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Introduction

- 1.1 The proposal for establishment of the "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund" was announced in the Budget Speech – 2015-16 of the Finance Minister (A copy of the relevant Paragraph No.42 is at Annexure-I). Pursuant to this, the Finance Act 2015 (Act No. 20 of 2015 notified in Part-II Section I of the Gazette of India Extraordinary, on 14.5.2015) provided for establishment of a "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund" vide sub section (1) of Section 122 of the Act . A copy of the Chapter VII of the Finance Act. 2015 is at Annexure-II

Section 122 reads as under :-

122.(1) The Central Government shall establish a Fund to be called the "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund"

122(2) Any credit balance in any of the accounts under the following schemes remaining unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of its declaration as an inoperative account shall be transferred by the respective Institutions holding them to the Fund.

(a) Small Savings and other Savings Schemes of the Central Government with Post Offices and Banks authorised to operate such Schemes;

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(b) Accounts of Public Provident Fund under the Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968 maintained by Institution; and

(c) Such other amounts, in any accounts or schemes as may be prescribed.

1.2 As per sub section (3) of Section 122 of the Act, the funds shall be utilized for promoting welfare of senior citizens and for such other purposes as may be prescribed.

In accordance with sub section (1) of Section 123, the Central Government shall constitute, by notification, an Inter-Ministerial Committee for administration of the Fund consisting of a Chairperson and such other number of Members as the Central Government may appoint.

As per sub section (2) of Section 123, the manner of administration of the Fund, holding of meetings of the Committee etc., shall be in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed. According to sub section (3) of Section 123, it shall be competent for the Committee to spend money out of the Fund for carrying out the objects specified in sub section (3) of section 122.

1.2 Sub Section (2) of Section 122 of the Finance Act was subsequently amended vide clause (b) of Section of 238 of Finance Act, 2016, (Published in Part II of Section I of the Gazette of India Extraordinary No.32 dated 14th May, 2016). A copy of the extract of the relevant Gazette is at Annexure-III.

1.3 The relevant amendment under **238(b)** reads as under:

"238(b) With effect from the 1st day of June, 2016,—

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- (i) *in section 122, in sub-section (2), for the words "Any credit balance", the words "Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force, any credit balance" shall be substituted;*
- (ii) *in section 124, sub-section (5) shall be omitted;*
- (iii) *in section 128, in sub-section (2), clause (c) shall be omitted.*

1.4 The amended sub section (2) of Section 122 reads as under:

122(2) *Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force, any credit balance in any of the accounts under the following schemes remaining unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of its declaration as an inoperative account shall be transferred by the respective Institutions holding them, to the Fund.*

Establishment of the Fund

2.1 Pursuant to Section 128 of the Finance Act 2015, the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) notified the "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016". The rules were notified *vide* GSR 322 (E) dated 18.3.2016 in Part-II Section 3 sub section (i) of the Gazette of India Extraordinary No.180 dated 18th March, 2016. A copy of the Rules is at **Annexure-IV**.

2.2 The Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund was established *vide* sub rule (i) of Rule 3 of SCWF Rules, for promoting the welfare of the senior citizens including schemes for promoting financial security of senior citizens, healthcare and nutrition of senior citizens, welfare of elderly widows, schemes relating to Old

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Age Homes, Short Stay Homes and Day Care of Senior Citizens etc. and for such other purposes as specified in the Finance Act 2015.

As per sub rule (ii) of Rule 3, the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund will be an interest bearing account in the Public Account of the Union of India and shall be administered by the Committee.

2.3 As per sub rule (3) of Rule 3, every institution shall transfer the unclaimed amounts, including those under the following schemes, to the Fund namely:-

(a) Small savings and other savings schemes of the Central Government including the Post Office Savings Accounts, Post Office Recurring Deposit Accounts, Post Office Time Deposit Accounts, Post Office Monthly Income Accounts, Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme Accounts, Kisan Vikas Patras National Savings Certificates(all issues), Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts and discontinued Small Savings Schemes;

(b) Accounts of Public Provident Funds under the Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968 maintained by the Institutions concerned; and

(c) Accounts of Employees' Provident Fund under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

As per sub rule (4) Rule 3, every institution shall prepare a list of unclaimed amounts lying as unclaimed deposits in the accounts and notify to the public in the manner provided under Rule 7.

As per sub rule (5) of Rule 3, all such unclaimed amounts (as referred to in sub rule (2) of Rule 3) shall be transferred by the institutions to the fund within one year from the date of notification of the SCWF Rules provided that the period may be extended by the Ministry of Finance on request for such extension by the institution.

As per sub rule (6) of Rule 3, the institution shall identify the unclaimed amount on annual basis and make a transfer to the fund on or before 1st day of March, each year.

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Administration of the Fund

3.1. The SCWF Rules envisages that the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment shall be the nodal Ministry for administration of the fund and its secretariat be located in the Ministry. An Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted vide Sub Rule(3) Rule 4 as under:

- a) Secretary,
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment -Chairperson, Ex-officio.
- b) An official not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Department of Financial Services- Member.
- c) An official not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare- Member.
- d) An official not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development- Member.
- e) An official not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation-Member.
- f) An official not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Ministry of Labor & Employment-Member.
- g) An Official not below the rank of joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Ministry sponsoring the Proposal and by the other Ministries concerned with the specific proposal.
- h) Financial Advisor, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- i) Official not below the rank of Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment-Member Secretary.

3.2 The committee is to meet at least twice a year and shall take decision as to the utilization of the amount in the Fund for such schemes for the promotion

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of the welfare of Senior Citizens in line with National Policy on Older Persons and the National Policy on Senior Citizens. The such schemes may include:-

- a) schemes for promoting financial security of senior citizens, including but not limited to, old age pensions, long term saving instruments and employment in income generating activities;
- b) schemes for promoting healthcare and nutrition of senior citizens, including but not limited to, affordable health care programs, mental health services, health insurance schemes, nutrition education programs and training and orientation in health care of senior citizens;
- c) schemes for promoting welfare of elderly widows;
- d) schemes related to old age homes, short stay homes and day care of senior citizens;
- e) schemes related to education training and information needs of senior citizens;
- f) schemes related to research activity on ageing and information systems on senior citizens;
- g) Any other scheme, with the approval of the Committee.

As per the rules, the sponsoring Ministry or the Department of the Government or the State Government concerned shall be responsible for the processing of the scheme, its monitoring and implementation:

It is also envisaged that the proportion of the costs incurred towards the benefit of Senior Citizens only shall be funded from the proceeds of the Fund.

In accordance with section 127 of the Finance Act 2015, an annual report, giving a full account of its activities during the Financial year is required to be prepared and forwarded to the Central Government. The accounts of the fund shall be audited by the CAG at such intervals as may be specified by him and such audited accounts together with the audit report shall be forwarded to the Central Government. The Annual Report and the Audit Report by CAG shall be laid before each house of the Parliament. Further, as per Rule 8 of the SCWF Rules the Nodal Ministry is required to prepare the Annual Report and seek approval of the Report by the Inter-Ministerial Committee.

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Activities during 2016-17

- 4.1 A series of meetings were held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary to the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) and also Joint Secretary (Budget), Department of Economic Affairs, regarding the implementation and for expediting and monitoring transfer of unclaimed funds in to the corpus of Senior Citizen Welfare Fund, during 2016-17.
- 4.2 The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment invited proposals promoting welfare of senior citizens, from different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, which could be funded from the SCWF.
- 4.3 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment on 26th October, 2016 in which also the participating Ministries were called upon to formulate innovative Schemes for promoting Welfare of Senior Citizens. The Ministries were addressed *vide* D.O. letter dated 8th November, 2016 of Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment, requesting the Ministries to formulate and submit proposals if any, for consideration of the Inter-Ministerial Committee.
- 4.4 The Department of Economics Affairs *vide* D.O. Letter dated 21st December 2016 conveyed that an amount of Rs. 5889.17 crore was being transferred to the corpus of the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund and the interest accrued on this corpus would be available for expenditure on Welfare Schemes which could be funded from the SCWF.
- 4.5 The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment had formulated a new and innovative scheme, namely "Scheme for Providing Physical Aids and Assisted Living Devices to Senior Citizens Belonging to BPL Category", which was named as "**Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**". A meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee was held on 15th November, 2016, which considered the proposal and approved funding of the same from the Senior Citizens Welfare Fund. A copy of the scheme Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is at **Annexure-V**
- 4.6 An amount of Rs. 16 crore was allocated by the Department of Economic Affairs out of Senior Citizen Welfare Fund to the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment for initial implementation of the **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**. The amount was released to the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment on 31st March, 2017. The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment further has released the amount of Rs.16 crore to the implementing agency of the Rashtriya

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Vayoshri Yojana, namely "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Limited(ALIMCO)", a fully owned PSU under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(DoEPwD).

4.7 The Inter-Ministerial Committee had also considered the proposals relating to part funding of "Senior Citizens Health Insurance Scheme(SCHIS)" and "Lateral Ageing study in India (LASI) Project" both sponsored by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The proposals were kept pending for completion of documents/information.

4.8 The Accounting Procedure in respect of the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund which was formulated by the Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been approved by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), a copy of which is at Annexure-VI

Budget 2015-2016

Speech of
Arun Jaitley
Minister of Finance

February 28, 2015

42. There are unclaimed deposits of about `3,000 crore in the PPF, and approximately `6,000 crore in the EPF corpus. I have proposed the creation of a Senior Citizen Welfare Fund, in the Finance Bill, for appropriation of these amounts to a corpus which will be used to subsidize the premiums of vulnerable groups such as old age pensioners, BPL card-holders, small and marginal farmers and others. A detailed scheme would be issued in March.

(2) There shall be levied and collected in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, a cess to be called the Swachh Bharat Cess, as service tax on all or any of the taxable services at the rate of two per cent. on the value of such services for the purposes of financing and promoting Swachh Bharat initiatives or for any other purpose relating thereto.

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(3) The Swachh Bharat Cess leviable under sub-section (2) shall be in addition to any cess or service tax leviable on such taxable services under Chapter V of the Finance Act, 1994, or under any other law for the time being in force.

(4) The proceeds of the Swachh Bharat Cess levied under sub-section (2) shall first be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, utilise such sums of money of the Swachh Bharat Cess for such purposes specified in sub-section (2), as it may consider necessary.

(5) The provisions of Chapter V of the Finance Act, 1994 and the rules made thereunder, including those relating to refunds and exemptions from tax, interest and imposition of penalty shall, as far as may be, apply in relation to the levy and collection of the Swachh Bharat Cess on taxable services, as they apply in relation to the levy and collection of tax on such taxable services under Chapter V of the Finance Act, 1994 or the rules made thereunder, as the case may be.

CHAPTER VII

SENIOR CITIZENS' WELFARE FUND

PART I

PRELIMINARY

120. (1) This Chapter extends to the whole of India.

Extent and commencement

(2) This Chapter shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

121. In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Definitions.

(1) "Committee" means the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted under section 123;

(2) "eligible interest" means an interest on the principal transferred to the Fund at the rate notified by the Central Government;

(3) "Financial Year" means the period commencing on the 1st day of April and ending on the 31st day of March every year;

(4) "Fund" means the Fund established under section 122;

(5) "inoperative account" means an account under any of the schemes specified by or under sub-section (2) of section 122 and not operated upon for a period of three years if operable on regular basis, or if there is a date of maturity, from the date of maturity, as the case may be;

(6) "Institution" means any bank, Post Office or any other institution notified by the Central Government which is holding the inoperative accounts having unclaimed amounts;

(7) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;

(8) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made by the Central Government under this Chapter;

(9) "senior citizen" means a citizen of India who has attained the age of sixty years or above;

(10) "unclaimed amount" means the amount as referred to in sub-section (2) of section 122.

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

Establishment
of Fund.

122. (1) The Central Government shall establish a Fund to be called the "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund".

(2) ~~Any credit balance~~ in any of the accounts under the following schemes remaining unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of its declaration as an inoperative account shall be transferred by the respective Institutions holding them to the Fund.

(a) Small Savings and other Savings Schemes of the Central Government with Post Offices and Banks authorised to operate such Schemes;

(b) Accounts of Public Provident Fund under the Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968 maintained by Institution; and

(c) such other amounts, in any accounts or schemes as may be prescribed.

(3) The Fund shall be utilised for promoting welfare of senior citizens and for such other purposes as may be prescribed.

(4) The Central Government shall, from time to time, notify the eligible rate of interest for money lying in the Fund.

Constitution
of a
Committee
for
administration
of Fund.

123. (1) The Central Government shall constitute, by notification, an Inter-Ministerial Committee for administration of the Fund consisting of a Chairperson and such other number of Members as the Central Government may appoint.

(2) The manner of administration of the Fund, holding of meetings of the Committee, shall be in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed.

(3) It shall be competent for the Committee to spend money out of the Fund for carrying out the objects specified in sub section (3) of section 122.

Payment of
claims.

124. (1) Any person claiming to be entitled to the unclaimed amount transferred to the Fund may apply to the respective Institution with which the amount due was originally lying or deposited, at any time before the right to the amount is extinguished as provided in section 126.

(2) The person making the application shall bear the onus of establishing his right to receive the amount to which the application relates.

(3) The Institution shall consider the application as expeditiously as possible, and make payment along with the eligible interest, in any case, within sixty days of the receipt of the application.

(4) Any payment under this section shall discharge the Institution from liability in respect of the amount credited to the Fund.

(5) The interest payable, if any, on the money transferred to the Fund shall be determined and notified by the Central Government.

Subsection (5)
omitted vide
238 of Fin. Act
2016.

Publication of
information.

125. (1) The Institution shall publish such information as is necessary and sufficient to give reasonable notice of the existence of the unclaimed amounts, before crediting the unclaimed amount to the Fund.

(2) The Central Government may prescribe the method by which such information shall be published.

Escheat to the
Central
Government.

126. (1) Where no request or claim as specified in section 124 of this Chapter is made within a period of twenty-five years from the date of the credit of the unclaimed amount into the Fund, then, notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any other law for the

Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force any credit balance

time being in force, unless a Court otherwise orders, it shall escheat to the Central Government.

(2) The right of any person claiming to have an entitlement to the unclaimed amount shall subsist till the period specified under sub-section (1), and shall extinguish thereafter.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), if, in any case, the Central Government is satisfied that there were genuine reasons which precluded a person from making a claim for refund in time, it may, on the recommendation of the Committee based on examination of facts, refund the money escheated to him.

(4) The Central Government may keep such escheated amount with the Fund for the purposes of the Fund.

PART III

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

127. (1) The Fund shall prepare, in such form and at such time for each financial year as may be prescribed, its annual report giving a full account of its activities during the financial year and forward a copy thereof to the Central Government. Reporting of accounts and audit.

(2) The accounts of the Fund shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India at such intervals as may be specified by him and such audited accounts together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually by the Institution to the Central Government.

(3) The Central Government shall cause the annual report and the audit report given by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India to be laid before each House of Parliament.

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS

128. (1) The Central Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Chapter. Power of Central Government to make rules.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), such rules may provide for—

(a) such other amounts referred to in clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 122;

(b) the utilisation of the Fund for the purposes under sub-section (3) of section 122;

(c) the composition of the Committee for managing the Fund under sub-section (2) of section 123;

(d) the manner of administration of the Fund and the procedure relating to holding of the meetings of the Committee under sub-section (2) of section 123;

(e) the manner of giving notice to the public about the existence of the unclaimed amounts under sub-section (2) of section 125;

(f) any other matter which is required to be, or may be, prescribed.

(3) Every rule made under this section, shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

Clause (c):
Omitted
vide S. 238
of Finance Act,
2016.

Power to exempt in certain cases.

129. The Central Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, exempt any unclaimed amount or institution or class of unclaimed amounts or institutions from any or all of the provisions of this Chapter, either generally or for such period as may be specified.

Power to remove difficulties.

130. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Chapter, the Central Government may by order, do anything not in consistant with the provisions of this Chapter for the purpose of removing such difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of a period of two years from the commencement of this Chapter.

(2) Every order under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each house of Parliament.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

PART I

AMENDMENTS TO THE FORWARD CONTRACTS (REGULATION) ACT, 1952

Commencement and amendment of Act 74 of 1952.

131. [A] The provisions of this Part shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Part.

Insertion of new section 28A.

[B] In the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952, (herein referred to as the Forward Contracts Act), after section 28, the following section shall be inserted, namely:— 74 of 1952.

Savings of recognised associations.

"28A.(1) All recognised associations under the Forward Contracts Regulation Act, shall be deemed to be recognised stock exchanges under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (herein referred to as the Securities Contracts Act): 42 of 1956.

"Provided that such deemed recognized stock exchanges shall not carry out any activity other than the activities of assisting, regulating or controlling the business of buying, selling or dealing in commodity derivatives till the said deemed recognized stock exchanges are specifically permitted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India:

Provided further that a person buying or selling or otherwise dealing in commodity derivatives as a commodity derivatives broker, or such other intermediary who may be associated with the commodity derivatives market, immediately before the transfer and vesting of rights and assets to the Securities and Exchange Board of India for which no registration certificate was necessary prior to such transfer, may continue to do so for a period of three months from such transfer or, if he has made an application for such registration within the said period of three months, till the disposal of such application."

(2) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (herein referred to as the Security Board) may provide such deemed exchanges, adequate time to comply with the Securities Contracts Act and any regulations, rules, guidelines or like instruments made under the said Act.

(3) The bye-laws, circulars, or any like instrument made by a recognised association under the Forward Contracts Act shall continue to be applicable for a period of one year from the date on which that Act is repealed, or till such time as notified by the Security Board, as if the Forward Contracts Act had not been repealed, whichever is earlier.

(ii) in the Tenth Schedule, for the entry in column (4) occurring against all the headings, the entry "Rs.400 per tonne" shall be substituted.

PART XIII

AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION (REGULATION) ACT, 2010

236. In the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, in section 2, in sub-section (j), in clause (j), in sub-clause (vi), the following proviso shall be inserted and shall be deemed to have been inserted with effect from the 26th September, 2010, namely:—

Amendment of section 2 of Act 42 of 2010.

42 of 1999.

"Provided that where the nominal value of share capital is within the limits specified for foreign investment under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, or the rules or regulations made thereunder, then, notwithstanding the nominal value of share capital of a company being more than one-half of such value at the time of making the contribution, such company shall not be a foreign source;".

PART XIV

AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCE ACT, 2013

237. In the Finance Act, 2013, after section 132, the following section shall be inserted, with effect from the 1st day of June, 2016, namely:—

Amendment of Act 17 of 2013

'132A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, the provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to taxable commodities transactions entered into by any person on a recognised association located in an International Financial Services Centre, where the consideration for such transaction is paid or payable in foreign currency.

Chapter VII not to apply in certain cases.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, "International Financial Services Centre" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (q) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones, Act, 2005.

28 of 2005.

PART XV

AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCE ACT, 2015

238. In the Finance Act, 2015,—

(a) in section 4, clause (ii) shall be omitted with effect from the 1st day of April, 2016;

Amendment of Act 20 of 2015.

(b) with effect from the 1st day of June, 2016,—

(i) in section 122, in sub-section (2), for the words "Any credit balance", the words "Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force, any credit balance" shall be substituted;

(ii) in section 124, sub-section (5) shall be omitted;

(iii) in section 128, in sub-section (2), clause (c) shall be omitted.

PART XVI

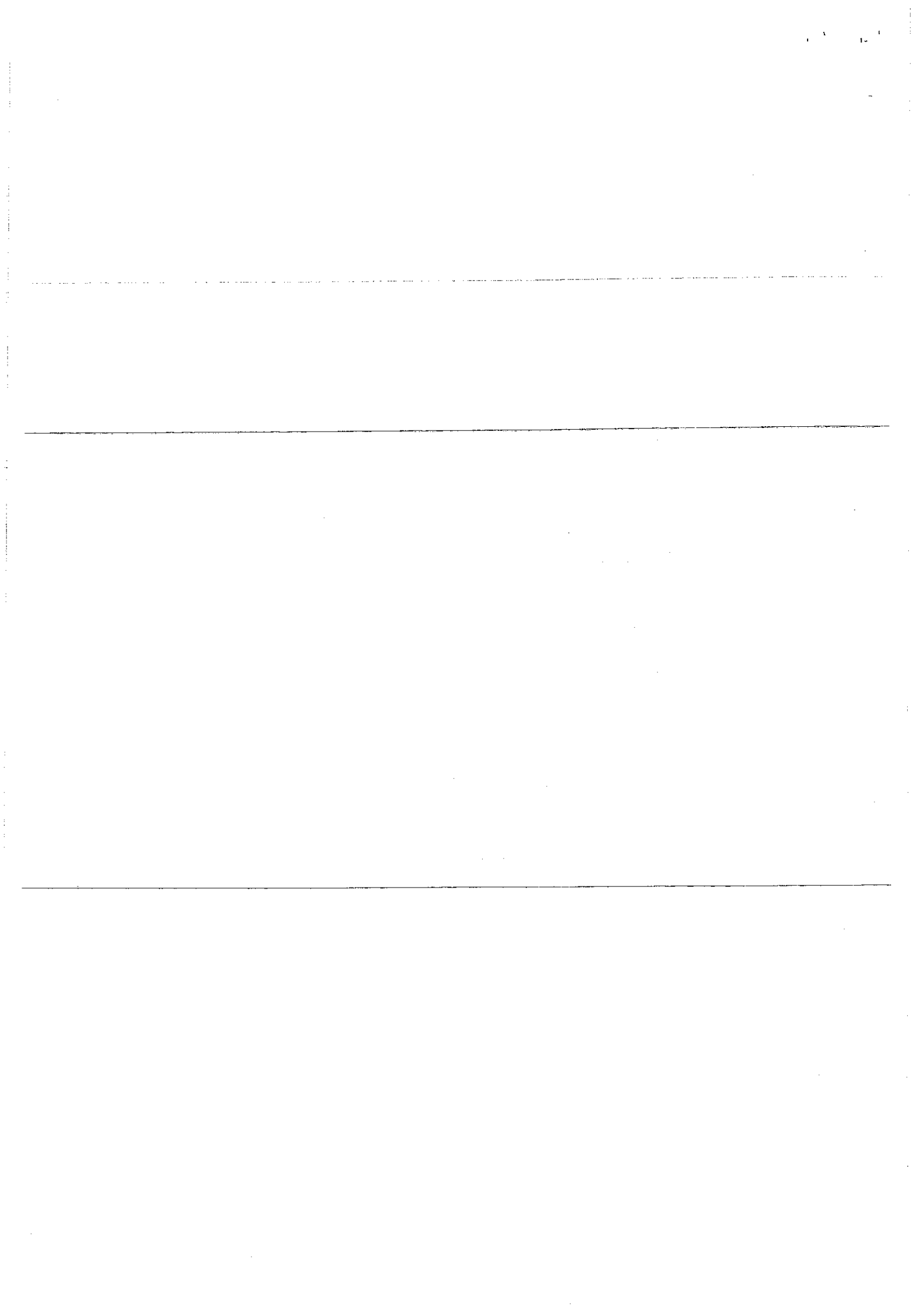
REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN ENACTMENTS

239. The enactments specified in the Fifteenth Schedule are hereby repealed or amended to the extent mentioned in the fourth column thereof.

Repeal and amendment of certain enactments.

240. (1) The repeal by this Act of the enactments specified in the Fifteenth Schedule or amendments therein shall not—

Savings.



(4) संस्था, जन्ता की साधारण सूचना के लिए उपनियम (2) के अधीन तैयार सूची सुसंगत कार्यालयों के नोटिस बोर्ड पर और संबंधित संस्था की वेबसाइट पर कम से कम साठ दिन तक, बावें यदि कोई हो, आमंत्रित करने के लिए सूची प्रदर्शित करेगी।

8. वार्षिक रिपोर्ट

- (1) नोडल मंत्रालय, नियम 4 में निर्दिष्ट, विगत वित्तीय वर्ष में किए गए कार्यक्रमों के लिए प्रत्येक वर्ष मई की पहली तारीख तक वार्षिक रिपोर्ट तैयार करेगा।
- (2) नोडल मंत्रालय, वार्षिक रिपोर्ट तैयार करने के बाद एक मास के भीतर समिति द्वारा वार्षिक रिपोर्ट के अनुमोदन की व्यवस्था करेगा।
- (3) इस वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में समिति द्वारा किए गए क्रियाकलापों, निधियन हेतु अनुमोदित स्कीम और समिति के प्रमुख निर्णय, अनुमोदन के लिए लम्बित स्कीमों और निधि में प्रत्यय की गई और इससे विकलन धनराशियों का विवरण शामिल होगा।
- (4) समिति, वार्षिक रिपोर्ट तैयार करने के लिए विस्तृत दिशानिर्देश जारी कर सकेगी।
- (5) नोडल मंत्रालय, अधिनियम की धारा 127 की उपधारा (3) के अधीन वार्षिक रिपोर्ट संसद के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किए जाने के बाद इसे मंत्रालय की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध कराएगा।

[फा. सं. 13/20/2014-एनएस. II]

प्रशांत गोयल, संयुक्त सचिव

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department of Economic Affairs)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 18th March, 2016

G.S.R. 322(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 128 of the Finance Act, 2015, 20 of 2015 the Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—

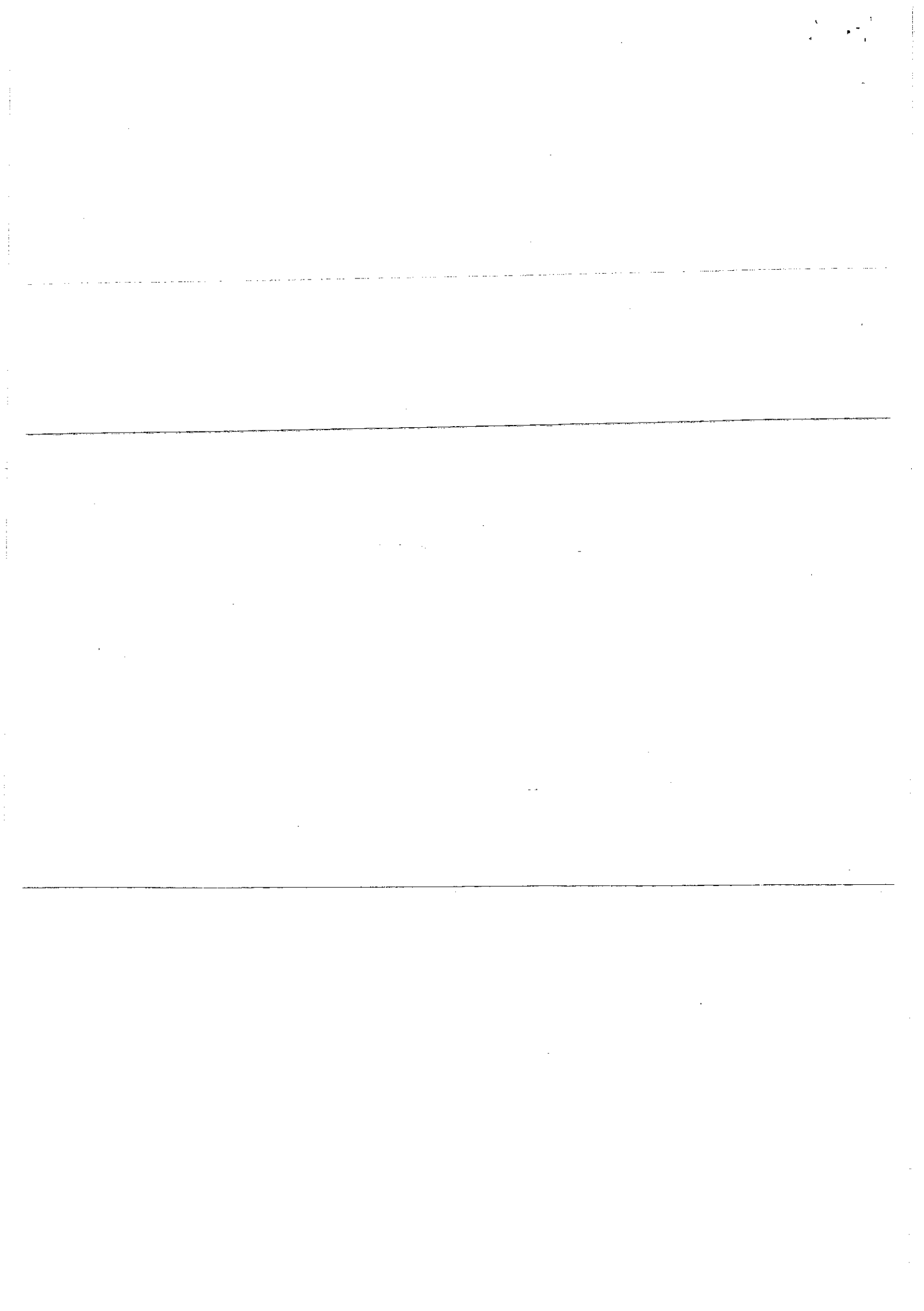
- (1) These rules may be called Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016.
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.—

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "Act" means the Finance Act, 2015.
 - (b) "Government" means the Government of India.
- (2) Words and expressions used in these rules and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Establishment of Fund.—

- (1) The Central Government hereby establishes a Fund to be called the Senior Citizens Welfare Fund for promoting the welfare of the Senior Citizens and for such other purposes as specified in Chapter VII of the Act.
- (2) The Senior Citizens Welfare Fund shall be an interest bearing account in the Public Account of the Union of India and shall be administered by the Committee.
- (3) Every institution shall transfer the unclaimed amounts, including those under the following schemes, to the Fund namely:—
 - (a) Small savings and other savings schemes of the Central Government including the Post Office Savings Accounts, Post Office Recurring Deposit Accounts, Post Office Time Deposit Accounts,



Post Office Monthly Income Accounts, Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme Accounts, Kisan Vikas Patras, National Savings Certificates (all issues), Sukanya Samridhi Accounts and discontinued Small Savings Schemes;

- (b) Accounts of Public Provident Funds under the Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968 maintained by the Institutions concerned; and
 - (c) Accounts of Employees' Provident Fund under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.
- (4) Every Institution shall prepare list of unclaimed amounts lying as unclaimed deposits in the accounts and notify to the public in the manner provided under rule 7.
- (5) All unclaimed amounts, referred to in sub-rule (2), shall be transferred by the institution to the Fund within one year from the date of notification of these rules in the Official Gazette;

Provided that the period so specified may be extended by such further period or periods, as the Central Government in the Ministry of Finance may deem fit, on a request for grant of such extension by the institution.

- (6) The Institution shall identify the unclaimed amounts on annual basis and make transfers to the Fund on or before the 1st day of March, each year.
- (7) The transfers by the Institutions shall be made on a net basis, namely, the unclaimed deposits minus the claims accepted in accordance with the law for the time being in force, of the accounts whose balances have already been transferred to the Fund.

4. Administration of Fund.—

- (1) The nodal Ministry for the administration of the Fund shall be the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- (2) The Fund shall have its secretariat located in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- (3) The Fund shall be administered by a Committee consisting of—
 - (a) The Secretary in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment who shall be the ex-officio Chairperson;
 - (b) An official not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to be nominated by the Department of Financial Services - Member; *Joint Secretary (JS)*
 - (c) An official not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to be nominated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare - Member; *JS*
 - (d) An official not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to be nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development - Member; *JS*
 - (e) An official not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to be nominated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation - Member; *JS*
 - (f) An official not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to be nominated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment - Member; *JS*
 - (g) Officials not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, to be nominated by the Ministry sponsoring the proposal and by other Ministries concerned with the specific proposal; *JS*
 - (h) Financial Adviser, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment;
 - (i) An official, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, to be, nominated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment - Member Secretary;
- (4) The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
- (5) The Committee shall take decision as to the utilisation of the amount in the Fund for the purposes specified in the rule 6.

- (6) The Committee shall provide Ministry-wise details of budgetary allocation required for the following financial year, to the Central Government in the Ministry of Finance:

Provided that the allocations shall be made by the Ministry of Finance, keeping in view the estimated and absorptive capacity for the authorised purpose and to ensure the perpetuity of the Fund.

- (7) The Committee may regulate its rules of business, in addition to, and without prejudice to anything provided under these rules, for the conduct of its business.

5. Rate of interest.-

The eligible rate of interest for the money lying in the Fund shall be determined and notified by the Central Government in the Ministry of Finance under sub-section (5) of the section 124 of the Act, on an annual basis.

6. Utilisation of Fund.—

- (1) The Fund shall be utilised for such schemes for the promotion of the welfare of Senior citizens in line with the National Policy on Older Persons and the National Policy on Senior Citizens.

- (2) The schemes referred to in sub-rule (1) shall include—

- (a) schemes for promoting financial security of senior citizens, including but not limited to, old age pensions, long term saving instruments and employment in income generating activities;
- (b) schemes for promoting healthcare and nutrition of senior citizens, including but not limited to, affordable health care programs, mental health services, health insurance schemes, nutrition education programs and training and orientation in health care of senior citizens;
- (c) schemes for promoting welfare of elderly widows;
- (d) schemes related to old age homes, short stay homes and day care of senior citizens;
- (e) schemes related to education training and information needs of senior citizens;
- (f) schemes related to research activity on ageing and information systems on senior citizens;
- (g) any other scheme, with the approval of the Committee.

- (3) The sponsoring Ministry or the Department of the Government or the State Government concerned shall be responsible for the processing of the scheme, its monitoring and implementation:

Provided that the proportion of the costs incurred towards the benefit of Senior Citizens only shall be funded from the proceeds of the Fund.

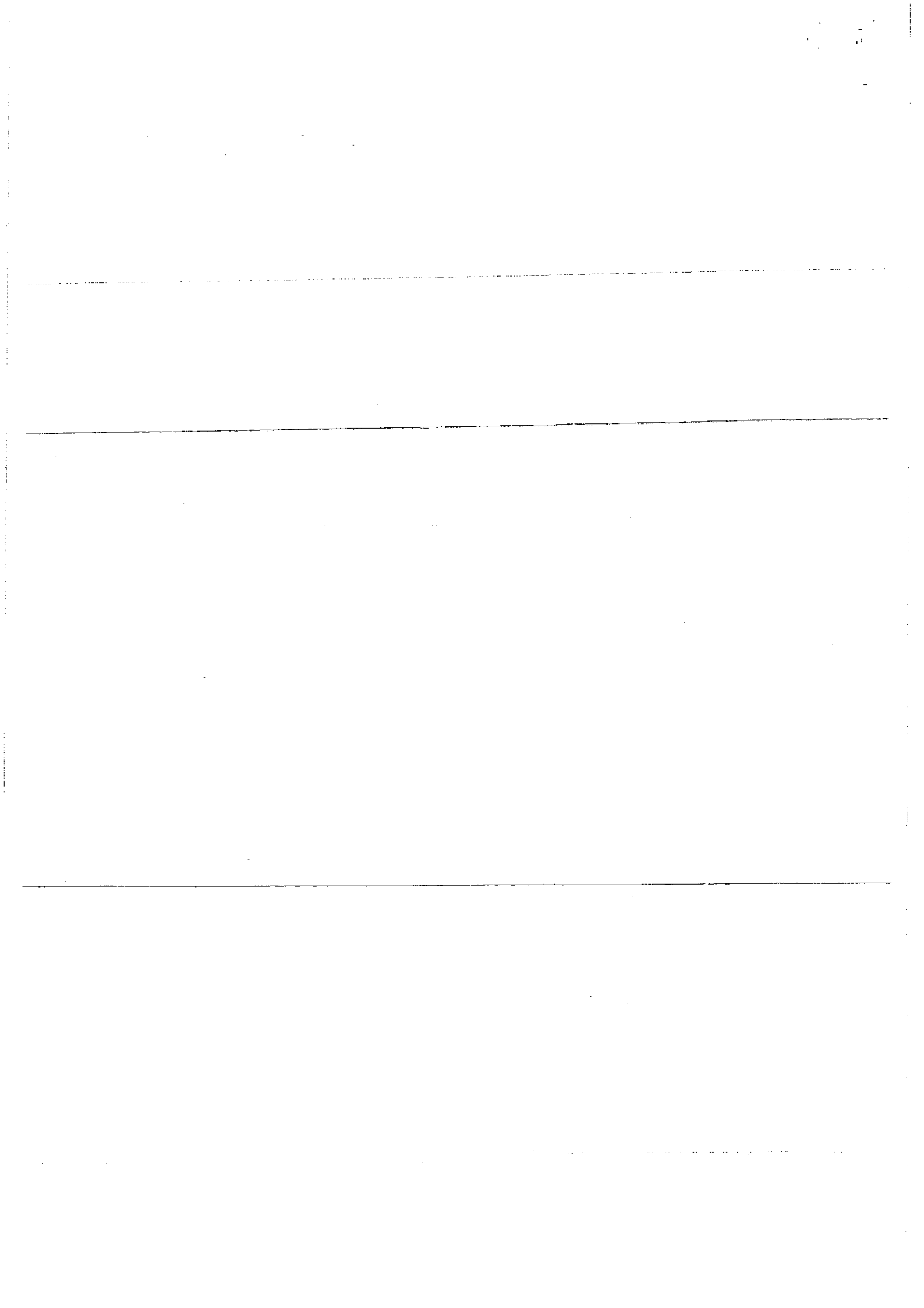
- (4) The Committee may issue detailed guidelines for the implementation of any scheme for the welfare of the Senior Citizens under these rules.

7. Publication of Information.—

- (1) Each institution shall, before crediting the unclaimed amount to the Fund, publish the information relating to accounts in which unclaimed deposits are lying, in the manner provided under this rule.
- (2) The Institution shall identify the unclaimed amounts and prepare a list of the accounts containing details of the unclaimed amount by the 30th day of September of each financial year.
- (3) The Institution shall try to contact each of the account holder of the unclaimed amount, by all reasonable means of communication, including written notice, e-mail and telephone, on at least two occasions, within a span of a period of sixty days.
- (4) The Institution shall display the list prepared under sub-rule (2) for the general information of the public, on the notice boards of the relevant offices and on the website of the Institution concerned for at least a period of sixty days, inviting claims, if any.

8. Annual Report.—

- (1) The nodal Ministry, referred to in rule 4, shall prepare an annual report by the 1st day of May, each year, for the activities undertaken in the previous financial year.



- (2) The nodal Ministry shall make arrangements for the approval of the annual report by the Committee within one month of its preparation.
- (3) The Annual report shall include the activities undertaken by the Committee, the schemes approved for funding, the major decisions of the committee, the schemes pending for approval and the details of the amounts credited and debited from the Fund.
- (4) The Committee may issue detailed guidelines for the preparation of the annual report.
- (5) The nodal Ministry shall make available the annual report on the website of the Ministry, after it is laid before the Parliament under sub-section (3) of section 127 of the Act.

[F. No. 13/20/2014-NS. II]

PRASHANT GOYAL, Jt. Secy.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department of Economic Affairs)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 13th September, 2016

G.S.R. 981(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 128 of the Finance Act, 2015 (20 of 2015), the Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016, in rule 4, in sub-rt (3), in clauses (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), for the words "Deputy Secretary", wherever they occur, the words "Joint Secretary" shall be substituted.

[S. No. 13/20/2014-NS-II]

PRADEEPT GOYAL, Jt. Secy.

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (1) vide notification number G.S.R. 323(E), dated 18th March, 2016.

RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA
SCHEME FOR PROVIDING PHYSICAL AIDS AND
ASSISTED LIVING DEVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS
BELONGING TO BPL CATEGORY

1. Background

1.1 As per the Census figures of 2011, the population of senior citizens in India is 10.38 crore. More than 70% of the population of senior citizens live in rural areas of the country. A sizeable percentage (5.2%) of the senior citizens suffers from some sort of disabilities related to old age.

Projections indicate that the number of elderly population will increase to around 173 million by 2026.

1.2 The Central Government proposes a new Central Sector Scheme to be put in place to provide Physical aids and Assisted Living Devices for such senior citizens suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities, who belong to BPL category. Accordingly, the following scheme is hereby formulated for bringing such senior citizens into active life and to build an age-friendly society by providing them with devices to maintain near normalcy in mobility, communication and independence.

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The Central Sector Scheme aims at providing senior citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from any of the age related disability/infirmity mentioned in para 2.2, with such assisted-living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions. The assistive devices shall be of high quality and conforming to the standards laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards, wherever applicable.

3. Scope of the Scheme

The beneficiaries of the Scheme shall include Senior Citizens of BPL Category suffering from any of the age related infirmities as indicated in para 4 of the Scheme. For loss of vision, hearing impairment, loss of teeth and for loco-motor disability requiring wheelchair, a certificate from any Government Medical Officer shall suffice. For other simple devices stated in para 5 (items 1 to 4), the implementing agencies shall satisfy themselves as to the eligibility of the Senior Citizen to receive the device.

4. The Scheme aims to address following types of disability/infirmity:

- (i) Low Vision;
- (ii) Hearing impairment;
- (iii) Loss of teeth; and
- (iv) Locomotor disability.

5. Types of Physical Aids and Assisted-Living Devices to be provided under the Scheme

The Scheme proposes to provide the following Aids and Assisted-Living Devices to eligible elderly beneficiaries, depending upon their physical impairment :-

- 1. Walking sticks
- 2. Elbow crutches
- 3. Walkers / Crutches
- 4. Tripods / Quadpods
- 5. Hearing Aids
- 6. Wheelchair
- 7. Artificial Dentures
- 8. Spectacles

6. Extent of Support

6.1 The Scheme will be fully financed (100% funded) by the Central Government from 'Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund'.

6.2 The extent of support will comprise of free of cost distribution of "Physical Aids and Assisted-Living Devices" commensurate with the extent of disability/infirmity that is manifested among the eligible senior citizens.

In case of multiple disabilities/infirmities, the assistive devices will be given in respect of each disability/impairment that is manifested in the same person. The Implementing Agency shall provide one year free maintenance of the aids & assisted living devices supplied by them. The average cost of all devices is likely to be Rs. 7,000/- per beneficiary. The monetary limit of the devices shall be as under:-

Type of Assistive Device	Monetary Limit
For each set of Walking Sticks; Elbow crutches; Walkers/ Crutches; Tripods / Quadpods	Cost as notified by ALIMCO or actuals whichever is less.
For each Hearing aid	Cost as notified by ALIMCO as per para 8.2 or the actual cost, whichever is less.
For each wheelchair	Cost as notified by ALIMCO or actuals whichever is less.
For each set of Artificial Dentures	Cost as notified by ALIMCO or actuals whichever is less.
For each pair of spectacles (conforming to specification to be laid down)	Cost as notified by ALIMCO or actuals whichever is less.

6.3 The Central Government may, wherever necessary release upto 50% of the project cost to the implementing agencies in advance for commencing the project.

6.4 A maximum of Five per cent of the total expenditure of the Scheme shall be used for monitoring and evaluation and ten percent for administrative expenditure excluding cost of organizing the distribution camp. Overhead charges of a maximum Rs. 25 lakhs or actuals whichever is less for organizing the distribution camp shall be allowed to the implementing agency i.e. ALIMCO from the Scheme. PMU shall be allowed to be created in the Ministry, out of the monitoring and evaluation expenditure. PMU shall be allowed to be created at ALIMCO out of the administrative expenditure.

7. Implementation of the Scheme

7.1 A three-tier strategy for the implementation of the Scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted Living Devices to senior citizens belonging to BPL category is envisaged. These tiers consist of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, the State/UT Nodal Department and the Implementation Committee at the District level. The roles and responsibilities for each tier are outlined below.

7.2 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India will be the nodal Ministry to oversee the implementation of the Scheme. The Ministry will provide financial resources and ALIMCO shall provide the technical guidance including specifications for each of the devices that are proposed to be procured. The Ministry will also set policies and procedural guidelines for the disbursement of the aids and assisted-living devices. Detailed financial and procurement guidelines and conditions for Assistance are at Annexure-II.

7.3 State Nodal Department

In each of the State/UT, the Social Welfare Department of the State or the Department dealing with the matters relating to welfare of Senior Citizens or Department so nominated by the State Government will serve as the nodal Department for this Scheme. The Govt. of India reserves the right to re-allocate the districts as and when necessitated to do so. Identification of the districts where the Scheme is to be implemented should focus on backward and rural areas. Priority should be accorded to senior citizens living in shelter homes etc.

7.4 The Central Government shall notify the composition of a Committee at District level for the purpose of selection of the beneficiaries, implementation and monitoring of the Scheme. The Committee shall be chaired by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the District, with the district Chief Medical Officer (CMO); District Social Welfare Officer or Joint Director/Deputy Director (Social Welfare)/Joint Director or equivalent at

the District level handling the matters relating to senior citizens, Joint Director or equivalent at the District level in the Department of Women & Child Development and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Zilla Parishad as member. In the case of urban areas, the concerned Municipal Commissioner would be member of the Committee.

8. Mode of Implementation

8.1 The Scheme will be implemented by the 'Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)' a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Beneficiaries in each district will be identified by the State Governments/UT Administrations through the Committee chaired by the Deputy Commissioner/District Collector. The State Government/UT Administration/District Level Committee may utilise the data of BPL beneficiaries receiving Old Age Pension under the NSAP or any other Scheme of the State/UT for identification of senior citizens belonging to BPL category. The devices will be distributed in the camp mode. The methodology for organizing the camps is at Annexure-I.

8.2 The ALIMCO shall publish a price list of each device mentioned in para 5 above, along with specifications and standards as applicable. In the said price list the price of each device shall be fixed while adhering to the price cap, in respect of the device, mentioned in para 6 of the Scheme. The said price list shall be provided by ALIMCO to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment who shall also publish the list on its website.

9. Eligibility criteria for the beneficiaries

- (i) The person should be a Senior Citizen of India (aged 60 years and above) and possessing an Aadhaar card or should have applied for Aadhaar card and having Aadhaar enrollment acknowledgement. In case, the beneficiary does not possess an Aadhaar card, any of the specified identity documents shall be acceptable for the purpose of identification.

(ii) the beneficiary may produce a certificate from the District Authority for eligibility or a BPL ration card or proof of receiving Old Age Pension under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) or any other Pension Scheme of the State/UT Government for Senior citizens belonging to BPL category.

(iii) Certificate from the Medical Officer shall be required for loss of vision, hearing impairment, loss of teeth and locomotor disability requiring use of wheelchair.

(iv) The person should not have received the same device(s) free of cost from any Government source including local bodies and public undertakings controlled by the Government during last 3 years. However, replacement of faulty/non-functional device(s) may be allowed as an exception to this condition.

(v) In any State/UT, out of the total number of beneficiaries, 30 per cent shall be women.

(vi) It should be ensured that the percentage of SC/ST beneficiaries of the Scheme shall be equal to or more of their respective percentage of population in the district.

10. Awareness Generation on the Scheme

The Central and the State Governments/UT Administrations shall ensure wide publicity to the Scheme so that adequate awareness is created among the potential beneficiaries and their families as well as the general public about the existence of the Scheme and the benefits available under it.

11. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Scheme will be monitored by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) as the nodal Ministry. The programme will be evaluated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, after one year of its implementation. The procedural formalities such as *proforma* and procedure of application, sourcing, procurement and distribution will be laid down by the implementing Agency i.e. ALIMCO, as may be suitable depending also upon the local conditions. The Central Government and ALIMCO shall be eligible to set up Project Monitoring Units. Project Monitoring Units (PMU) shall be set up in the Ministry and ALIMCO within the allocated Budget and coterminous with the Scheme, as a temporary measure.

After distribution of the assisted living devices, a sample check to the extent of 10% of the beneficiaries shall be made by the ALIMCO/implementing agencies.

12. Audit of Accounts

The accounts of the Implementing Agencies shall be subject to the audit by the prescribed authority in accordance with the provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, as amended from time to time, in this regard.

Annexure I to the Scheme

Standard Approved Procedure to be followed by ALIMCO in conducting camps under the Scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted Living Devices for Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category.

The 'Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation' (ALIMCO) shall organize camps under the Scheme in three phases, as mentioned below:-

Phase-1 - Assessment of the number of Devices required

- (a) On receipt of written request from State Government/Implementing Agencies or Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the ALIMCO shall initiate the camp activities by writing letters to the District Authorities for obtaining formal permission for the camp.
- (b) After the formal permission is granted, the ALIMCO shall visit the district for finalizing camp's venue, date, etc. On finalization of the camp's venue, date, etc. ALIMCO shall give wide publicity for proposed camps - through print media, vehicle publicity, distribution of pamphlets, putting up of banners and hoardings at strategic locations. This publicity shall be organized with the support of Block Development Officers, Anganwadi workers and Asha workers of the District. Support of reputed NGOs may also be taken by ALIMCO.
- (c) The Registered beneficiaries shall then be examined by doctors/technicians/other professionals to assess their needs and to prescribe the requisite Assistive Devices, in writing.
- (d) On completion of the assessment, the beneficiaries shall be provided with tokens wherein the aids and appliances prescribed to them.
- (e) A consolidated requirement of aids and assistive devices for a particular camp shall then be prepared by ALIMCO and provided to Logistic Department for supply of the devices to the camp's site.

Phase-2 - Distribution Camp

- (a) ALIMCO shall depute experts/technicians from various fields to ensure safe and secure 'fitment' of the devices to the beneficiaries. As per para 2.1 of the Scheme, the devices shall be of high standards and conforming to the standards laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), wherever feasible. Wherever BIS standards are not feasible, the ALIMCO shall depute experts to ensure Quality Check of the device(s) and the device(s) shall be distributed only on quality certification.
- (b) On finalization of the date(s) of the camp, ALIMCO shall inform the beneficiaries about the venue of the camp and date through the designated District Authority/District Social Welfare Officer/Chief Medical Officer/Handicapped Welfare Officer. Use of mass SMS;

- print media; banners at strategic locations of District; advertisements in local newspapers may also be resorted to.
- (c) ALIMCO shall depute a team at least 7 working days (excluding Public Holidays) in advance of the distribution camp to the camp's site to make logistical arrangements like tents, stage, sitting arrangements, food, water, etc.
 - (d) The aids and assistive devices shall be distributed to the beneficiaries as per the tokens issued to them at the assessment camps, in presence of ALIMCO's Rehabilitation Expert and Representatives from the District Administration.
 - (e) After completion of the distribution camp, ALIMCO's Rehabilitation Expert shall consolidate the report and prepare distribution certificate. These distribution certificates shall be jointly attested by ALIMCO and District Administration. A copy of these jointly attested distribution certificates shall be handed over to the District Authority/District Social Welfare Officer/Chief Medical Officer/Handicapped Welfare Officer for records. The consolidated report shall be signed by the designated District Authority/District Disability Officer as a token of acknowledgement of distribution of the assistive devices.

Phase-3 - Post Distribution Activity

The list of beneficiaries to whom the Aids and Assisted Living Devices are distributed shall be uploaded on the website of ALIMCO and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment with details of name, photograph, age, gender, father's / husband's name, BPL card No., Address, contact number (optional), Aadhaar no. (desirable), type of infirmity/disability, assistive device(s) prescribed and the cost of appliance(s).

After distribution of the assisted living devices, a sample checking to the extent of 10% of the beneficiaries shall be made by the ALIMCO/implementing agencies

ALIMCO shall put to use their toll free No. 18001805129 for providing feedback and for providing post camp services.

Annexure-II to the Scheme

Guidelines and Conditions for Assistance

- (i) The State Governments/UT Administrations, through the implementation Committee at the District Level (as detailed in para 7 of the Scheme), shall identify the potential beneficiaries and finalize the list of beneficiaries after ensuring that all guidelines/conditions, etc mentioned under the Scheme are followed.
- (ii) A copy of the indent shall be sent by ALIMCO to this Ministry. The implementing agency shall be entitled to administrative costs not exceeding ten per cent (10%) on the cost of devices distributed, as overheads.
- (iii) The implementing agency will maintain a register in the *proforma* prescribed in Annexure-III about the details of the beneficiaries and the Assistive Devices provided to them.
- (iv) The implementing agency shall maintain "Stock Registers" wherein clear details of the devices purchased and/or disbursed are maintained. Details like date of purchase; type of stock, cost, date of disbursement, beneficiary's name, and beneficiary's BPL card number must be entered and authenticated by the Heads of the implementing agency.
- (v) The implementing agency under the Scheme shall obtain an undertaking from the beneficiary that he/she has not received same device(s) free of cost from any Government source including local bodies and public undertakings controlled by the Government during last three years.
- (vi) The Ministry shall have the power to inspect the Implementation of the Scheme.
- (vii) Procedure for release of Final Payment : In accordance with the approved supply order and on production of the Utilisation Certificate relating to advance released, if any, and a certificate from the District

Implementation Committee regarding completion of the distribution of the devices to the beneficiaries, the balance amount shall be released to ALIMCO directly by the Ministry through electronic mode.

(viii) When the Government of India has reasons to believe that the sanction is not being utilized for the approved purpose, the amount would be recovered from the implementing agency with interest and no further assistance would be given to the agency.

(ix) The implementing agency shall maintain separate accounts of funds received and utilized from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Scheme. The fund *may* be kept in a separate bank account to be operated under the Scheme.

(x) The final accounts for a financial year will be rendered through utilization certificate and audited accounts signed *by the competent authority of the Implementing Agency (ALIMCO)* within six months of the close of the financial year or before the next sanction, whichever is earlier.

Annexure-III to the Scheme

Register to be maintained by the agencies implementing the Central Sector Scheme of "Providing Physical Aids and Assisted-Living Devices to Senior Citizens belonging to BPL category".

Sl. No.	Name of the Beneficiary	Photograph	Name of Father/ mother/ husband	Male/ Female	Address and Phone Number, if any.	Age	BPL Ration Card No.	Aadhaar Card no.	Type of Aids given	Total Cost of the Aids given	Signature / Thumb impression of the Beneficiary
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)

Amendment VI

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(Office Memorandum)

Subject: - Accounting Procedure on Senior Citizen Welfare Fund (SCWF).

The Accounting Procedure for Senior Citizen Welfare Fund has been approved by C&AG vide their U.O. No. 280/Government Accounts/34-2017 dated 30th March 2017.

The Accounting Procedure approved by C&AG and operation guidelines approved by Ministry of Finance are enclosed for further necessary action.

Encl:- As above

Please speak along with CA, SJE and Mr. Vikram, ASO (Budget) in (IFA) / SJE

B.S. Chaudhary
(B.S. Chaudhary)
Senior Accounts Officer
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Copy along with Accounting procedure of Senior Citizen Welfare Fund forwarded to:-

1. Smt. T.C.A. Kalyani, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Chief Controller of Accounts, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Dy. Director General, D/o Post, Room No. 405, 4th Floor, Sansad Marg, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, with request to send their comments on C.&A.G. observations vide para2 of above mentioned U.O. Letter.
4. The Director (Budget), M/o Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
5. Shri-Shailendra Kumar, Deputy Controller General of Accounts, O/o CGA, INA, New Delhi.
6. Shri Padam Singh, Regional Director (NS), Budget Division, D/o Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi, with request to send their comments on C.&A.G. observations vide para2 of above mentioned U.O. Letter.
7. Accounts Officer, Principal Accounts Office, M/o Finance, AGCW&M Building, New Delhi.

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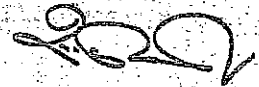
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Subject: Draft accounting procedures for operation of 'Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund'.

Office of CCA (Finance) may please refer to this office UO No. 9(3)/2016/TA/804 dated 24th January , 2017 forwarding therewith the draft accounting procedure for the operation of Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund. O/o C&AG has concurred to the accounting procedure vide their UO No. 280/Government Accounts/34-2017 dated 30th March, 2017 (copy enclosed).

They may ensure strict compliance of the Accounting procedure. They may also adhere to the observation made by O/o C&AG vide Para 2 and make necessary amendment in the accounting procedure and Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016 under intimation to this office and O/o C&AG.



(Shailendra Kumar)
Dy. Controller General of Accounts

CCA, Ministry of Finance, D/o Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi

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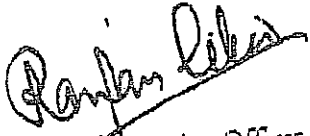
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Subj: Draft Accounting procedures for operation of 'Senior Citizen's Welfare Fund'
and corresponding correction slip to the LMMFA.
Ref: CGA's UO No. 9(3)/2016/TA/292 dated 29 March, 2017.

Undersigned is directed to refer to the CGA's UO No. 9(3)/2016/TA/804 dated 24 January, 2017 on the subject noted above and to state that the draft accounting procedure for operation of 'Senior Citizen's Welfare Fund' forwarded therewith and corresponding correction slip to the LMMFA for opening of new minor heads '104 - Receipts of unclaimed deposits specified under Section 122(2) of the Finance Act 20 of 2015 under Major Head '0250- Other Social Services, 127- Senior Citizen's Welfare Fund' under Major Head '8121-General and Other Reserve funds', '104- Payment to Institutions against refund of unclaimed deposits specified under Section 124(4) of Finance Act (20 of 2015) under Major Head 2250 - Other Social Services' and 105- Payment of interest to Institutions on unclaimed deposits credited to Senior Citizens welfare Fund under 2250 - Other Social Services' forwarded vide CGA's UO NO.T-14018/02/2017/SCWF/Codes/148-151 dated 22 February, 2017 have been found to be in order.

2. However, as per Rule 7 of the Senior Citizen's Welfare Fund Rules, 2016 read with Section 122 (2) of the Finance Act 2015, any credit balance in any of the Accounts under the stipulated schemes remaining unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of its declaration as an inoperative account, shall be transferred by the respective Institutions to the Consolidated Fund of India. Paras 2.5 and 2.54 of Postal Accounts Manual Volume-II, call for transferring the outstanding credit under the head Post Office 5 year P.O. Certificates, 10 Year Defence Savings Certificates and National Savings Certificates etc. (which is kept open in the books for three financial years after the period of their original or extended maturity, as the case may be) to the consolidated Fund of India under Major Head "0075-Miscellaneous General Services 00-101-Unclaimed Deposit". Since such items may already stand credited to Consolidated Fund provided in accounting procedure and Senior Citizen's Welfare Fund Rules, 2016.

3. Comptroller & Auditor General of India reserves its right to comment and bring out its observations as and when the audit of the Senior Citizen's Welfare Fund is undertaken.


Sr. Administrative Officer
Government Accounts (AP-I)

Dy. Controller General of Accounts, office of the Controller General of Accounts
Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Mahalekha Niyantak
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UO No.280/Government Accounts/34-2017

Date: 30 March, 2017

SENIOR CITIZEN WELFARE FUND (SCWF)

A. Establishment of Fund

1. As per para 42 of Budget Speech 2016, Central Government has established a Fund to be called the Senior Citizens Welfare fund for promoting the welfare of the Senior Citizens and for such other purpose as specified in Chapter VII of Finance Act, 2015 (20 of 2015).
2. The Senior Citizens Welfare Fund shall be an interest bearing Reserve Fund, in the Public Account of India and shall be administered by a Committee notified as per Rule 4 (3) of the Notification No. GSR 322 (E) dated 18th March, 2016.
3. Under Section 122 (2) of the Act any credit balance in any of the accounts under the stipulated schemes remaining unclaimed for a period of seven years from the date of its declaration as an inoperative account (refer note below), shall be transferred by the respective Institutions to the Consolidated Fund of India after taking action as stipulated in para 7 of the Notification No. GSR (E) dated 18th March 2016. Every institution through its Nodal Officer, shall transfer these balances lying under the schemes stipulated in the above Notification, viz:-
 - (a) Small savings and other savings schemes of the Central Government including the Post Office Savings Accounts, Post Office Recurring Deposit Accounts, Post Office Deposit Accounts, Post Office Monthly Income Accounts, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Accounts, Kisan Vikas Patras, National Savings Certificates (all issues), Sukanya Samridhi Accounts and discontinued Small Savings Schemes.
 - (b) Accounts of Public Provident Funds under the Public Provident Fund Schemes, 1968 maintained by the institutions concerned and, Accounts of Employee's Provident Fund under the Employee's Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

Note:- Inoperative account means an account under any of the schemes specified by or under sub-section (2) of section 122 of the said Act not operated upon for a period of three years if operable on regular basis, or if there is a date of maturity, from the date of maturity, as the case may be.

4. Under Section 125(1) of Act, every Institution shall prepare list of unclaimed amounts lying as unclaimed deposits in the accounts and notify to the public in the manner provided under rule 7 of Notification of SCWF dated 18.03.2016.
5. All unclaimed amounts, referred to in Section 122(2) of the Act shall be transferred by the Institutions to the Fund within one year from the date of notification of these rules in the Official Gazette;

Provided that the period so specified may be extended by such further period or periods, as the Ministry of Finance may deem fit, on a request for grant of such extension by the institution.

6. The institutions shall identify the unclaimed amounts on annual basis and make transfers to the Consolidated Fund of India on or before the 1st day of March, each year.

7. The transfers by the institutions shall be made on a net basis, i.e., the unclaimed deposits minus the claims accepted in accordance with the law for the time being in force, of the accounts whose balances have already been transferred to the Fund. O/o the CCA, Ministry of Finance will account for the receipts in his accounts.

8. An institution wise and savings-scheme/fund wise ledger will be maintained by O/o CCA (Finance) to facilitate effective monitoring of the accruals and refunds from the fund. This office will also be responsible for maintenance of a broadsheet indicating opening balance, refunds and closing balance.

9. All refunds of unclaimed deposits shall be paid to Institutions by the Department of Economic Affairs, M/o Finance by seeking appropriation at the time of preparing BE/RE.

10. As interest will only be available for expenditure on the specified schemes by the Ministries/Departments administering the scheme, O/o CCA (Finance) will be responsible for making refunds, in case, in any particular year the net accretions are negative i.e. refunds are more than accretions. The Institution will, be required to maintain individual wise records of the lapsed deposits and their refunds.

B. Administration of Fund

11. The nodal Ministry for the administration of the Fund shall be the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Central Government has constituted an inter-Ministerial Committee for administration of the Fund consisting of a Chairperson and Members (Rule 4 (3) of the Notification dated 18th March, refers).

C. Rate of Interest

12. The eligible rate of interest for the money lying in the Fund shall be determined and notified by Ministry of Finance under sub-section (5) of the section 124 of the Act, on an annual or quarterly basis as decided from time to time.

D. Utilization of Fund

13. Interest earned on corpus (SCWF) will be utilized for funding the Schemes referred below. The Fund shall be utilized for such schemes for the promotion of the welfare of Senior Citizens in

line with the National Policy on Older Person and the National Policy on Senior Citizens by respective Ministries/Departments.

14. The Schemes referred to above shall be :-

- (a) Schemes for promoting Financial Security of Senior Citizens, including but not limited to, old age pensions, long term savings instruments and employment in income generating activities.
 - (b) Schemes for promoting healthcare and nutrition of Senior Citizens, including but not limited to, affordable health care programs, mental health services, health insurance schemes, nutrition education programs and training and orientation in health care of Senior Citizens.
 - (c) Schemes for promoting welfare of elderly widows.
 - (d) Schemes related to old age homes, short stay homes and day care of Senior Citizens.
 - (e) Schemes related to education training and information needs of Senior Citizens.
 - (f) Schemes related to research activity on ageing and information systems on Senior Citizens.
 - (g) Any other schemes, with the approval of the Committee.
- Any additional scheme approved may be duly incorporated in the accounting procedure and endorsed to all concerned.

15. The sponsoring Ministry or the Department of the Government or the State Government concerned shall be responsible for the processing of the scheme, its monitoring and implementation.

Provided that the proportion of the costs incurred towards the benefit of Senior Citizens only shall be funded from the proceeds of the Fund.

16. The committee may issue detailed guidelines for the implementation of any scheme for the welfare of the Senior Citizens under these rules. It should be ensured by the inter-ministerial committee that the projects are not approved in excess of the available interest component of the fund. The Nodal Ministry (M/o Social Justice & Empowerment) shall also verify that the releases do not result in expenditure in excess of the available interest component of the Fund during a Financial Year.

E. Claim of unclaimed amount from Ministry of Finance

17. An application for refund of unclaimed deposit transferred to SCWF shall be entertained in the following manner:

1. Any person claiming to be entitled to the unclaimed amount transferred to the Fund may apply to the respective Institution with which the amount due was originally lying or

- deposited, at any time before the right to the amount is extinguished as provided in section 126 of the Act.
2. The person making the application shall bear the onus of establishing his right to receive the amount to which the application relates.
 3. The institution shall consider the application as expeditiously as possible, and make payment along with the eligible interest, in any case, within sixty days of the receipt of the application.
 4. Any payment under this section shall discharge the Institution from liability in respect of the amount credited to the Fund.
 5. The interest payable, if any, on the money transferred to the Fund shall be determined and notified by the Central Government.

F. Annual Report

18. Annual Report of the SCWF shall be laid before Parliament by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment:

- (1) The nodal Ministry, referred to in rule 4 of notification shall prepare an annual report by the 1st day of May, each year, for the activities undertaken in the previous financial year.
- (2) The nodal Ministry shall make arrangements for the approval of the annual report by the Committee within one month of its preparation.
- (3) The annual report shall include the activities undertaken by the Committee, the schemes approved for funding, the major decisions of the committee, the schemes pending for approval and the details of the amounts credited and debited from the Fund.
- (4) The Committee may issue detailed guidelines for the preparation of the annual report.
- (5) The nodal Ministry shall make a available the annual report on the website of the Ministry, after it is laid before the Parliament under sub-section (3) of section 127 of the Act.

The detailed Accounting Procedure in this regard is as follows.

I Transfer of unclaimed deposits into Government Accounts

The unclaimed deposits specified under Section 122(2) (a), (b) and (c) of the Finance Act, 2015 (20 of 2015) will be transferred by the Institution/Ministry/Department administering the funds concerned to Pay & Accounts Officer, M/o Finance who would credit the same to the following head.

Credit			
Major Head	Existing	0250	Other Social Services
Minor Head	Proposed	00.104	Receipts of unclaimed deposits specified under Section 122(2) of the Finance Act 20 of 2015
Sub-head		Xx	Name of the Fund from where the unclaimed deposit is transferred will reflect as a distinct sub-head
		xx	Name of the Institution transferring the unclaimed deposit will reflect as a distinct detail head

Pay & Accounts Office, M/o Finance shall maintain Institute-wise ledger as indicated at 8 above.

II Transfer of unclaimed deposits into Senior Citizen Welfare Fund

Debit			
Major Head	Existing	2250	Other Social Services
Minor Head	Existing	00.797	Transfer to Reserve Fund/ Deposit Accounts
		Xx	Transfer to Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
Credit			
Major Head	Existing	8121	General & Other Reserve Funds
Minor Head	Proposed	127	Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
Sub-head		01	Unclaimed Deposits

III When interest is paid on the Senior Citizen Welfare Fund

Debit			
Major Head	Existing	2049	Interest Payment
Sub Major Head	Existing	05	Interest on Reserve Fund
Minor Head	Existing	105	Interest on General and other Reserve Fund
Sub Head	Proposed	xx	Interest on Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
Credit			
Major Head	Existing	8121	General & Other Reserve Funds
Minor Head	Proposed	127	Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
Sub-head		02	Interest on unclaimed deposits

Interest will be charged on the Fund Balance and credited to SCWF by PAO, Ministry of Finance every year providing necessary budget in their B.E./R.E.

IV. Refund of unclaimed deposits

Refund of unclaimed deposit, if any, claimed when net accretion is negative above

Debit			
Major Head	Existing	2250	Other Social Services
Minor Head	Proposed	00.104	Payment to Institutions against refund of unclaimed deposits specified under Section 124(4) of the Finance Act, 2015 (20 of 2015)
Sub-Head		Xx	<u>Name of the Fund from which the unclaimed deposit is refunded will reflect as a distinct detailed head</u>
		Yy	Name of the Institution transferring the unclaimed deposit will reflect as a distinct detail head
		00.105	Payment to Institutions against interest on unclaimed deposits specified under Section 124(4) of the Finance Act, 2015 (20 of 2015) refunded.
		Yy	<u>Name of the Fund from which the unclaimed deposit is refunded will reflect as a distinct sub-head.</u>

The above expenditure will be met from the Senior Citizen Welfare Fund as detailed below:

Debit			
Major Head	Existing	8121	General & Other Reserve Funds
Minor Head	Proposed	127	Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
Sub Head		01	Unclaimed Deposits
Sub-Head		02	Interest on Unclaimed deposits
(-) Debit			
Major Head		2250	Other Social services
		00.90x	Amount met from Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
		01	Unclaimed deposits
		02	Interest on unclaimed deposits

V(a) Disbursement of Fund to various Schemes of Senior Citizens from CFI

While incurring the expenditure to be financed from the Senior Citizen Welfare Fund the Pay & Accounts officer of the Ministry/ Department implementing the specified schemes will debit the functional head concerned. Simultaneously, the entry for recoupment of expenditure as given below shall be prepared by implementing Ministry on the same day.

V(b) Recoupment of the expenditure of Scheme from Senior Citizen Welfare Fund

The Pay & Accounts Officer indicated at V (a) above will then pass on the following accounting entry for meeting the expenditure from the Senior Citizen Welfare Fund

Debit			
Major Head	Existing	8121	General & Other Reserve Funds
Proposed	Proposed	127	Senior Citizen Welfare Fund
Sub-head		02	Interest on unclaimed deposits
(-) Debit			
Major Head	Existing		Major / Sub major head under which the expenditure was debited
Minor Head	Proposed	9xx	Amount met from Senior Citizen Welfare Fund

All implementing Ministries/Departments will inform scheme-wise expenditure incurred from Senior Citizens Welfare Fund to M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, who will maintain a record for total expenditure incurred from the Fund and balance available in the Fund.

V. Audit of the Fund

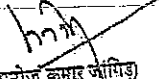
The Accounts of the Senior Citizen Welfare Fund will be subject to Audit by the internal wing of O/o CCA (HRD-SJD) and C&AG.

एफ. सं. 4 (26)-बी.(एसडी)/2016
भारत सरकार
वित्त मंत्रालय
आर्थिक कार्य विभाग
(बजट प्रभाग)

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक 24 मार्च, 2017

विषय:- अनुदानों की पूरक मांगें, 2016-2017 (मार्च, 2017)

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को यह कहने का निर्देश हुआ है कि वर्ष 2016-2017 (मार्च, 2017) की अनुदानों की पूरक मांगें संसद ने पारित कर दी हैं संसद ने संबंधित विनियोग विधेयक (संख्या 2), 2017 भी पारित कर दिया है और भारत के राष्ट्रपति ने इसके लिए दिनांक 24 मार्च, 2017 को अपनी स्वीकृति दे दी है और यह अधिनियम विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय द्वारा भारत के राजपत्र (असाधारण) भाग-II, खण्ड-1 दिनांक 24 मार्च, 2017 में 2017 के अधिनियम संख्या 5 के रूप में प्रकाशित किया गया है।


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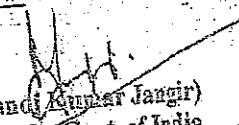
F. No. 4(26)-B (SD)/2016
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Budget Division)

New Delhi, the 24 March, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Supplementary Demands for Grants 2016-17 (March, 2017).

The undersigned is directed to state that Parliament has passed the Supplementary Demands for Grants, 2016-17 (March, 2017). The connected Appropriation Bill (No.2), 2017 has also been passed by Parliament and assented to by the President of India on 24 March, 2017 and the corresponding Act has been published in the Gazette of India (Extra-ordinary) Part II, Section 1 dated 24 March, 2017 as Act No. 5 of 2017 by Ministry of Law and Justice.


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Tele. 23094966

To

- 1-98. All Financial Advisers etc, in the Ministries/Departments.
99. Finance Library, North Block, New Delhi-110 001 (10 copies)
100. Joint Secretary (PF-I), Department of Expenditure
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102. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India, 10, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-2 (5 copies)
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110. Adviser FR, Niti Ayog, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001
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114. Secretary (Revenue)
115. Secretary (Financial Services)
116. Joint Secretary (Budget)
117. Director (HKS)/Director (NMI)/ Director (STV)/DS(SS)/DS(VR)/ABO
118. All Under Secretaries/Deputy Directors in Budget Division
119. All Sections in Budget Division and PF I& PF-II Sections.

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मांग संख्या DEMAND NO. 82
सामाजिक न्याय और आधिकारिता विभाग

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(केंद्रीय सरकार की वर्ष 2016-2017 की अनुदानों की मांगों का पृष्ठ 84 और वर्ष 2016-2017 की अनुदानों की पहली पूरक मांगों का पृष्ठ 48 देखिये और वर्ष 2016-2017 का अनुदानों की दूसरी पूरक मांगों का पृष्ठ 73 देखिये)
(See page 84 of the Demands for Grants of Central Government for the year 2016-2017 and page 48 of the First Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2016-2017 and page 73 of the Second Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2016-2017)

I. मूल अनुदान:	I. ORIGINAL GRANT:	(करोड़ रुपये Rupees in Crore)		
		राजस्व Revenue	पूंजी Capital	जोड़ Total
पूरक अनुदान	स्वीकृत: SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT:	Voted: 6226.95	339.00	6565.95
इस समय आवश्यक रकम का पूरक अनुदान:	स्वीकृत: Supplementary Estimate of the amount now required:	Voted: 0.05	...	0.05
जोड़ (मूल और पूरक)	स्वीकृत: Total (Original plus Supplementary)	Voted: 30.45	...	30.45
		6257.45	339.00	6596.45

II. इस पूरक अनुदान का हिसाब निम्नलिखित मुख्य शीर्षों के अंतर्गत दिखाया जायेगा:
II. This Supplementary Grant will be accounted for under the following Major Heads:

राजस्व भाग मुख्य शीर्ष	REVENUE SECTION MAJOR HEAD	आयोजना Plan	आयोजना- बिना Non-Plan	जोड़ Total
2225 - अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति, अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों और अल्पसंख्यकों का कल्याण	स्वीकृत: 2225 -Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities	Voted: 0.01 (खं)	0.01 (खं)	0.02
2285 - सामाजिक सुरक्षा और कल्याण	स्वीकृत: 2285 -Social Security and Welfare	Voted: 16.00 (गं)	...	16.00
2552 - पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र	स्वीकृत: 2552 -North Eastern Areas	Voted: 1.00 (घं)	...	1.00
3601 - राज्य सरकारों को सहायता	स्वीकृत: 3601 -Grants-in-aid to State Governments	Voted: 13.43 (ङं)	...	13.43
जोड़ (पूरक)	स्वीकृत: Total (Supplementary)	Voted: 30.44	0.01	30.45

टिप्पणी: अतिरिक्त आवश्यकताओं के ऊपर दिए गए अनुमानों में जोड़े दर्शाई गयी वस्तुओं को शामिल नहीं किया गया है जिन्हें व्यय में से घटाकर समायोजित किया जाता है।
Note: The above estimates of additional requirements do not take into account the recoveries shown below, which are adjusted in reduction of expenditure.

REVENUE SECTION			
2235 - Social Security and Welfare	(-)	16.00	(-)
		...	(-)
			16.00

राजस्व भाग
2235 - सामाजिक सुरक्षा और कल्याण

यह पूरक अनुदान निम्नलिखित हेतु अपेक्षित है:

- (क) (क) व्यय को पूरा करने हेतु 1. स्कीम के अंतर्गत सामान्य अनुदान सहायता (i) अनुसूचित जाति हेतु सर्वैच्छिक संगठनों को सहायता (₹ 10 करोड़) (ii) अनुसूचित जाति हेतु सर्वोच्च स्तरीय शिक्षा (₹ 10 करोड़) 2. अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के छात्रों और छात्राओं हेतु छात्रावास स्कीम के अंतर्गत पूंजीगत आस्तियों के सृजन हेतु अनुदान (₹ 0.50 करोड़)।
अनुदान के इसी भाग में उपलब्ध बचतों को देखते हुए सांकेतिक पूरक अपेक्षित है।

- The supplementary grants are required for:
(2) Meeting additional expenditure towards 1. Grant-in-aid General under the scheme (i) Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for SCs (₹ 10 crore) (ii) Top Class Education for SCs (₹ 10 crore) 2. Grants for creation of Capital Assets under the scheme Boys and Girls Hostel for OBCs (₹ 0.50 crore).
Taking into account the savings available in the same section of the Grant, a token supplementary is sought.

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Please see page 2/1

अनुदानों की प्रक मांगें 2016-2017 SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

- (ख) राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग स्कीम के अंतर्गत सामान्य अनुदान सहायता हेतु अतिरिक्त व्यय पूरा करना (₹ 0.10 करोड़)।
- अनुदान के इसी भाग में उपलब्ध बचतों को देखते हुए सांकेतिक प्रक अपेक्षित है।
- (ग) विन्म योजना के अंतर्गत सामान्य सहायता अनुदान हेतु अतिरिक्त व्यय को पूरा करना (i) नदय और द्रव्य (औषधि) दुर्लभयोग निवारण (₹ 7 करोड़) (ii) बुजुर्गों से संबंधित कार्यक्रम हेतु स्वैच्छिक संगठन को सहायता (₹ 16 करोड़)।
- अनुदान के इसी खंड में उपलब्ध बचतों और वरिष्ठ नागरिक कल्याण निधि से पूरा किए गए ₹ 16 करोड़ को देखते हुए इसमें कोई अतिरिक्त व्यय नहीं होगा।
- (घ) अनुसूचित जाति हेतु मैट्रिक पश्च छात्रवृत्ति स्कीम के अंतर्गत सामान्य अनुदान सहायता हेतु अतिरिक्त व्यय पूरा करना (₹ 1 करोड़)।
- अनुदान के पूंजी भाग में उपलब्ध ₹ 1 करोड़ की बचत के अभ्यर्पण को देखते हुए उपर्युक्त व्यय में कोई अतिरिक्त नकद व्यय नहीं होगा।
- (ङ) स्कीम के अंतर्गत सामान्य अनुदान सहायता हेतु अतिरिक्त व्यय पूरा करना (i) आर्थिक रूप से पिछड़े वर्गों का विकास (₹ 3.44 करोड़) (ii) अनुसूचित जाति हेतु मैट्रिक पश्च छात्रवृत्ति (₹ 9.99 करोड़)।
- अनुदान के पूंजी भाग में उपलब्ध ₹ 9.99 करोड़ की बचत के अभ्यर्पण को देखते हुए इसमें ₹ 3.44 करोड़ का नकद व्यय होगा।
- (b) Meeting additional expenditure towards Grants-in-aid General under the scheme National Commission for Backward Classes (₹ 0.10 crore).
- Taking into account the savings available in the same section of the Grant, a token supplementary is sought.
- (c) Meeting additional expenditure towards Grants-in-aid General under the scheme (i) Prevention of Alcoholism and Substances (Drugs) Abuse (₹ 7 crore) and (ii) Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for Programme relating to aged (₹ 16 crore).
- Taking into account the savings available in the same section of the Grant, and ₹ 16 crore met from Senior Citizen Welfare Fund, this will not entail any additional cash outgo.
- (d) Meeting additional expenditure towards Grants-in-aid General under the scheme Post Matric Scholarship for SCs (₹ 1 crore).
- Taking into account the surrender of savings of ₹ 1 crore available in the Capital Section of the Grant, the above expenditure will not entail any additional cash outgo.
- (e) Meeting additional expenditure towards Grants-in-aid General under the scheme (i) Development of Economically Backward Classes (₹ 3.44 crore) (ii) Post Matric Scholarship for SCs (₹ 9.99 crore).
- Taking into account the surrender of savings of ₹ 9.99 crore available within the Capital section of the Grant this will entail a cash outgo of ₹ 3.44 crore.

**REASONS FOR DELAY IN LAYING THE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17 BEFORE THE
PARLIAMENT**

The Annual Report of the Senior Citizens Welfare Fund (SCWF) for the year 2016-17 is required to be laid on the table of both the House of the Parliament. The details of delay are as under:-

1. The Annual Report of SCWF was approved in the meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (MC) dated 16/2/2018 subject to any comments/additional inputs received from the Ministry of Finance, D/o Economic Affairs and D/o Financial Services. The Ministry of Financial Services and Ministry of Finance(D/o Economic Affairs) have not offered any comments/inputs for Annual Report of SWCF, vide O.M. dated 10/9/2018 and 20.9.2018. The Hindi version of the report was made available in the month of December, 2018.
2. Establishment of the Fund: Pursuant to Section 128 of the Finance Act 2015, the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) notified the "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund Rules, 2016". The rules were notified *vide* GSR 322 (E) dated 18.3.2016 in Part-II Section 3 sub section (i) of the Gazette of India Extraordinary No.180 dated 18th March, 2016.
3. The Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund was established vide sub rule (i) of Rule 3 of SCWF Rules, for promoting the welfare of the senior citizens including schemes for promoting financial security of senior citizens, healthcare and nutrition of senior citizens, welfare of elderly widows, schemes relating to Old Age Homes, Short Stay Homes and Day Care of Senior Citizens etc. and for such other purposes as specified in the Finance Act 2015. As per sub rule (ii) of Rule 3, the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund will be an interest bearing account in the Public Account of the Union of India and shall be administered by the Committee.

4 As per sub rule (3) of Rule 3, every institution shall transfer the unclaimed amounts, including those under the following schemes, to the Fund namely:-

- (a) Small savings and other savings schemes of the Central Government including the Post Office Savings Accounts, Post Office Recurring Deposit Accounts, Post Office Time Deposit Accounts, Post Office Monthly Income Accounts, Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme Accounts, Kisan Vikas Patras National Savings Certificates(all issues), Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts and discontinued Small Savings Schemes;
- (b) Accounts of Public Provident Funds under the Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968 maintained by the Institutions concerned; and
- (c) Accounts of Employees' Provident Fund under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

As per sub rule (4) Rule 3, every institution shall prepare a list of unclaimed amounts lying as unclaimed deposits in the accounts and notify to the public in the manner provided under Rule 7.

As per sub rule (5) of Rule 3, all such unclaimed amounts (as referred to in sub rule (2) of Rule 3) shall be transferred by the institutions to the fund within one year from the date of notification of the SCWF Rules provided that the period may be extended by the Ministry of Finance on request for such extension by the institution.

As per sub rule (6) of Rule 3, the institution shall identify the unclaimed amount on annual basis and make a transfer to the fund on or before 1st day of March, each year.

5. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment invited proposals promoting welfare of senior citizens, from different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, which could be funded from the SCWF.

6. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment had formulated a new and innovative scheme, namely "Scheme for Providing Physical Aids and Assisted Living Devices to Senior Citizens Belonging to BPL Category", which was named as "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana". An amount of Rs. 16 crore was allocated by the Department of Economic Affairs out of Senior Citizen Welfare Fund to the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment for initial implementation of the **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**. The amount was released to the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment in March, 2017. The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment further has released the amount of Rs.16 crore to the implementing agency of the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, namely "Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Limited(ALIMCO)", a fully owned PSU under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(DoEPwD).

7. The Accounting Procedure in respect of the Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund which was formulated by the Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been approved by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) vide O.M. dated 7/4/2017.



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