

National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)

This scheme provides a *onetime financial assistance to the families living below the poverty line, which have lost their primary bread-earner, while aged between 18 & 65 years*. Suicidal Cases will not be covered under the scheme. In the earlier years benefit of the schemes did not reach all the eligible families. With closer monitoring and taking up special drives in increasing awareness about the scheme the coverage has improved in the last two years. In order to speedy sanctioning and disbursement of the due amount the duty of sanctioning the cases was devolved on the Panchayat Samitis, which was earlier entrusted with the SDOs. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).