

Chapter-8: Recommendations

NSAP aims to provide basic financial support to old age, widow and severely disabled persons from BPL list as well as to BPL families in case of death of primary breadwinner. The All India Performance Audit of NSAP brought out that the implementation of the scheme was hindered by several issues. The following recommendations are suggested for improving the implementation of the Scheme:

Chapter-4: Planning

1. Specific measures for cleaning/weeding out ineligible beneficiaries, stopping of pension after the death of beneficiaries and verification/authentication of beneficiary data may be instituted.
2. Awareness generation activities and strengthening of IEC, uploading of universe of potential beneficiaries and identification of eligible beneficiaries through annual surveys may be done for proactive identification of eligible beneficiaries in order to ensure universal coverage of beneficiaries.

Chapter-5: Financial Management

3. The fund allocation and release under NSAP may be done so as to ensure monthly disbursement of pension and timely payment of family benefits to the beneficiaries.
4. The NSAP funds may be utilised for timely payment of pension and family benefit avoiding idling, diversion and inadmissible expenditure of NSAP funds.

Chapter-6: Programme Implementation

5. System-based checks may be instituted to avoid overpayment, short payment, multiple payment and delays in payment of pension.
6. Pension may be paid on monthly basis through bank/post office account integrated with Aadhaar/biometric authentication. A mechanism for reviewing cases of irregular pension payments and fixing of responsibility on such cases may be instituted.

Chapter-7: Monitoring and Evaluation

7. Monitoring by various Committees, National Level Monitors, periodical evaluation studies and action on the findings thereof may be ensured.
8. Robust social audit and grievance redressal mechanisms may be established for ensuring transparency and accountability.

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