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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : 8<sup>th</sup> November , 2012

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for Central assistance under the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS).

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the guidelines of National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) issued in 1998. The specific conditions mentioned in the para 22(ii) of guidelines for the purpose of claiming central assistance was that the death of such primary breadwinner should have occurred while he or she is in the age group of 13 to 64 years i.e. more than 18 years of age and less than 65 years of age.

2. Government of India has decided to revise the eligibility age from 18-64 years to 18-59 years under the ongoing National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and also increase the lump sum grant under NFBS from Rs. 10000/- to Rs. 20000/-. The revised norms will come into effect from 18.10.2012. Accordingly, the revised criteria for assistance under NFBS would be as under:-

**I Eligibility Criteria**

(22) For purposes of determining Central assistance, the following criteria shall apply :

- i) The 'primary breadwinner' will be the member of the household- male or female- whose earning contribute substantially to the total household income.
- ii) The death of such a primary breadwinner should have occurred while he or she is in the age group of 18 to 59 years i.e. more than 18 years of age and less than 60 years of age.
- iii) The bereaved household qualifies as one below the poverty line according to the criterion prescribed by the Government of India.
- iv) The Central Assistance under the scheme will be Rs. 20000/- in the case of death of the primary breadwinner.

3. The other provisions will remain the same as mentioned in the Guidelines issued in 1998.

  
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