

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FINANCE (PENSION-I) DEPARTMENT

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Sub: Sanction of Family Pension for life in respect of handicapped children of
Government servants – Clarification – Reg.

Ref: D.O.Lr.No.PM/I/I-1(17)/2005-06/111, dated 17.1.2006 from Accountant General
(A&E), A.P. Hyderabad.

According to proviso under item No.(iii), (iv) & (v) of sub-rule 5 under Rule 50 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 the children of deceased Government employees who are suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or is physically crippled or disabled and unable to earn their livelihood are eligible for family pension for life. The rule position is as follows:

Proviso to (iii) “If the son or daughter of a Government servant is suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or is physically crippled or disabled so as to render him or her unable to earn a living even after attaining the [the ages of Son/Daughter as specified in clause (ii) and (iii) above] the family pension shall be payable to such son or daughter for life subject to the certain conditions, prescribed under this clause”.

(iv) before allowing the family pension for life to any such son or daughter, the sanctioning authority shall satisfy that the handicap is of such a nature as to prevent him or her from earning his or her livelihood and the same shall be evidenced by a certificate obtained from a medical officer not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon setting out, as far as possible, the exact mental or physical condition of the child;

(v) the person receiving the family pension as guardian of such son or daughter, shall produce every three years a certificate from a medical officer not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon to the effect that he or she continues to suffer from disorder or disability of mind or continues to be physically crippled or disabled.

2. It came to the notice of the Government through the reference cited that some of the Government Departments are approaching the Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad for sanction of family pension for life to the children of deceased Government employees as per the provisions of Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, (Act No.1 of 1996) i.e., for disabilities such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Schizophrenia, Joint Pains, Dumbness, Deafness, Partially blind and partially crippled.

3. In this connection it is clarified that the said Act i.e., Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, (Action No.1 of 1996) was not adopted by Government of India for the purpose of sanction of family pension for life to the mentally crippled/ physically handicapped children of deceased Central Government employees. State Government is following the rules and provisions as contained in Central Pension Rules for the purpose of Pensionary benefits to State Government employees.

4. In view of the above, all the Head of Departments including Secretariat Departments are informed that since, Government of India and the State Government have not yet adopted the Persons With Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, (Act 1 of 1996) for the purpose of sanctioning family pension for life to the children of the deceased Government employees, hence all the Pension Sanctioning Authorities in the State should adhere to the rule position as contemplated under proviso, item Nos. (iii), (iv) & (v) of sub-rule 5 under Rule 50 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 only.

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