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**Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs at press conference**

**One of the goals of the government is to deliver social pension of 2000 rupees to the beneficiaries before puja.**

To give social pension of 2000 rupees before puja as part of Prati Ghare Sushason is one of the goals of the present government. For this, the annual expenditure of the state government will be 603 crore and 89 lakhs rupees. An additional 31 crore 44 lakh rupees will be spent every month to pay the social pension. Information and Cultural Affairs Department Minister Sushanta Chowdhury announced this in a press conference at the Secretariat yesterday.

In the press conference, the Minister said that after the formation of the present government, various social pensions were increased from 500 and 700 rupees to 1000 rupees. Now it has been increased from 1000 to 2000 rupees. A total of 32 social pension are in operation in the state. Three of these pension are covered under the National Pension Scheme. The number of pension beneficiaries in this scheme is 1 lakh 58 thousand 117 people and 1 lakh 60 thousand 218 people are getting social pension under 29 social pension schemes of the state government. The Minister said that a total of 3 lakh 18 thousand 415 social pension beneficiaries will get social pension of 2000 rupees. He said that it will be effective from this September. Social Welfare and Social Education Department Secretary, Abhishek Singh and Director Siddharth Shiv Jaiswal were present at the press conference.

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