

**Minutes of Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Abhishek Jain, IAS, Secretary (Finance, Planning, Economics & Statistics) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 16-01-2025 at 03:00 PM regarding removal of deceased beneficiaries from welfare scheme databases**

The following officers were present in the meeting

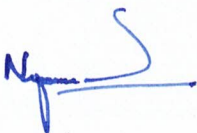
1. Dr. Nipun Jindal, IAS, Director (IT)
2. Dr. Pankaj Lalit, IAS, Director (WCD)
3. Dr. Bhawna, HAS, Additional Director (ESOMSA)
4. Sh. Vikas Chadha, Manager (IT), DDT&G

Gist of the meeting held and decisions taken during the meeting are as follows:

1. The Director (DT&G) apprised that death data retrieved from the CRS portal was matched with scheme databases of four departments using beneficiary name and other available attributes. Probable matches were shared with the concerned departments for verification. The status is as follows:
  - ESOMSA completed the verification activity, resulting in removal of 2,378 beneficiaries.
  - Labour Department reported that no benefits are being provided to e-Shram beneficiaries.
  - Rural Development and Health Departments requested additional attributes for accurate verification, and the process is ongoing.

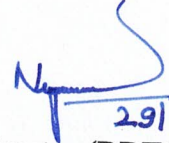
The Chairperson directed that reminders be issued to the concerned departments to expedite the verification process.

2. The AD (ESOMSA) informed that the department has initiated eKYC verification of all Social Security Pension beneficiaries through the Survey Application developed by DDT&G. During this exercise, 42,867 beneficiaries were identified as deceased or ineligible (37,335 deceased and 5,532 ineligible beneficiaries). The Chairperson expressed serious concern over the large number of deceased/ineligible beneficiaries were receiving pensions and directed that responsibility be fixed against concerned officials.
3. It was noted that 4,52,779 records have been fetched from the CRS portal since 2016, of which 1,35,473 records contain Aadhaar numbers. The Chairperson directed that Aadhaar-seeded records be matched with the eKYC-enabled Social Security Pension database to identify deceased beneficiaries and initiate corrective action.



4. The Director (WCD) mentioned that the WCD department does not provide recurring benefits under any scheme; benefits are provided on an application basis. It was further informed that all welfare schemes of WCD are being digitized through the DDT&G department.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.



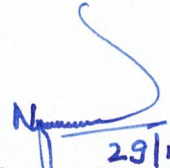
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1. The Secretary (Finance, Planning, Economics & Statistics, Twenty Point Programme) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for information, please.
2. The Director, Directorate of Women and Child Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, MC Parking Complex, Tutikandi Crossing, Shimla-04 for information, please.
3. The Additional Director (ESOMSA), Directorate for Empowerment of SC's, OBC's, Minorities Affairs & The Specially Abled, Block No. 33-SDA Complex Kasumpti Shimla-9 for information and necessary action, please.



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