

39. SOCIAL WELFARE

01. Introduction :

The Social Welfare section is the nodal agency to look after all the Schemes and Programmes of WCD and Social Welfare Department except ICDS Project. This section implements the programme and schemes through the Block administration for which at Block level Block Welfare Officer is posted at the Development Blocks.

02. Nature of work performed in Brief :

To implement the different types of pension schemes of Social Welfare Section i.e. Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Disability Pension and also to implement the N.I. Care scheme for the, destitute boys and girls, Scholarship for the physically handicapped students, distribution of Prosthetic Aids to identified physically handicapped persons and to issue identity cards to the persons with disabilities.

Besides, this section also supervises the welfare homes for women under S.I.T. Act run by the deptt. of WCD and Social Welfare and another home for destitute women run by the West Bengal Social Welfare Board at Krishnagar and also to supervise training cum production centre of Social Welfare deptt. running in four blocks. Apart from this the section supervises a number of NGOs who are working for the destitute boys and girls, women and older persons and persons with disabilities under specific schemes of the Deptt. of WCD and Social Welfare.

03. Staff Position :

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Sanctioned Strength	Existing Strength
01.	Upper Division Clerk	1(one)	2(two)
02.	Lower Division Clerk	2(two)	2(two)
03.	Group 'D'	1(one)	2(two)

04. No. of letters Received and Issued :

No. of letters received during the year 2009-2010	No. of letters issued during the year 2009-2010
1152	6656

05. Acts, Rules and Regulations dealt with :

Acts, Rules and Regulations the section deals with:-

- The Women's and Children's Institutional (Licensing) Act, 1956
- West Bengal Women's and Children's Institutional (Licensing) Rules, 1958.
- Financial Assistance for Non-Institutional Care of destitute children Rule.
- Suppression of Immoral Traffic in women & Girls Act. 1956
- Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act 1986
- The West Bengal Suppression of Immoral traffic in women & girls Rule 1959.
- Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 (W.B. Amendment Act, 1975).
- West Bengal Disability Pension Rules 1990.

- i) West Bengal Old Age Pension Rules 1990
- j) West Bengal Widow Pension Rules 1990
- k) West Bengal Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Juveniles) Acts 1986 & Rule 1990-2000
- l) The person with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, protection of Right and full participation Act 1995 & rules 1999.
- m) The National Trust for welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation
- n) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act. 2005
- o) Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006.

06. Registers maintained by the section as per Bengal Reports & Returns Manual :

- The Office maintains -
- a) Issue Register
 - b) Receipt Register
 - c) Stationary Register
 - d) Dead Stock Register
 - e) Old Age Pension Register
 - f) Widow Pension Register
 - g) Disability Pension Register
 - h) N.I. Care Register
 - i) Prosthetic Aids & Appliance Register
 - j) Scholarship Register
 - k) Leave Register
 - l) D.S.W.O. Register
 - m) NHFDC Loan Register
 - n) Allotment Register of Protection Officer

07. Inspection :

Inspection done by Shri Goutam Majumder A.D.M. (Dev.) Nadia on 04.02.2009.

08. Audit :

March 2009 (No Audit held in 2009-2010).

09. Performance Report :

Performance activities of the Social Welfare Section may be categorized under following heads:-

1. Welfare of Women
2. Welfare of Children
3. Welfare of Aged or Senior Citizen
4. Welfare of Persons with disabilities
5. Implementation of Social Legislation.

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1. Welfare of Women:-

For welfare of women there are different schemes and activities, which is being implemented and or monitored by this section.

a) Pension to widows:-

As per West Bengal Widow Pension Rules, 1990, there is provision for providing pension @ Rs. 750/- per month to the widows who have none to look after and the monthly income is below Rs. 100/- per month. During the year 2009-10, Nadia District has total quota for Widow Pension is 1941 and all the 1941 quota has been filled up during the year.

b) Short Stay Home for women:-

There is one short stay home at Karimpur run by Karimpur Social Welfare Society under the assistance from Central Social Welfare Board. In this home the women who are victim of atrocities against the women are kept and they are imparted vocational training and other education so that they may be rehabilitated after the release. At present, no. of inmates is 30 out of 30.

c) Training cum Production Centre:-

We have got 4 (four) TCPC (training cum Production Centre) attached with BDO Office at Tehatta I, Tehatta II, Nabadwip and Santipur. At these centers 50 (fifty) women are trained for one year for cutting and tailoring. The trainees are provided with stipend @ Rs 200/- per month. During this year the TCPC at Tehatta II could not function due to vacancy of Instructor and other staff. The other three centers are running as per norm.

d) NGO run TCPC:-

Apart from this government sector activities Bhagirathi Shilpashram also run Training cum Production centre for the girls from economically backward families. In this centre, different trades such as cutting and tailoring, weaving, wool knitting, computer, typing, weaving of Khesh etc is provided. The Scheme is run under the assistance from ministry of social justice of Government of India.

e) District Shelter:-

At Krishnagar there is one District Shelter to accommodate the victim girls of different atrocities against women. At present we have got 30(thirty) such girls here at District Shelter.

f) Anti Trafficking activities:-

To combat trafficking of girls, the Anti-Trafficking activities are taken up through awareness generation with the help of AWWs, BWOs and NGOs, SHG Groups, Panchayat functionary and Police personnel. There is need for more awareness generation among the people.

There is one Task Force comprising DM, SP, CMOH, DSWO, DPO (ICDS) and nominated members of WB Women Commission to discuss about the different activities for protection of Women. This committee meeting is held regularly. In 2008-09 one meeting of the Task Force has been organized where Members of Women Commission and other District level Officers were present.

g) Swabalamban Scheme under WB Women Development Undertaking to combat trafficking:-

In this financial year, West Bengal Women Development Undertaking has sanctioned two more Schemes for vocational training for 50 girls each for six months in addition to existing two running at Karimpur and Aranghata which is run by Karimpur Social Welfare Society and Nadia Zilla Pratibandhi Manabik Mulyan Samity. The newly sanctioned schemes have been sanctioned at Dompukur(Chapra) for embroidery and Domdama Manab Kalyan Ashram, Haringhata for Zari Craft.

h) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 :-

The Act has been put into effect in this district. 1(one) Women Protection Officer has been appointed and so far 392 nos. of Domestic Incident Reports(DIRS) have been raised and 203 Nos. of cases sent to the relevant Court by the Women Protection Officer.

2. Welfare of the Children:

There are different Social Welfare of the children, namely, Social Welfare Homes, Non-Institutional Care of the Destitute Children, Balwadis.

a) Social Welfare Homes:-

We have 4(four) Homes to accommodate the children who are destitute for their upbringing, education, care and protection. The Homes are :

- i) Karimpur Social welfare Society for 50 boys,
- ii) Chandra Nath Basu Seba Sangha for 50 boys,
- iii) Bhagirathi Shilpashram for 150 girls,
- iv) Sisters of charity, Dayabari, Ranaghat for 50 Girls.

More awareness is to be generated under the scheme.

b) Non Institutional Care of the Children:-

The children belonging to low income group below 18 years or studying up to class VIII whichever is earlier are paid a stipend @ Rs 60/- per month for undergoing their study. During the 2009-10 total 160 (one hundred and sixty) such children were paid the scholarship under this NI Care scheme.

3. Welfare of the Aged or Senior Citizens:

The welfare of the aged are categorized in the three sections, namely Old Age Pension and Old Age Home, awareness generation of problems of Senior Citizens.

a) Old Age Pension:- An old person above the age of 60 years having no other relatives to look after and having monthly income below Rs 100/- per month is entitled to have Rs. 750/= per month as Old Age Pension. In Nadia we had a quota of 4168 nos. for Old Age Pension. In the year 2009-10, we were able to fill up the entire quota of 4168 for Old Age Pension.

b) Old Age Home:- At present we have two Old Age Home one at Betai run by Chandra Nath Basu Seva Sangha (2 units one each for male and female for 25 inmates each) present inmates 34 and another at Karimpur run by Karimpur Social Welfare Society (one unit for males only for 25 inmates). Present inmates- 21. Bhagirathi Shilpashra at Shimurali has proposed one Old Age Home for females which has been recommended by the District Magistrate, Nadia and is under consideration of Director of Social Welfare.

c) Awareness Generation:- From the year 2007 Government of India has resolved to celebrate 1st October every year as the World Elderly day for generation of awareness to the problems of Senior Citizens and the elderly people. The day is celebrated in Nadia District.

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4. Welfare of Persons with Disabilities:

Welfare of Persons with disabilities is divided into following wings, namely, Disability Pension, Scholarship to Disable Students, Camp for Identification and issue of disability certificates, Distribution of Prosthetic Aids, Special Schools, Annual Sports and Cultural Meet, Local Level Committee as per National Trust Act., Loan to Disabled persons.

a) Disability Pension:- The disable persons of disability above 40% disability who can not work to maintain himself and has none to look after may be paid disability pension @ Rs. 750/- per month. Nadia District has got 1785 quota for disability pension. We were able to fill up the 1773 quota during the year.

b) Scholarship to Disable Students:- There is provision of providing scholarship @ Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred) per month to the disable students studying below class VIII or below the age of 18 whichever is earlier whose family belongs to very low income group. There is quota for 280 (two hundred and eighty) students which was entirely filled up during the last year.

c) Camp for identification of Disable persons:- Special camps for identification and distribution of Identity Cards to the identified disabled persons were organized in 12 Blocks in the year 2009-10. In these camps total medical board was taken at the camp and the CDPO of the respective Block along with his staff was also present at the camp to process and issue the Identity cards to the identified disabled persons at the camp. Through such camps during the year 2009-10 total 3982 (three thousand nine hundred eighty two) new Identity Cards to the newly identified disabled persons were distributed.

d) Annual Sports and Cultural Meet:- For last two years at Nadia District Annual Sports and Cultural Meet for disabled persons at District Level was held. In the year 2009-10, the Annual Meet was held on 3rd December 2009 to celebrate the World Disable Day also at Krishnagar. Total 792 (seven hundred ninety two) disabled students as well as other disabled persons from different parts of the district and 18 NGOs working with disabled persons attended the Meet.

e) Local Level Committee under National Trust Act 1999:- As per National Trust Act 1999 for the four types of Disabled persons, namely, disabled due to Cerebral Palsy, Mentally Retarded, Autism, Multiple Disability, there are provision of providing Legal Guardianship to such disabled persons after attaining 18 years of age. There is a Local Level Committee headed by District Magistrate, Nadia to monitor the issue of guardianship and other activities related to such four types of disabled persons. We have so far issued 695 (six hundred ninety five) such guardianship and during the year 2009-10, 213 Guardianship were issued.

f) Loan to Disabled Persons: For rehabilitation of Disabled Persons there is provision of providing loan up to Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh) for undertaking different business. This loan is being provided by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) and at the State it is being channelised through West Bengal Women Development Undertaking. During the year 2009-10 no new cases has been sanctioned.

10. Special Feature(with photograph) :

NIL

11. Allotment & Expenditure :

Staff salary is paid from Establishment Section. For Staff Salary this section has got Allotment of fund for Rs. 7,62,887.00 for 2009-10. The entire amount has been sub allotted to Establishment Section.

Name of the Scheme	Period	Plan/ Non-Plan	G.O. No. & Date	Amount	Remarks
Old Age Pension	April, 2009 to July, 2009	Non-Plan Plan	123-SW Dt. 05.06.09 126-SW Dt. 05.06.09	Rs. 1,31,29,200.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 1040/1(41)-SWN Dated 09.07.09
	August, 2009 to Nov. 2009	Non-Plan Plan	300-SW Dt. 01.09.09 303-SW Dt. 01.09.09	Rs. 1,31,29,200.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 3781/1(41)-SWN Dated 30.11.09
	Dec. 2009 to March, 2010	Non-Plan Plan	516-SW Dt. 17.12.09 519-SW Dt. 17.12.09	Rs. 1,31,29,200.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 695/1(41)-SWN Dated 04.03.10
Widow Pension	April, 2009 to July, 2009	Non-Plan Plan	123-SW Dt. 05.06.09 125-SW Dt. 05.06.09	Rs. 61,14,150.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 1035/1(41)-SWN Dated 09.07.09
	August, 2009 to Nov. 2009	Non-Plan Plan	300-SW Dt. 01.09.09 302-SW Dt. 01.09.09	Rs. 61,14,150.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 3782/1(41)-SWN Dated 30.11.09
	Dec. 2009 to March, 2010	Non-Plan Plan	516-SW Dt. 17.12.09 518-SW Dt. 17.12.09	Rs. 61,14,150.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 696/1(41)-SWN Dated 04.03.10
Disabled Pension	April, 2009 to July, 2009	Non-Plan Plan	123-SW Dt. 05.06.09 124-SW Dt. 05.06.09	Rs. 56,22,750.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 1038/1(41)-SWN Dated 09.07.09
	August, 2009 to Nov. 2009	Non-Plan Plan	300-SW Dt. 01.09.09 301-SW Dt. 01.09.09	Rs. 56,22,750.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 3783/1(41)-SWN Dated 30.11.09
	Dec. 2009 to March, 2010	Non-Plan Plan	516-SW Dt. 17.12.09 517-SW Dt. 17.12.09	Rs. 56,22,750.00	Sub-allotted to 17 Blocks vide this office Memo. No. 694/1(41)-SWN Dated 04.03.10

12. Physical condition of the section :

Normal.

13. General Comments :

Social welfare section has got acute shortage of Infrastructure. It has got shortage of Staff as well as fund also. There should be sufficient arrangement of staff and fund for better performance of the Section.