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DATED, AGARTALA, THE 31st /2001.

N O T I F I C A T I O N .

The Governor of Tripura is pleased to make the following Rules namely:-

Short title and commencement.

1.(i) These rules may be called the Tripura Bidi Shramik (Old Age Pension) Rules, 2000.

(ii) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the official Gazettee.

2. They shall apply to the Bidi Shramiks who are Citizen of India and permanently residing within the State of Tripura.

Definition.

3. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(i) "Bidi Shramik" means a person (male or female) who is fully engaged and dependent on manufacture of Bidi for his/her livelihood and has completed at least 55 years of age.

(ii) "SDO" means Sub-Divisional Officer.

(iii) "Family" means the pensioner, his or her husband or wife, as the case may be sons and unmarried daughters.

(iv) "Form" means form appended to these rules.

(v) "Government" means the Government of Tripura.

(vi) "DO" means Block Development Officer.

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(vii) "Pension Sanctioning Authority" in relation to a Block means the Block Development Officer, and in relation to Nagar Panchayat/Agartala Municipal Council, means Sub-Divisional Officer or any other officers appointed for the time being to perform the function of the SDO.

Eligibility.

4. The State Govt. may determine, in each year the number of persons to be given pension under these rules and make grants for the year only provided that:-

- (i) Only one member of the family shall be eligible for such pension.
- (ii) No such pension shall be admissible to a person whose family income from all sources exceeds Rs.11,000/- (Eleven thousand) per annum.
- (iii) No. pension shall be admissible to a persons who is already in receipt of a pensionary benefits from Central Govt. State Govt. Local Bodies, Statutory Corporation, Public Sector Undertakings and still other Organisations as may be decided by the Govt.
- (iv) No pension shall be payable to a person who is in receipt of pension under any Old Age Pension Rules of Tripura Government.

NOTE: For the purpose of these Rules, age of a person shall be determined with reference to his/her date of birth as recorded in Matriculation Certificate or Nagar Panchayat Birth Certificate or Municipal Birth Certificate or similar other documents.

5. The amount of pension in each case shall be Rs.125/- per month or at such other rate as may be determined by the Government from time to time.

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6.(i) A person eligible to apply for pension under these rules shall submit his application to the SDO/BDO as the case may be, of the area concerned in Form No.1 in duplicate, through the Gaon Pradhan/Chairman, Nagar Panchayet/Member of the Ward of Municipal Council area in which the applicant resides.

(ii) The application for pension shall be accompanied by the following documents:-

(a). The sets of specimen signatures of left hand thumb and fingers impression (in case of illiterate persons) duly attested by the Gaon Pradhan, Chairman, Nagar Panchayet, Member of the Ward of Municipal Council of any Gazetted Officer.

(b). Certificate in support of Date of Birth from the School, Panchayet, Nagar Panchayets or Municipal Council.

(c). Certificate of income from the Gaon Pradhan/Chairman, Nagar Panchayet/Member Ward of Municipal Council under whose jurisdiction the applicant resides.

(d). Certificate from Gaon Pradhan/Chairman, Nagar Panchayet/Member, Ward of Municipal Council area to the effect that the applicant is solely dependent on Bidi making for his/her livelihood.

(e). Two copies of recent passport size photographs.

3. Gaon Pradhan/Chairman, Nagar Panchayet/Member, Ward of Municipal Council area shall examine the application and forward the same to the SDO/BDO with his recommendation for sanction of pension.

Pension Sanctioning Authority.

7. The SDO/BDO or any other officer appointed for the time being to perform the functions of SDO/BDO shall be competent to sanction pension under these rules if it is recommended by the concerned Gaon Pradhan/Chairman, Nagar Panchayet/Member of the Ward of Municipal Council area.

8.(i) The Pension Sanctioning Authority shall, on receipt of an application for pension, enter it in a register to be maintained in Form No.2.

(ii) He/She shall there-after cause an inquiry regarding correctness of the information given in the application and if found correct he/she will arrange sanction of pension.

(iii) The pension payment order shall be issued for one year in the name of the applicant which may be renewed on production of alive certificate from Gaon Pradhan/Chairman, Nagar Panchayet /Member of Ward of Municipal Council area.

Miscellaneous.

9. The relevant provisions of the Central Treasury Rules as adopted by the State Govt. shall apply mutatis mutandis for payment of pension under these Rules. The expenditure on pension shall be debitable against the Head of Account 2035-Social Security & Welfare, 40-Other Social Security Welfare Programme 1 - Pension under Social Security Service (Non-Plan) under Demand No.41.

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On the death of the pensioner the pension payment order shall immediately be returned by his/her family members to the respective pension sanctioning Authority with a report of the date of death of the pensioner. After the death of the pensioner, pension money shall not be paid to any family member or any legal heir of the pensioners.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR.

(S. SAILO) 31/3/2001
SECRETARY TO THE
GOVT. OF TRIPURA.