

File No.2871/13

Petitioner is not present. Sri Kundan Kumar SDO, Rosera, Samastipur is present. The petitioner had filed an application seeking financial assistance under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension. Under this scheme people of 60 years and above are given monthly financial assistance of Rs.200. The lady in question was not qualified to receive this as she had not reached the age of 60. Thereafter, she was advised by the respondents to move an application as they found she was a widow under another scheme called Indira Gandhi National Widow Scheme. Under these schemes widows under certain conditions are entitled to financial assistance of Rs.300 per month. In case of petitioner application was allowed.

The Commission finds that there is much need of making people aware of such beneficial schemes. The petitioner is a widow for the last 20 years but she had no knowledge about the scheme. Since the people are not aware of their rights, it becomes necessary for the government to make people aware of such beneficial schemes. Chief Secretary is requested to convene a meeting of officers concerned and devise a method by which poorest of the poor in the remotest part of the state is also aware of such schemes. Till a scheme is framed by Chief Secretary, it is directed that the General Administration Department will make arrangements for advertising these schemes over Doordarshan, All India Radio and also publish such schemes in newspapers.

The matter is disposed of.

Copy of the order be sent to DM, Samastipur and the Chief Secretary, Bihar.

Date: 02.07.2014

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson