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Government of Himachal Pradesh
General Administration Department
(Section-E)

From

Principal Secretary (GAD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla-171002.

To

All the Deputy Commissioners,
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-171002, the 26, September, 2022.

Subject:-

Regarding intimation of the death of Freedom Fighters/ Loktantra Prahirs/ samman rashi beneficiaries of Freedom Fighters/ Loktantra Prahirs, effecting recovery of the excess payment of samman rashi from the beneficiaries and collection of life certificates from the beneficiaries of samman rashi— instructions thereof.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the State Government is granting monthly samman rashi to the Freedom Fighters/widows of freedom fighters/their un-married daughters at the prescribed rates, as revised from time to time, under the Himachal Pradesh Swatantrata Senani Samman Rashi Yojna-1985. Similarly, the samman rashi is being granted to the Loktantra Prahirs and spouses of deceased Loktantra Prahirs in accordance with the Act/Rules. Several instances have come to the notice of the Government where the samman rashi has been paid to the beneficiaries due to non-receipt of death intimation/ certificate(s) not only resulting in un-necessary payments to the beneficiaries but also causing unwanted burden and loss to the State Exchequer. Following the death of samman rashi's beneficiary, the recovery of excess payment, which amounts in lakh of rupees in some cases, is bound to be effected from the deceased beneficiary's bank account and sometimes from his/her legal heir(s) in case of closure of the bank account by the concerned bank.

In addition to this, the life certificates are required to be obtained from the beneficiaries of Freedom Fighter samman rashi in the month of April and

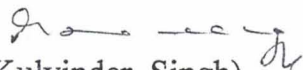
September in each year as per the instructions issued under the Scheme *ibid*. Likewise, provisions of the Rules regulating the samman rashi of Loktantra Prahri too necessitate the submission of life certificates by the beneficiaries in the month of April in each year. Despite these instructions and repeated requests made in this behalf, the life certificates are not being submitted/received by/from the beneficiaries in the stipulated time causing un-necessary hardships in up-keep of the budgetary accounts viz. surrendering of sanctioned budget, which has also been objected by the Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh time and again.

In view of above, it has, therefore, been decided that henceforth, the Deputy Commissioner concerned shall send the intimation about the death of the Freedom Fighters/ Loktantra Prahri or their samman rashi beneficiary of the district immediately to the State Government and also effect the recovery of excess payment, if any, after his/her death from the concerned persons by liaisoning with the concerned banks and remit the amount to the State Government. Further, the life certificates of Freedom Fighter samman rashi's beneficiaries under the Scheme shall also be furnished in the month of April and September and of the recipient of Loktantra Prahri samman rashi in the month of April of every year invariably failing which concerned Deputy Commissioner or the concerned subordinate officer/ official shall be held responsible for undue payments made. The list of the beneficiaries of the district concerned under the both, Scheme and Rules *ibid*, are enclosed herewith for ready reference.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure to adhere to these instructions in letter and spirit and to acknowledge the receipt of the communication.

Encls. As above.

Yours faithfully,


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