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The Revised Orissa Old Age Pension Rules, 1989Published vide Orissa Gazette Notification No. 7448-3-SD-1/89-C.D./Resolution/22.7.1989The State Government had through their Resolution No. 120666/Pen.-30-74/F., dated the 25th March, 1975 introduced a scheme for grant of pension to destitutes of 65 years of age and above. The scheme was administered through the provisions of the Orissa Old Age Pension Rules which formed a part of the Resolution. In Resolution No. 8278, dated the 16th October, 1985, the benefits of the Scheme were extended to destitute widows of 50 years of age and above. In Resolution No. 1863, dated the 17th February, 1989, it was further decided that leprosy patients with visible signs of deformity would also be eligible for this pension at the age of 60 years and above.

2. After careful consideration, Government have further been pleased to decide that the Old Age Pension Rules shall be further revised with a view to ensuring expeditious payment of pension to old age pensioners by administering the scheme through the Panchayat Samitis in lieu of the Tahsils. This would ensure greater involvement of the Panchayati Raj institutions with the social welfare programme of Government.

3. The provisions of the Orissa Old Age Pension Rules are accordingly further amended as follows :

Part-I General rules

1.

These rules may be called "The Revised Orissa Old Age Pension Rules, 1989".

2.

They shall be applicable throughout the State of Orissa.

3.

The scheme had come into force on the 1st day of April, 1975. The revised rules shall come into force from the date they are notified in the Gazette.

4.

The rules apply to all eligible persons defined as such under Rule 5.

5. Eligibility criteria.

- [A person shall be eligible for pension under these rules, if he or she-(a)(i)is of 65 years of age or above;(ii)or a widow (irrespective of age);(iii)or a Small Farmer/Marginal Farmer or a Landless Agricultural Labourer of 60 years of age or above;(iv)or Leprosy patient with visible signs of deformity of 60 years of age or above;(b)[his or her income does not exceed Rs. 3,200 (Rupees three thousand and two hundred) per annum as certified by Block Development Officer/Tahasildar;](c)[* * *] [Deleted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 76/22.1.1991.](d)is a permanent resident of Orissa;(e)has not been convicted of any criminal offence; and(f)it not in receipt of any other assistance from the Government, State or Central or any Organisation aided by either Government.Explanation - (i) Professional beggars, vagrants and mendicants shall not be eligible for such pension even if they satisfy the criteria mentioned above.(ii)Where both the wife and husband are covered under the above definition, each of them will be eligible for such pension.]

6. Rate of pension.

- The amount of pension payable to each pensioner under the scheme shall be of such amount as may be notified by Government from time to time, the present rate of pension being [Rs. 100 per month.] [Substituted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 1342/19.10.1990.]

7. Application forms.

- (i) Application form may be obtained free of cost from the office of the Block Development Officer or the Executive Officer of Municipality/N.A.C. concerned.(ii)Applications for Old Age Pension in the prescribed forms shall be submitted in triplicate by the eligible persons in the rural areas of the District to the concerned. Block Development Officer and by the eligible persons in the N.A.C./Municipality areas of the District to the concerned Executive Officer of the Municipality/N.A.C.(iii)Verification of the applications-OAP-I Register for receipt of applications - In the rural area, on receipt of an application, the Block Development Officer shall acknowledge the same and have it entered in the Register in Form OAP-I through the Social Education Organiser. He

shall then cause it to be enquired through the concerned Extension Officer of the Block who has been assigned the concerned Grama Panchayat for supervision.(iv)Verification of application and enquiry at Panchayat Samiti - Each Extension Officer, on receipt of the application from the Block Development Officer will enquire into the eligibility of the applicant in terms of Rule 5 read with Rule 7 (vi) and (vii) and record his findings on the body of the application and submit it to the Block Development Officer within a period of 30 days. In case of necessity to verify the land records, the Extension Officer concerned shall either personally or through the V.L.W. concerned contact the Revenue Inspector of that area and obtain his endorsement on the body of the application.(v)Verification of applications and enquiry at NAC/Municipality - In the Urban area, on receipt of an application, the, Executive Officer of the N.A.C./ Municipality shall conduct a verification, either by himself or through a nominee of the N.A.C./Municipality with reference to the eligibility criteria fixed under Rule 5 read with Rule 7 (vi), (vii) and such verification shall be completed within 15 days from the receipt of the application. In case, of necessity for verification of land records etc., the Executive Officer shall take immediate steps to obtain the endorsement of the Revenue Inspector of the area on the body of the application through personal contact. Documents completed in all respects should be duly, scrutinised by the Executive Officer and forwarded to B.D.O. within a period of 30 days under intimation to Sub-Collector concerned.(vi)Proof of age - If the age of the applicant given in the application is found to be incorrect or doubtful, the Extension Officer/Executive Officer may verify the same from other dependable sources like-(a)Electoral Roll of the Grama Panchayat/N.A.C./Municipality;(b)School Leaving Certificate;(c)Birth Registration Certificate.(vii)If none of the above are available, the age certificate from Medical Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon of the nearest P.H.C./Hospital may be obtained. The age shall then be certified by the Extension Officer/nominee of Executive Officer and countersigned by the Block Development Officer/Executive Officer as the case may be.

8. Scrutiny of applications and recommendations and receipt of sanction OAP-II.

- After the applications are received from Executive Officers/Extension Officers, the Block Development Officer shall personally scrutinise the applications at his end and recommend them to the Sub-Collector within a period of 30 days in order of priority for sanction, indicating the full address of the applicants and the names of the Grama Panchayats/N.A.Cs./Municipalities to which they belong. The applications thus recommended by the Block Development Officer shall be entered in the Register in Form No. OAP-II.

9. Sanction of applications in OAP-IV.

- The Sub-Collector shall maintain a list of all applications received by him from the Block Development Officers, Grama Panchayat-wise/Block-wise/N.A.C.-wise/Municipality-wise in form No. OAP-IV.

10. Sanction of pension in OAP-IV and rejection in OAP-III by Sub-Collector.

- The Sub-Collector on receipt of applications shall get them examined as soon as possible but not exceeding a period of one month. He may either sanction payment of pension or reject the applications. The Sub-divisional Social Welfare Officer shall assist the Sub Collector in maintenance of the prescribed registers and timely disposal of the applications. Applications sanctioned should be entered in OAP-IV and applications rejected in OAP-III.

11. B.D.O. to maintain registers in OAP-III and OAP-IV.

- Applications sanctioned/rejected by the Sub-Collector shall be returnee to the Block-Development Officer concerned who in turn shall also maintain registers in Form No. OAP-III and OAP-IV respectively. Sanction of pension in Form No. OAP-VIII-The sanction order in Form No. OAP-VIII shall be maintained by Sub-Collector alongwith full particulars of the pensioner. The sanction orders are to be issued from the prescribed register of which the original is to be sent to B. D. O. concerned and the counterfoil to be kept for verification.

12.

The Block Development Officer shall sent a copy of the sanction or rejection order to the applicant within a week of the receipt of such order under Certificate of Posting under intimation to Executive Officer where necessary. Payment of pension in full shall commence from the first of the month following the month of sanction. OAP-II Column 7 - The B.D.O. shall prepare an Identity Card for the pensioner which should contain the following information :

Block/Town/Municipality/N.A.C. Grama Panchayat Ward No.

(i) Name : (ii) Full Address (Village, P. O., P.S., District and Pin Code) (iii) Age of the pension-holder on the date of sanction (iv) Number allotted to the pensioner :

Signature/Thumb impression of the Pensioner Signature of the B.D.O.

Note - (i) The pass-port size photograph duly defaced by the seal and signature of the Block Development Officer shall be affixed to the right-hand corner of the Identity Card after first payment for which the Pensioner is required to appear in person. Two photographs are to be duly attested, one fixed to the Identity Card and the other one pasted in Register OAP-IV. (ii) Date of death - The Extension Officer/Executive Officer concerned shall report every case of death of a pensioner immediately after occurrence to the Block Development Officer.

13.

Once an application has been rejected by the Sub-Collector further review or consideration of the same shall lie with the Collector either on his own information or through an application. An order thus passed after review by the Collector shall be final and there shall be no appeal against the same.

14. Remittance of pension.

- [The amount of Old Age Pension sanctioned by the Sub-collector shall be disbursed every month to the pensioner by the Block Development Officer himself directly or through officers subordinate to him at such place, as may be decided by Government. The Government may also decide any other Agency or mode of disbursement from time to time.] [Substituted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 418/17.3.1993-Notification No. 2294-I-SD-18/93-P.R./2.3.1993.]

15. Annual verification.

- The Block Development Officer/Executive Officer shall by himself or through a nominee conduct an annual verification of pensioners to ascertain that the pensioner is living and continues to fulfil all the conditions of eligibility. The verification shall ordinarily be conducted in the first week of April each year. If either as a result of this enquiry or otherwise the Block Development Officer/Executive Officer is satisfied that the pensioner is no longer alive or has ceased to fulfil any of the conditions of eligibility, he shall immediately cancel the pension and make an entry to that effect in the register of pensioners in red ink and forthwith communicate the same to Sub-Collector for approval. For the purpose of cancellation, the Sub-Collector shall be the final authority.

16. Change of address.

- Any change of pensioner's address which comes to the notice of the Block Development Officer/Executive Officer in course of annual verification or otherwise, shall forthwith be entered in the register of pensioners. In case a pensioner has moved outside the State, the payment of pension should be stopped forthwith. Pension is admissible in case of temporary change of residence not exceeding three months within the State.

17.

The pension under the Scheme shall not be commutable.

18. Cessation of pension.

- The pension shall cease to be payable from the date following the date of death of the pensioner.

19. Collector as final authority.

- The Collector shall be the supervisory authority in the District. He shall have powers to direct stoppage of payment of Old Age Pension if in any case, it was sanctioned on mistaken ground or if the conditions for grant of pension no longer exist.

20. Withholding of pension.

- Further good conduct is an implied condition for the grant of pension under the Scheme. The Sub-Collector shall have the right of withholding or withdrawing a pension if the pensioner is convicted of any criminal offence.

21.

In case of death of pensioner, the outstanding amount, if any, cannot be claimed by the legal heir of the deceased.

22.

All Old Age Pensions are a matter of absolute discretion of the Government and may be refused or discontinued without giving any reason and shall not be subject to any question in the Court of law or otherwise. Part-II Accounting Procedure

23.

These rules shall regulate the accounting procedure relating to the Revised Orissa Old Age Pension Scheme, 1989.

24. Allotment register in Form OAP-VI.

- The Block Development Officer shall account for allotments received from the Sub-Collector and maintained in the register OAP-VI.

25.

The Sub-Collector shall also maintain a register in Form OAP-VI for the allotments received from Government and distribute allotments, Block-wise within 5 days from the date of receipt of allotment. He shall review monthly progress of expenditure regarding payment of pension to the pensioner in his Sub-divisions.

26.

The allotment in respect of each Block is to be communicated by Government in the C.D. and R.R. Department to the Sub-Collector under intimation to Collector.

27.

[The amount of pension sanctioned by the Sub-Collector shall be paid by B.D.O. without any authority of A.G., Orissa to the Pensioner in every month subject to the provision of Rule 14.]

[Substituted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 418/17.3.1993-Notification No. 2294-I-S.D.-18/93-P. R.12.3.1993.]

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[* * *] [Deleted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 418/17.3.1993-Notification No. 2294-I-S.D.-18/93-P. R.12.3.1993.]

29. Register for return of money orders.

- [Proper watch and maintenance of accounts of the pensions which are returned to the office of the Block Development Officer as undisbursed shall be entered in the Register OAP-VII. It should be seen that after making necessary entries, returned/undisbursed pensions are refunded to Treasury/Sub-Treasury. In no case shall the amount be kept in the P.L. Account.] [Substituted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 418/17.3.1993-Notification No. 2294-I-S.D.-18/93-P. R.12.3.1993.]

30. Recovery of pension and fixation of responsibility.

- If it is proved that any individual has been irregularly sanctioned with Old Age Pension, action shall be taken not only to recover the amount, if possible, but also action shall be taken against the officer concerned in case there is any evidence of mala fide or gross negligence on the part of the officer.

31.

The expenditure shall be debited to the appropriate units under "Demand No. 18-2235-Social Security and Welfare-60-Other Social Security and Welfare Programme-102-Pension under Social Security Scheme-(A) Old Age and Widow Pension for destitutes, voted".

32.

B.D.Os. are declared as drawing and disbursing officers in respect of Old Age Pension/Widow Pension and Pension to leprosy affected. Supervision of the Scheme

33.

The Community Development and Rural Reconstruction Department (Social Welfare) shall be in-charge of administration of the Scheme.

34.

The Collector may review the implementation of the scheme in any area of the district. The Collector shall further be competent to cause an inspection/periodical test check in any area of the district on any matter connected with the administration of the scheme by himself or an officer nominated by him. The District Social Welfare Officer at the district level, Sub-divisional Welfare Officer at the Sub-division level and the Social Education Organiser at the Block level should remain in charge of proper execution of the scheme and maintenance of records.

35.

The Sub-Collector shall in respect of the Sub-division has the powers of the Collector.

36.

The Sub-Collector should furnish reports as prescribed to Collector/Government on the date fixed in order to ensure proper implementation of the Scheme. Clarification and Instruction by the Government

37.

Any difficulty in interpretation of any provision of these rules or in administering the same, it shall be referred to Government in the Community Development and Rural Reconstruction Department (Social Welfare) for issue of appropriate instructions or clarifications. O. A. P.-I

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Full address	Date of application and Diary No.	Name of the Grama Panchayat	Name of the Extension Officer allotted with date	Date of submission of the enquiry report	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

O. A. P.-II

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Full address	Date of recommendation to Sub-Collector	Date of receipt of sanction	Number allotted to Pensioner by Sub-Collector	Date of commencement of pension as ordered by Sub-collector (Identity Card No.)	Date of death	Remarks Signature of B.D.O.
Letter No.	Date	Letter No.	Date					

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

O. A. P.-III

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Full address	Date of receipt of application from B.D.O.	Letter No. and date of communication of rejection	Reasons of rejection	Signature of Block Development Officer/Sub-Collector	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

O. A. P.-IV

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Full address	Name of the block	Name of the Grama Panchayat	Letter No. and date of sanction of pension by Sub-Collector	Account Number allotted to the pensioner	Letter No. and date of communication to B.D.O.	Remarks Attested Pass Port size photographs to be affixed (allot space for photograph)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

(Form No. V (Old Form OAP-B))

Sub-Division/Block

(Payment)

1. Number allotted to the Pensioner
 2. Name of payee with full address
 3. Monthly amount and date of commencement
 4. Letter No. and date of sanction order
 5. No. and date of M.O. Receipt
 6. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
 7. Number and date of M.O. Receipt
 8. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
 9. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
 10. Number and date of M.O. Receipt
 11. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
 12. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
 13. No. and date of M.O. Receipt
 14. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
 15. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
 16. No. and date of M.O. Receipt
 17. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
- } April
} May
} June
} July
} August

18. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
19. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } September
20. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
21. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
22. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } October
23. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
24. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
25. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } November
26. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
27. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
28. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } December
29. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
30. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
31. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } January
32. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
33. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
34. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } February
35. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
36. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
37. No. and date of M.O. Receipt } March
38. Date of actual payment as per acknowledgement
39. Dated initial of B.D.O. in token of verification
40. Date of death of termination of pension to be attested by the B.D.O.

Note - In case of first payment of pension, when the pensioner is required to appear before B.D.O. and received payment in person a note to that effect may be kept in the appropriate column of the register for remittance of pension and the columns for remittance by M.O. should be modified appropriately.

O. A. P.-VI Allotment Register

Pension M.O.C. Total Month.....

Total allotment Year.....

Year.....

Letter No. and date of allotment	Amount sanctioned	Expenditure incurred	Balance	Remarks
Pension	M.O.C.	Total	Pension M.O.C.	Total Pension M.O.C. Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11)

O.A.P.-VII

Sl. No.	Number Full	Month to Date	Amount	Date of	Date of refund of	Remarks
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allotted	address	which	and	of	return	unpaid amount to the			
	of payee	payment	number	pension	of	Treasury/Sub-Treasury			
		relates	of		money				
			money		order if				
			order		not				
					paid				
Pension M.O.C.	Total								
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10) (11)

O.A.P.-VII Old Age and Widow Pension Government of Orissa Office of the Sub-Collector : Date.....

1. Sanction is accorded to the grant of an Old Age Pension of Rs.....per month to Shri/Smt.....payable at.....with effect from.....till life/or until cancelled or until cessation or destitution whichever is earlier.

2. The charge is debatable to "Demand No. 18-2235-Social Security and Welfare-60-Other Social Security and Welfare Programme 102-Pension under Social Security Schemes-(A)-Old Age and Widow Pension for destitute-Voted".

3. Form of sanctioned order :

Sl. No.	Name of the pension	Full address, Village, P.O., G.P. Block, District	Account number allotted	Case Record number	To be paid from	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

Sub-Collector Memo No.....DatedCopy forwarded to the Block Development Officer for information and necessary action. Sub-Collector Index of Forms

Sl. No.	Form Number	To be maintained by	Reference to Rules	Purposes
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	OAP-I	B.D.O.	7 (iii)	Register of receipt of application
2.	OAP-II	B.D.O.	8, 12	Register of Sanction Order, issue of Identity Card, full address of pensioner
3.	OAP-III	Sub-Collector/ B.D.O.	10, 11	Register of rejection of application
4.	OAP-IV	Sub-Collector/ B.D.O.	9, 10, 11, 12	Register of sanctioned order
5.	OAP-V	B.D.O.	28	Register of payment of pension
6.	OAP-VI		24, 25	Register of allotment

Sub-Collector/
B.D.O.

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| 7. | OAP-VII | B.D.O. | 29 | Register of undisbursed money order |
| 8. | OAP-VIII | Sub-Collector | 11 (a) | Form of sanction order |
| 9. | Application form
in Oriya | Available with
B.D.Os./E.Os. | 7 (i) | For sanction of OAP and widow
pension |

Order - Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Orissa Gazette.[Substituted vide Orissa Gazette Extraordinary No. 1342/19.10.1990.]