

# **Union Territory of Lakshadweep Pension Scheme for Abandoned Ladies/Destitute**

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- The pension amount is directly transferred to the beneficiary's bank account.

## **Benefits (Union Territory of Lakshadweep Pension Scheme for Abandoned Ladies/Destitute)**

- Financial Assistance: Eligible beneficiaries receive a pension of ₹1,500 per month (₹18,000 per annum).
- Mode of Disbursement: The pension is disbursed directly to the beneficiary's bank account.
- Frequency of Disbursement: The amount is provided monthly.

## **Eligibility (Union Territory of Lakshadweep Pension Scheme for Abandoned Ladies/Destitute)**

- The applicant should be a permanent resident of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. The applicant should be a divorced, abandoned, or destitute woman. The applicant should not have remarried after separation or abandonment. The applicant should either have no source of income or a nominal income not exceeding ₹1,500/
- per month (₹18,000/
- per annum). The applicant should not be a beneficiary of any other similar pension scheme provided by the government.

## **Application Process (Union Territory of Lakshadweep Pension Scheme for Abandoned Ladies/Destitute)**

- Application Process: Step 1: The eligible applicants may collect the application form from the nearest Village (Dweep) Panchayat office.
- Step 2: Carefully fill out the application form and attach all supporting documents.
- Step 3: Submit the completed application form along with the required documents to the Executive Officer at the Village (Dweep) Panchayat office.
- Post-Application Process: Step 1: The application is verified by the members of the Evaluation Committee of the respective Village (Dweep) Panchayat.
- Step 2: After successful verification, the application is forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat (HQ), Kavaratti, for further processing.
- Step 3: The forwarded application undergoes re-verification by District Panchayat officials.
- Step 4: Upon successful re-verification at the District Panchayat level, the list of eligible pensioners is prepared through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and submitted to the Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs Department for payment processing.
- Step 5: Payments are made through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode, money is paid through Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.

## **Documents Required (Union Territory of Lakshadweep Pension Scheme for Abandoned Ladies/Destitute)**

- Proof of Identity
- Proof of Residence
- Proof of Marital Status (divorced)
- abandoned
- or destitute)
- Income Certificate
- Bank Account Details
- Self-Declaration
- Any other documents as required

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