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National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Assam

Assam's Panchayat and Rural Development Department runs the central National Social Assistance Programme, which pays pensions to older, widowed and disabled persons and a lump sum to a family that loses its earner.

What you may get

Old age pension is Rs 200 a month for ages 60 to 79 and Rs 500 from age 80. Widow pension is Rs 300 a month from age 40, and Rs 500 after age 80. Disability pension is Rs 300 a month for persons aged 18 and above with at least 80 percent disability, and Rs 500 after age 80. The family benefit is a lump sum of Rs 20,000 when the bread-winner of a household dies.

Who it is for

Older people from BPL households aged 60 and above, widows aged 40 and above, persons aged 18 and above with 80 percent or more disability, and families in Assam that lose their bread-winner.

Main conditions

- Old age pension: the applicant must be above 60 years and belong to the BPL category with a valid BPL id.
- Widow pension: the minimum age is 40 years.
- Disability pension: the minimum age is 18 years and the disability must be at least 80 percent. Persons of short stature (dwarfs) are also eligible.
- Family benefit: the death of the bread-winner, natural or otherwise, makes the family eligible, and a homemaker woman counts as a bread-winner.

Documents

- NSAP application form in the format given on the department's page

How to apply

1. Fill in the NSAP form in the format given on the department's page and submit it at the Gaon Panchayat, VCDC, VDC or Block Office.
2. The department also collects applications by visiting households, and the details are checked against the eligibility rules.
3. The list of eligible people is discussed in the Gram Sabha and then placed before the sanctioning authority.

Status

Active

Official source: https://pnrd.assam.gov.in/information-and-services/pensions
Official application: https://pnrd.assam.gov.in/information-and-services/apply-old-age-pension
Labh Lo page: https://labhlo.in/en/schemes/assam/as-national-social-assistance-programme/

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