

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Case No. 553/2014

Subject: Constitution of State Council for Senior Citizens.

This is relating to effective functioning of District Committees for Senior Citizens and **formation of State Council for Senior Citizens mandated** under Bihar Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Rules,2012(BMWPSR Rules,2012). Commission in its order dated 26th June,2014 had directed the Social Welfare Deptt. to ensure that:-

(a) State Council for Senior Citizens is formed in the next two months.

(b) District Committees for Sr. Citizen meet every three months in the districts.

Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Bihar(G.O.B) was requested to send action taken report by **31st August,2014. The report /interim report(If any) has not been sent so far.**

2. District Committees for Senior Citizens, under the mandate of the rule, are supposed to meet every three months. The State council is supposed to meet **every six months**, over see the working of Distt. Committees and advise the government on effective implementation of Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and perform such other functions in relation to Sr. Citizens.

3. BMWPSR Rules, 2012 mandates formation of State Council for Senior Citizens as under:-

1	Minister, Deptt. Of Social Welfare	Chairperson
2	Principal Secretary, Social Welfare deptt.	Member
3 to 10	Nominated representatives of Home, Health, Finance, Rural Development, Urban Development, Transport Information Public Relations deptts. & D.G.P, Bihar	Member

11 to 13	Three Social workers (working for the welfare & rights of older Persons), Two representative of Pensioners Association & Two representative of NGO'S working with older persons	Member
14	Director, Social Security	Member Secretary

4. It need to be mentioned that Commission is only asking for implementation of Bihar Govt. decision mandated through the formation of BMWPS Rules notified in September,2012. If there is any difficulty, the same could be informed to the Commission.

5. **Commission, therefore, directs the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt, G.O.B (or Director, Social Security, Bihar) to appear before the commission on 21st October, 2014 (Tuesday) at 12:00 hrs along with action taken report on the subject.**

It is, however, clarified that if report is received by 17th October, 2014 the personal appearance will remain dispensed with.

6. Copy of the order be sent to the (i) **Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Bihar** and the (ii) **Director, Social Security , Bihar** for necessary action.

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Member

Date: 04.09.2014

SP/Dy. Sec.