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## Minister of Social Welfare and Social Education at press conference

## Under the National Social Pension Scheme, 1 lakh 41 thousand 401 people are getting social pension.

Currently 1 lakh 41 thousand 401 people in the state are being given social pension through PFMS under National Pension Scheme. Out of 1 lakh 58 thousand 197 people in the state, 16 thousand 796 people have not yet been given pension. Social Welfare and Social Education Minister Santana Chakma said this in a press conference at the Secretariat yesterday. She said, confusion is being spread from different quarters about the payment of social pension in the state which is not correct. She said that as per the central guidelines all the pensioners under the National Pension Scheme have to be paid through PFMS. In case of 16 thousand 796 people, it is not possible to give the pension due to the problem arising at the bank. Due to the fact that their names are not registered in PFMS, there is a problem in disbursement of pension. To overcome this problem, the work of rectifying the problems is going on through the CDPO office and Anganwadi office so that 16 thousand 796 people can be registered in PFMS quickly.

She further informed that at present all the social pension recipients are being managed by the State Government and paid the Allowance through the Beneficiary Management System. In this case, out of the total 2 lakh 31 thousand 242 pensioners of the state, a total of 62 thousand 487 pensions are being paid through the BMS portal. Social pension of the remaining 1 lakh 68 thousand 755 people has been given till June. She said that the present government have been given pension to 33 thousand 523 people in different social pension schemes. At present 10 Community heads from ten communities have been given honorary pension.

She also said that there are some problems in paying pension through the BMS portal. It might be due to some paperwork and bank related issues. The Department has taken initiatives to resolve the matter expeditiously and ensure that the beneficiaries can get the pension. Siddharth Shiv Jaiswal, Director of the Social Welfare and Social Education Department, was present at the press conference.

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