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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19), declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, there is a 21 day national lockdown as a preventive measure to contain the spread of the virus. Since this lockdown period is likely to adversely impact the livelihoods of the vulnerable and poor people, a relief package, namely, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package (PMGKYP) has been announced.

2. One of the critical components of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package is to provide a onetime ex gratia amount of Rs1000/- to the old age, widow and divyang pensioners under the three pension schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in two equal instalments of Rs.500/- each to provide them with monetary relief and liquidity during the period of social and economic stress.

3. I would like to inform you that the first instalment Rs.500 of the said ex-gratia of Rs.1000/- under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package has been released by this Department to all 36 States and Union Territories on 6th April, 2020. The second instalment under the said package will be released in the 2nd week of May, 2020. This amount of ex-gratia is in addition to the normal amount of central assistance under NSAP which would be provided to the States/UTs in two instalments, one in last week of April 2020 and the other in last week of November, 2020 for disbursement of monthly pension to all eligible beneficiaries under NSAP.

4. You may kindly appreciate that the targeted beneficiaries require immediate disbursement of this ex-gratia and hence time is of extreme essence in the matter. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could kindly facilitate immediate disbursement/credit through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) as per the prescribed procedure, of the first instalment of ex-gratia to the beneficiaries of the three pension schemes of NSAP, within two days from the receipt of these funds.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

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