

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Family pension to physically disabled/ mentally challenged children -Applicability of permanent UDID card - Orders Issued.

FINANCE [PENSION-B] DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P)No.59/2024/FIN- Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22-07-2024

Read:- (1) G.O.(P)No.526/2003/Fin dated 09/10/2003.

- (2) Letter No.PM/2/6-44/2022-23/222 from Accountant General dated 14/02/2023.
- (3) Letter No.PM/2/6-44/18-19/17 from Accountant General dated 09/05/2023.
- (4) G.O.(P)No.127/2021/Fin dated 21/09/2021.
- (5) Circular No.B3/5/2023/SJD dated 22/06/2023.

ORDER

Rule 90(7) of KSRs Part III provides that if son or daughter of a Government employee is suffering from disorder or disability of mind or physically crippled or disabled so as to render him or her unable to earn his. living even after the age of 25 years, family pension shall be payable to such son or daughter for life subject to certain conditions. Government vide order read 1st above had prescribed a format of Medical Certificate for determining the eligibility of Family Pension for life to the Mentally/ Physically disabled children which was incorporated as Annexure III to Rule 90 Part III KSR.

2. As per letters read above the Accountant General sought clarification regarding sanctioning family pension to special categories coming under Rule 90(6) Part III KSR and the applicability of Medical certificate to disabled children. It was also informed that certain Sanctioning authorities instead of medical certificate appended as Annexure III to Rule 90(7) of KSR Part III, are producing permanent disability certificate issued by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Department of Empowerment of persons with Disabilities. Hence Accountant General has requested to clarify whether such certificate may also be accepted for authorizing family pension in eligible cases and whether holder of above permanent disability certificate could be exempted from producing the Medical Certificate from Civil surgeons every three years.

- 3. Government have examined the matter in detail. UDID Card or Unique Disability Identity card has been introduced by Government of India with a view of creating a National Database for PwDs, and to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card to each person with disabilities. Considering the UDID card and Rule 24(1)(g) of The Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Government are pleased to order that family pension shall be sanctioned to physically disabled/ mentally challenged children without insisting Medical certificate prescribed as per G.O.(P)No.526/2003/Fin dated 09/10/2003 but based on the permanent UDID card if any produced to substantiate the disability subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) Family pension shall be sanctioned to physically disabled/ mentally challenged children above 25 years, if they are suffering from congenital disorder and the name of the disabled child was included in any one of the following document
 - (a) Service Book/ e-service book.
 - (b) Form 5A prescribed in Rule 90(13) Part III KSR.
 - (c) Pension Payment Order/ e-Pension Payment Order of the pensioner.
 - (ii) Income limit prescribed vide order read 4th above for sanctioning family pension to Unmarried daughters above 25 years and Parents (Rs.60,000/- per annum) shall be made applicable for sanctioning family pension to physically disabled/mentally challenged children above 25 years.
 - (iii) For the continued payment of family pension such children entitled to the pension shall produce an annual certificate (in the form in Annexure II to Rule 90(6) of KSR Part III) from the Revenue Authority

along with Life Certificate at the treasury one year after the date of commencement of the family pension.

- (iv) The family pension payable to such children shall be stopped if they start earning their livelihood or not furnishing Annual certificate (Annexure II) and Life Certificate.
- (v) If the name of the disabled child was not included in the documents specified in (i) above, specific sanction from Government may be obtained before sanctioning family pension to such cases.

In the case of Temporary UDID Card holders, Medical Certificate as prescribed in Government Order read 1st above is mandatory for determining the eligibility of Family Pension. The above conditions are also applicable to them.

4. Necessary amendment to the Kerala Service Rules Part III will be issued separately.

(By order of the Governor)

TIXY S. NELSON

JOINT SECRETARY

To

- (1) The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (2) The Accountant General (Audit-II), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (3) All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries/ Special Secretaries/ Additional Secretaries/ Joint Secretaries/ Deputy Secretaries/ Under Secretaries to Government.
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- (6) The Additional Secretary to the Chief Secretary.
- (7) The Private Secretaries to the Chief Minister and other Ministers.
- (8) The Private Secretary to the Leader of Opposition.
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- (10) All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat.
- (11) The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (12) The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (13) The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam.
- (14) The Registrar, Kerala Lok Ayuktha, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (15) The Advocate General, Kerala, Ernakulam.
- (16) The Secretary, Human Rights Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.
- (17) The State Election Commissioner, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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PM/2/9-7/24-25/

लोकहितार्थ सत्यनिष्ठा
Dated 20/09/20% व्यक्तिवार्थ सत्यनिष्ठा

To

1. All District/Sub Treasury Officers

2. The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram

Sub: Family Pension to physically disabled/mentally challenged children-applicability of Permanent UDID card -reg.

Ref: 1. G.O (P)No.59/2024/FIN dated 22/07/2024 2. G.O (P) No.526/2003/Fin dated 09/10/2003

Government vide reference 1st cited have ordered that family pension shall be sanctioned to physically disabled/mentally challenged children without insisting on Medical certificate prescribed as per G.O(P)526/2003/Fin dated 09/10/2003, if permanent UDID card is produced to substantiate the disability subject to conditions specified in the Order. Copy of the Government Order is enclosed for reference.

You are requested to settle claims if any kept pending for want of clarification regarding acceptability of Permanent disability certificate/UDID card on the authority of this letter.

The condition of producing Medical Certificate from Civil Surgeon, every three years, may be deleted in case of holders of Permanent disability certificate/UDID card.

Further conditions prescribed in the Government Order may be adhered to for continued payment of family pension.

Yours faithfully,

Sr.Accounts Officer

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