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APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION UNDER
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

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Dr. Ashish Nair
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To

The State Public Information Officer
Directorate of Social Justice
5th floor Vikas Bhavan
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- (1) Full name of the applicant : Dr. Ashish Nair
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- (3) Particulars of information required
(Specify the category of subject also) : **Queries regarding allotment of disability benefits for patients with mental illness**
1. Is a patient with mental illness with disability of > 40% eligible for disability benefits?
 2. Should a patient with mental illness with more than 40 % disability also have mental retardation (iq < 50) to be eligible for disability benefits?
 3. Is there an income limit to be eligible for disability pension?
 4. Is a patient with mental illness availing a disability pension eligible for any other welfare pension?
 5. Are the primary carers of patients with severe mental illness with disability > 80% eligible for the Ashwasakiranam welfare benefits?

6. For converting the ration card benefits from APL to BPL on presenting the disability certificate, is there any need of any income certificate? is there any income limit??
7. If the certificate given by the medical board states temporary disability > 40%, are these patients eligible for disability benefits?
8. Is there any difference in the benefits based on certificates from single medical officer board (single medical officer of concerned speciality certifying) and taluk / district medical boards. If yes, please detail
9. What are the disability benefits that can be availed by the patients with mental illness?
10. Are the patients with mental illness with disability > 40% eligible for 3% reservations as per the PWD act esp with regard to job reservation?

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Place : Perinthalmanna

Date : 15/11/2017


Dr. ASHISH NAIR
Applicant's Signature

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Sub :- RTI regarding disability benefits for patients with mental illness

Respected sir /madam,

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that many request for the disability pension benefits are being rejected by the local self governments due to lack of clarity in the criteria for pension allotment. A KILA directive stating that a patient with mental illness also needs to have a mental retardation is one of the cause. Hence I request you to accept my RTI application in this regard and give necessary information in this regard. My application is attached herewith. The expenses of the same shall be met by myself on intimation.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely



Dr . Ashish Nair