

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Case No. 553/2014

Subject: Constitution of State Council for Senior Citizens.

BHRC had to take **Suo Motu** cognizance of slow pace in the constitution of District Committees for Senior Citizens in Bihar mandated under Bihar Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior citizen Rules, 2012 (BMWPSR Rules, 2012). On summons by the Commission, the Assistant Directors of Social Security of Sitamarhi, Saran, Siwan, Madhubani & Khagaria appeared in the Commission on 25.06.2014 and informed that the District Committees for Senior Citizens have now been formed in Sitamarhi, Saran, Siwan, Madhubani & Khagaria also. With this the District Committee for Senior Citizens stands formed in all the districts of Bihar now.

2. The districts committees are supposed to **meet every three months** and review administration & management of old age homes, support programmes relating to rehabilitation of senior citizens, co-ordinate between different agencies working for senior citizen and review functioning of maintenance tribunals set up under the Act.

3. **BMWPSR Rules, 2012 also 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 9	Nominated representatives of Home, Health, Finance, Rural Development, Urban Development, Transport Information and Public Relations deptts.	Member
10.	Nominated representative of DG Police	Member

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

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.

4. **Commission, therefore, directs the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Bihar to ensure that:-**

(a) **District Committees meet every three months in the districts as mandate under the Rules.**

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

5. Commission would appreciate action taken report from Principal Secretary , Social Welfare Deptt. , Bihar by **31st August,2014.**

6. Copy of the order be sent to the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Bihar for necessary action.

Sd/-
(Neelmani)
Member

Date: 26.06.2014

SP/Dy. Sec.