.2. Women are extremely marginalised and socially excluded especially at the rural grass root level, living a life excluded from schemes and development programmes of the government. This scheme aims to enable women to be the author of her destiny and that of the nation. A life cycle continuum approach has to be adopted that creates an ecosystem that address inherent biases and role-plays, protects and upholds the rights and dignity of women and finally to empower them by providing them with financial assistance and resources to foster economic independence and contributing to the overall well-being of the individual.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:

- 3.1. The primary objective of the scheme is to provide support to approximately 4 lakh women in Manipur who are above the age of 40 years. **The scheme aims to empower these women by offering crucial financial assistance, thereby aiding them in pursuing diverse livelihood options.**

4. TARGET GROUP:

- i) Widows
- ii) Divorcees
- iii) Separated women
- iv) Deprived and marginalised women such as ex-drug users, etc.
- v) Single women
- vi) Single transgender women
- vii) Women belonging to low-income household and other marginalised group.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- 5.1. The scheme targets women who meet the following criteria:

- She should be a resident of Manipur.
- She should be above the age of 40 years.
- She should not be a beneficiary of any existing Government scheme for individual beneficiaries.
- She should be living without any source of income/ livelihood.

6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- 6.1. Selected beneficiaries under the scheme will receive a financial assistance at the rate of **Rs. 500/- per month**. This financial aid is intended to provide essential support to those women who are currently without any government assistance and lack a sustainable source of livelihood.

7. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- i. Aadhaar as proof of identity.
- ii. Certification that the applicant is not being a beneficiary of any existing Government schemes for individual beneficiary, to be given by the Panchayat or Municipality or District Council.
- iii. Unemployment certificate/Income Certificate issued by a Gazetted Officer.
- iv. Matriculate certificate or birth certificate as proof for age.
- v. Residential certificate issued by a Gazetted Officer, with seal and signature.

8. IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES:

- 8.1. For the identification of beneficiaries, the Gram Panchayats/Municipalities/District Councils shall be given a central role. Elected heads and representatives shall be sensitized on the criteria and processes of Ima Nongthangleima Yaipha Tengbang Scheme.

9. IMPLEMENTATION, SELECTION AND SCREENING MECHANISM:

- 9.1. The scheme will be implemented through the Social Welfare Department as the Nodal Department and the Director, Social Welfare will be the Nodal Officer for implementation of the Scheme.

- 9.2. There shall be a State Selection Committee which will be the final authority for selection of a beneficiary, consisting of the following officials:

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| i. | Director (Social Welfare) | - Chairperson |
| ii. | Joint Director (ICDS) | -Member |
| iii. | Chief Finance Officer (Social Welfare) | -Member |
| iv. | Deputy Director (Social Welfare) | -Member |
| v. | Deputy Director (WP) | -Member-Secretary |
| vi. | Representatives of such Departments, implementing individual beneficiary scheme as may be deemed relevant for the purpose of scheme implementation. | |

9.3. District Screening Committee:

- 9.3.1. District Social Welfare Officer will act as a Nodal officer for the scheme at the district level. She/ He will issue the application forms, receive filled in application forms, undertake preliminary screening and submit the same to the District Screening Committee for further submission to the State Selection Committee with such recommendation as it may deem fit, in accordance with the scheme objectives.

- 9.4.1 The District Screening Committee will be responsible for preparing list of verified beneficiaries of the district. The Committee will ensure wide publicity for the scheme and facilitate filling up of forms by applicants.

- 9.4.2. There shall be a District Screening Committee which will comprise of the following officials/functionaries: -

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| i. | Deputy Commissioner | -Chairperson |
| ii. | District Programme Officer (ICDS Cell) | -Member |
| iii. | Representatives of the Panchayat/ Municipality | -Member |
| iv. | District Social Welfare Officer | - Member-Secretary |

10. Applicants under the scheme will apply in the application form, a specimen of which is at Annexure-I and submit the filled in application to the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) concerned.
11. The beneficiary list will be reviewed from time to time, to weed out ineligible beneficiaries or to add new beneficiaries or to make correction in beneficiary details.
12. A beneficiary once approved/selected for assistance for a particular financial year may be selected again for any subsequent financial year. However, there shall be no right for any scheme beneficiary to be selected again for a subsequent year.
13. The Nodal Department may make minor amendment in the scheme guidelines to meet the objectives of the Scheme.

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