DR. N. C. SAXENA, COMMISSIONER AND
HARSH MANDER, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT
IN THE CASE: PUCL v. UOI & Ors. WRIT PETITION (Civil) No. 196 of 2001

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Pensions/1084/AllStates

To
Chief Secretary
Secretariat

Sub: Information on Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, for a forthcoming report to be submitted to the Supreme Court

Dear Chief Secretary,

We are writing to you in our capacity as Commissioners of the Supreme Court in CWP 196/2001, PUCL *v*. UOI and others. As mandated by the Supreme Court, we monitor the implementation of the food; employment and homeless related schemes in the country, and try to ensure with state governments that all children, men and women are able to enjoy their right to food.

The Commissioners Office has regularly submitted review reports on the compliance of all eight Central and Centrally- Assisted Schemes, as mandated to monitor, and few special reports on issues of urgent intervention. On Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pensions Scheme (IGNOAPS), the Commissioners Office has been receiving and examining several complaints of non – disbursement; poor coverage, low and non timely payment of the old age pension. Based on the complaints registered by the field staff and survey done by the state adviser, the Commissioners Office has been working on all-India review report of the Old Age Pensions Scheme.

We request kindly respond to the following questions for data entry:

1. What are the state and central schemes of pensions being implemented in your state for aged? Please give the details of conditionalities and amount for each scheme.

2. What has been the methodology/ survey year for identification of the BPL population in the state? Please provide us with a district wise break up of Number of BPL households and IGNOAPS in your state.

3. If the coverage of old age persons in higher than that estimated & allocated by the Government of India, please share with us copies of latest correspondences you have made for any additional allocations for your state.

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4. If the coverage of old age persons in lower than that estimated & allocated by the Government of India, please tell us the reasons for the same.

5. Please mention the progress made by the districts (rural and urban) on the SECC 2011 survey.

6. What is the mode and periodicity of Central and State share of the national old age pensions scheme ?

7. What is the grievance redressal mechanism for the NOAPS? How many complaints were received and addressed in the year 2010-11 and 2011-12?

8. What is the cumulative funds utilized by the state government on this scheme and the likely expenditure in the year 2012-13?

9. Has there been any performance appraisal/ review report on the NOAPS done by the state government? If yes, kindly highlight the major recommendations of the report.

10. What is the progress on the computerized MIS of NOAPS?

The information furnished by you, would be significant in enabling a proper implementation of the scheme and a better coverage. We request an early response from your end, as we are in the middle of drafting the report.

Yours sincerely,

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