Modalities for implementation of Atal Pension Yojana (APY)

Government of India, Ministry of Finance has announced the launch of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) on May 9, 2015. The scheme, is an universal social security measure specially for the poor and the under-privileged, which will provide a defined pension, depending on the contribution, and its period to its subscribers. The enrolment under the scheme to be introduced from June 1, 2015 has to start immediately. The APY will be focussed on all citizens in the unorganised sector, who join the National Pension System (NPS) administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). Under the APY, the subscribers would receive the fixed minimum pension of Rs. 1000-Rs 5000 per month at the age of 60 years, depending on their contributions, which itself would be based on the age of joining the APY. The minimum age of joining APY is 18 years and maximum age is 40 years. Therefore, minimum period of contribution by any subscriber under APY would be 20 years or more. The benefit of fixed minimum pension would be guaranteed by the Government.

2. The scheme will be implemented by member banks in accordance with the preliminary rules and terms finalised by the Government, the copies of which are enclosed, for your information and necessary action. Copies of Office Order dated May 7, 2015, Office Order dated May 8, 2015 and Scheme details, Notification dated April 30, 2015, FAQs and APY Subscriber Registration form and Acknowledgement

Department of Co-operative Bank Regulation, Central Office, Garment House, 1 Floor, Dr.A.B.Road, Worli, Mumbai - 400018, India
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Caution: RBI never sends mails, SMSs or makes calls asking for personal information like bank account details, passwords, etc. It never keeps or offers funds to anyone. Please do not respond in any manner to such offers.
of the same are also enclosed as Annex I to V. The Central Government would also co-contribute 50% of the total contribution or Rs. 1000 per annum, whichever is lower, to each eligible subscriber account, for a period of 5 years, i.e., from Financial Year 2015-16 to 2019-20, who join the NPS before 31st December, 2015 and who are not members of any statutory social security scheme and who are not income tax payers. However, the scheme will continue after this date but Government Co-contribution will not be available. The Government co-contribution is payable to eligible PRANs by PFRDA after receiving the confirmation from Central Record Keeping Agency at such periodicity as may be decided by PFRDA. However, the funding support to the scheme would be released only after approval of the Parliament through Supplementary Demand for Grants for making necessary budgetary provision.

3. As the scheme has to be implemented in a system driven IT mode by auto debit of the concerned account holder, the UCBs in co-ordination with PFRDA would also be required to introduce the necessary module for this purpose in their CBS package and in the software for the handheld devices of BCs to enable on-line enrolment etc. The acknowledgement slip may be made into an acknowledgement slip cum registration slip for APY.

4. All Primary Urban Cooperative Banks not operating under directions u/s 35 A of BR Act, 1949 (AACS) with full CBS implementation and having capabilities to build necessary modules in the CBS/hand held devices software for banks and BCs may participate in APY.

5. UCBs may appoint a Nodal Officer for implementation of the schemes and furnish to our Regional Offices the full details such as name of the bank, address, name of the Nodal Officers with details of their telephone numbers, email addresses etc. for onward transmission to Ministry of Finance, Government of India.


Yours faithfully,

(Suma Varma)
Principal Chief General Manager

Encl: As above (Annex- I,II,III,IV & V)
To:
(i) All CMDs/MDs of Public Sector Banks.
(ii) Chairman, PFRDA.
(iii) Chairman, LIC
(iv) SLBC Coordinators of all States.
(v) Chairman of all RRBs (through their sponsor Banks).
(vi) Chairman of all Urban and Rural Cooperative banks on the CBS system (through RBIINABARD)

Subject: Launch of Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yoiana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) by Hon’ble Prime Minister, planned on 9th May, 2015 in Kolkata.

Sir,

As you are aware from earlier correspondence, discussions during meetings and minutes of the same, the aforementioned three Schemes namely, PMSBY, PMJJY, APY are to be launched formally, on 9th May, 2015 in Kolkata with various necessary preparatory steps for wide enrolment under the schemes leading up to the launch date, to be completed in a timely manner and operationalised for a successful launch.

2. The enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has to now start immediately. The guidelines and forms for the Schemes have already been available in soft copy in English and Hindi. These are also available on the Department of Financial
Services official website viz., www.financialservices.gov.in and on www.jansuraksha.gov.in. The SLBC Coordinators have already been requested to get them translated into the State vernacular language. This material should be widely made available immediately in every State in the Banking Network to every Branch/BC to enable successful launch of the proposed enrolment camps to be started in every Bank branch/BC location immediately. Dissemination of this material may be ensured suitably by the SLBC Coordinator in every State to their respective networks.

3. All Chairman/CMDs/MDs of Banks may ensure that the entire banking network down to the last branch / BC is mobilised to take up an outreach and awareness building initiative through SMSs/emails to account holders, outreach by bank staff / BCs, distribution of pamphlets etc. to create awareness of the proposed enrolment camps/drive immediately. Preparation for launch of these camps accordingly may also be ensured and implemented in a timely manner.

4. Chairman/CMDs/MDs of Banks may also ensure that daily reporting on the number enrolled in each scheme is done through the PMJDY MIS channel and the camps continued till the main launch event in early May to ensure mass mobilization and enrolment in large numbers under the Schemes up to the main launch and beyond on every Saturday.

5. All the above Banks and the Life Insurance Corporation of India may immediately setup Control Rooms and Helplines with necessary publicity to oversee the carrying out of these tasks. Status in this regard may be immediately provided through the PMJDY reporting channel.

6. Necessary publicity and awareness building through media based efforts at the National level is being separately taken up.

7. All Banks will report progress on a daily basis to the PMJDY Mission office on all the above items.
8. The details of the main launch event of the three schemes including Atal Pension Yojana on 9th May, 2015 have already been circulated. The Chief Secretaries of all States are being requested to provide necessary guidance and support in these efforts. The SLBC Coordinators are requested to immediately get in touch with the State Administration in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Shashank Saksena)

Economic Adviser (ss)

Tel. 011-23742100
(1) The Chief Secretaries of all States, with a request to provide necessary guidance and support for maximising enrolment of subscribers under the Atal Pension Yojana.

(2) Deputy Governor, RBI with the request that these instructions be conveyed to all the Urban Cooperative Banks on the CBS system.

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Office Order

Subject: Operationalisation of the Budget Announcement 2015-16 on Atal Pension Yojna (APY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

The Government, through the Budget Speech 2015, announced three ambitious Social Security Schemes pertaining to the Insurance and Pension Sectors, namely, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) to move towards creating a universal social security system, targeted especially to the poor and the under-privileged. Hon’ble Prime Minister will be launching these schemes nationally in Kolkata on 9th May, 2015.

2. It was announced in the Budget Speech for 2015-16 that a large proportion of India’s population is without insurance of any kind, that is, health, accidental or life. Further, as the young population of India ages, it is also going to be pension and insurance-less. Therefore, Government has decided to work towards creating a universal social security system for all Indians, specially the poor and the under-privileged. To address the longevity risks among the workers in unorganised sector and to encourage the workers in unorganised sector to voluntarily save for their retirement, who constitute 88% of the total labour force of 47.29 crore as per the 66th Round of
NSSO Survey of 2011-12, but do not have any formal pension provision, the Government had started the Swavalamban Scheme in 2010-11. However, coverage under Swavalamban Scheme is inadequate mainly due to lack of clarity of pension benefits at the age after 60. The Government has, therefore, announced a new initiative called APY in the Budget Speech for 2015-16. The APY will be focussed on all citizens in the unorganised sector, who join the National Pension System (NPS) administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

3. The Government has now approved operationalisation of the three schemes. Pursuant to this, action is being taken to formally launch the 3 schemes in all the States and UTs on 9th May, 2015. The Prime Minister is scheduled to formally dedicate the three schemes to the citizens on 9th May, 2015 at Kolkata. An elaborate pre-launch publicity, post-launch awareness and enrolment campaign is being undertaken to maximise enrolment under the 3 social security schemes. The schemes will be operationalised by Department of Financial Services (DFS) with the assistance of Regulatory institutions, such as, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and Scheduled Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Co-operative Banks and Insurance Companies, wherein the roles and responsibilities of officers/staffs are well defined for operationalisation of the schemes.

4. The Government has decided to provide the following funding support to operationalise the APY, PMJJBY and PMSBY. The scheme details are annexed at Annex-1.

   (i) to operate APY, PMJJBY and PMSBY as Central Sector Schemes.

   (ii) to provide Government co-contribution at the rate of 50% of the total contribution or Rs. 1000 per annum, whichever is lower, to each eligible
subscriber account, for a period of 5 years for subscribers under Atal Pension Yojana.

(iii) to incur expenditure for promotional and developmental activities for enrolment and contribution collection under APY over a period of 5 years.

(iv) to provide gap funding, if there is a gap between the pension liabilities and pension assets under APY, based on actuarial estimation.

(v) to incur a token expenditure for the next five years for supporting publicity/awareness building for PMJJBY and PMSBY from the Government Budget.

(vi) The APY, PMJJBY and PMSBY have been exempted from the payment of Service Tax (copy enclosed at Annex-2).

5. The funding support to the three schemes would be released only after approval of the Parliament through Supplementary Demand for Grants for making necessary budgetary provision.

6. This issues with the approval of Additional Secretary (FS) and the concurrence of the Internal Finance Unit.

-: Sd :-

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Atal Pension Yojana (APY) – Details of the Scheme

1. Introduction

1.1 The Government of India is extremely concerned about the old age income security of the working poor and is focused on encouraging and enabling them to join the National Pension System (NPS). To address the longevity risks among the workers in unorganised sector and to encourage the workers in unorganised sector to voluntarily save for their retirement, who constitute 88% of the total labour force of 47.29 crore as per the 66th Round of NSSO Survey of 2011-12, but do not have any formal pension provision, the Government had started the Swavalamban Scheme in 2010-11. However, coverage under Swavalamban Scheme is inadequate mainly due to lack of guaranteed pension benefits at the age of 60.

1.2 The Government announced the introduction of universal social security schemes in the Insurance and Pension sectors for all Indians, specially the poor and the under-privileged, in the Budget for the year 2015-16. Therefore, it has been announced that the Government will launch the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), which will provide a defined pension, depending on the contribution, and its period. The APY will be focussed on all citizens in the unorganised sector, who join the National Pension System (NPS) administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). Under the APY, the subscribers would receive the fixed minimum pension of Rs. 1000 per month, Rs. 2000 per month, Rs. 3000 per month, Rs. 4000 per month, Rs. 5000 per month, at the age of 60 years, depending on their contributions, which itself would be based on the age of joining the APY. The minimum age of joining APY is 18 years and maximum age is 40 years. Therefore, minimum period of contribution by any subscriber under APY would be 20 years or more. The benefit of fixed minimum pension would be guaranteed by the Government. The APY would be introduced from 1st June, 2015.
2. **Benefit of APY**

2.1 Fixed pension for the subscribers ranging between Rs. 1000 to Rs. 5000, if he joins and contributes between the age of 18 years and 40 years. The contribution levels would vary and would be low if subscriber joins early and increase if he joins late.

3. **Eligibility for APY**

3.1 Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is open to all bank account holders. The Central Government would also co-contribute 50% of the total contribution or Rs. 1000 per annum, whichever is lower, to each eligible subscriber account, for a period of 5 years, i.e., from Financial Year 2015-16 to 2019-20, who join the NPS before 31st December, 2015 and who are not members of any statutory social security scheme and who are not income tax payers. However, the scheme will continue after this date but Government Co-contribution will not be available.

3.2 The Government co-contribution is payable to eligible PRANs by PFRDA after receiving the confirmation from Central Record Keeping Agency at such periodicity as may be decided by PFRDA.

4. **Age of joining and contribution period**

4.1 The minimum age of joining APY is 18 years and maximum age is 40 years. The age of exit and start of pension would be 60 years. Therefore, minimum period of contribution by the subscriber under APY would be 20 years or more.

5. **Focus of APY**

5.1 Mainly targeted at unorganised sector workers.
6. Enrolment and Subscriber Payment

6.1 All bank account holders under the eligible category may join APY with auto-debit facility to accounts, leading to reduction in contribution collection charges. The subscribers should keep the required balance in their savings bank accounts on the stipulated due dates to avoid any late payment penalty. Due dates for monthly contribution payment is arrived based on the deposit of first contribution amount. In case of repeated defaults for specified period, the account is liable for foreclosure and the Govt co-contributions, if any shall be forfeited. Also any false declaration about his/her eligibility for benefits under this scheme for whatsoever reason, the entire government contribution shall be forfeited along with the penal interest. For enrolment, Aadhaar would be the primary KYC document for identification of beneficiaries, spouse and nominees to avoid pension rights and entitlement related disputes in the long-term. The subscribers are required to opt for a monthly pension from Rs. 1000 - Rs. 5000 and ensure payment of stipulated monthly contribution regularly. The subscribers can opt to decrease or increase pension amount during the course of accumulation phase, as per the available monthly pension amounts. However, the switching option shall be provided once in year during the month of April. Each subscriber will be provided with an acknowledgement slip after joining APY which would invariably record the guaranteed pension amount, due date of contribution payment, PRAN etc.

7. Enrolment agencies

7.1 All Points of Presence (Service Providers) and Aggregators under Swavalamban Scheme would enrol subscribers through architecture of National Pension System. The banks, as POP or aggregators, may employ BCs/Existing non - banking aggregators, micro insurance agents, and mutual fund agents as enablers for operational activities. The banks may share the incentives received by them from PFRDA/Government, as deemed appropriate.
8. Operational Framework of APY

8.1 It is Government of India Scheme, which is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. The Institutional Architecture of NPS would be utilised to enrol subscribers under APY. The offer document of APY including the account opening form would be formulated by PFRDA.

9. Funding of APY

9.1 Government would provide (i) fixed pension guarantee for the subscribers; (ii) would co-contribute 50% of the total contribution or Rs. 1000 per annum, whichever is lower, to eligible subscribers; and (iii) would also reimburse the promotional and development activities including incentive to the contribution collection agencies to encourage people to join the APY.

10. Migration of existing subscribers of Swavalamban Scheme to APY

10.1 The existing Swavalamban subscriber, if eligible, may be automatically migrated to APY with an option to opt out. However, the benefit of five years of government Co-contribution under APY would not exceed 5 years for all subscribers. This would imply that if, as a Swavalamban beneficiary, he has received the benefit of government Co- Contribution of 1 year, then the Government co-contribution under APY would be available only 4 years and so on. Existing Swavalamban beneficiaries opting out from the proposed APY will be given Government co-contribution till 2016-17, if eligible, and the NPS Swavalamban continued till such people attained the age of exit under that scheme.

10.2 The existing Swavalamban subscribers between 18-40 years will be automatically migrated to APY. For seamless migration to the new scheme, the associated aggregator will facilitate those subscribers for completing the process of
migration. Those subscribers may also approach the nearest authorised bank branch for shifting their Swavalamban account into APY with PRAN details.

10.3 The Swavalamban subscribers who are beyond the age of 40 and do not wish to continue may opt out the Swavalamban scheme by complete withdrawal of entire amount in lump sum, or may prefer to continue till 60 years to be eligible for annuities there under.

11. **Penalty for default**

11.1 Under APY, the individual subscribers shall have an option to make the contribution on a monthly basis. Banks are required to collect additional amount for delayed payments, such amount will vary from minimum Rs. 1 per month to Rs 10/- per month as shown below:

- Rs. 1 per month for contribution upto Rs. 100 per month.
- Rs. 2 per month for contribution upto Rs. 101 to 500/- per month.
- Rs. 5 per month for contribution between Rs 501/- to 1000/- per month.
- Rs. 10 per month for contribution beyond Rs 1001/- per month.

The fixed amount of interest/penalty will remain as part of the pension corpus of the subscriber.

11.2 Discontinuation of payments of contribution amount shall lead to following:

- After 6 months account will be frozen.
- After 12 months account will be deactivated.
- After 24 months account will be closed.
12. Operation of additional amount for delayed payments

12.1 APY module will raise demand on the due date and continue to raise demand till the amount is recovered from the subscriber’s account.

12.2 The due date for recovery of monthly contribution may be treated as the first day /or any other day during the calendar month for each subscriber. Bank can recover amount any day till the last day of the month. It will imply that contribution are recovered as and when funds are available any point during the month.

12.3 Monthly contribution will be recovered on FIFO basis- earliest due instalment will recovered first along with the fixed amount of charges as mentioned above.

12.4 More than one monthly contribution can be recovered in month subject to availability of the funds. Monthly contribution will be recovered along with the monthly fixed due amount, if any. In all cases, the contribution is to be recovered along with the fixed charges. This will be banks’ internal process. The due amount will be recovered as and when funds are available in the account.

13. Investment of the contributions under APY

13.1 The amount collected under APY are managed by Pension Funds appointed by PFRDA as per the investment pattern specified by the Government. The subscriber has no option to choose either the investment pattern or Pension Fund.

14. Continuous Information Alerts to Subscribers

14.1 Periodical information to the subscribers regarding balance in the account, contribution credits etc. will be intimated to APY subscribers by way of SMS alerts. The subscribers will have the option to change the non – financial details like nominee’s name, address, phone number etc whenever required.
14.2 All subscribers under APY remain connected on their mobile so that timely SMS alerts can be provided to them at the time of making their subscription, auto-debit of their accounts and the balance in their accounts.

15. Exit and pension payment

15.1 Upon completion of 60 years, the subscribers will submit the request to the associated bank for drawing the guaranteed monthly pension.

15.2 Exit before 60 years of age is not permitted, however, it is permitted only in exceptional circumstances, i.e., in the event of the death of beneficiary or terminal disease.

16. Age of Joining, Contribution Levels, Fixed Monthly Pension and Return of Corpus to the nominee of subscribers

16.1 The Table of contribution levels, fixed minimum monthly pension to subscribers and his spouse and return of corpus to nominees of subscribers and the contribution period is given below. For example, to get a fixed monthly pension between Rs. 1,000 per month and Rs. 5,000 per month, the subscriber has to contribute on monthly basis between Rs. 42 and Rs. 210, if he joins at the age of 18 years. For the same fixed pension levels, the contribution would range between Rs. 291 and Rs. 1,454, if the subscriber joins at the age of 40 years.

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RULES FOR PRADHAN MANTRI JEEVAN JYOTI BIMA YOJANA

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME:
The scheme will be a one year cover, renewable from year to year, Insurance Scheme offering life insurance cover for death due to any reason. The scheme would be offered / administered through LIC and other Life Insurance companies willing to offer the product on similar terms with necessary approvals and tie ups with Banks for this purpose. Participating banks will be free to engage any such life insurance company for implementing the scheme for their subscribers.

Scope of coverage: All savings bank account holders in the age 18 to 50 years in participating banks will be entitled to join. In case of multiple saving bank accounts held by an individual in one or different banks, the person would be eligible to join the scheme through one savings bank account only. Aadhar would be the primary KYC for the bank account.

Enrolment period: Initially on launch for the cover period 1st June 2015 to 31st May 2016, subscribers will be required to enroll and give their auto-debit consent by 31st May 2015. Late enrolment for prospective cover will be possible up to 31st August 2015, which may be extended by Govt. of India for another three months, i.e. up to 30th of November, 2015. Those joining subsequently may be able to do so with payment of full annual premium for prospective cover, with submission of a self-certificate of good health in the prescribed proforma.

Enrolment Modality: The cover shall be for the one year period stretching from 1st June to 31st May for which option to join / pay by auto-debit from the designated savings bank account on the prescribed forms will be required to be given by 31st May of every year, with the exception as above for the initial year. Delayed enrollment with payment of full annual premium for prospective cover may be possible with submission of a self-certificate of good health.
Individuals who exit the scheme at any point may re-join the scheme in future years by submitting a declaration of good health in the prescribed proforma.

In future years, new entrants into the eligible category or currently eligible individuals who did not join earlier or discontinued their subscription shall be able to join while the scheme is continuing, subject to submission of self-certificate of good health.

**Benefits:** Rs. 2 lakhs is payable on member’s death due to any reason.

**Premium:** Rs. 330/- per annum per member. The premium will be deducted from the account holder’s savings bank account through ‘auto debit’ facility in one installment, as per the option given, on or before 31st May of each annual coverage period under the scheme. Delayed enrolment for prospective cover after 31st May will be possible with full payment of annual premium and submission of a self-certificate of good health. The premium would be reviewed based on annual claims experience. However, barring unforeseen adverse outcomes of extreme nature, efforts would be made to ensure that there is no upward revision of premium in the first three years.

**Eligibility Conditions:**

a) The savings bank account holders of the participating banks aged between 18 years (completed) and 50 years (age nearer birthday) who give their consent to join / enable auto-debit, as per the above modality, will be enrolled into the scheme.

b) Individuals who join after the initial enrolment period extending up to 31st August 2015 or 30th November 2015, as the case may be, will be required to give a self-certification of good health and that he / she does not suffer from any of the critical illnesses as mentioned in the applicable Consent cum Declaration form as on date of enrolment or earlier.
**Master Policy Holder:** Participating Banks will be the Master policy holders. A simple and subscriber friendly administration & claim settlement process shall be finalized by LIC / other insurance company in consultation with the participating bank.

**Termination of assurance:** The assurance on the life of the member shall terminate on any of the following events and no benefit will become payable there under:

1) On attaining age 55 years (age near birth day) subject to annual renewal up to that date (entry, however, will not be possible beyond the age of 50 years).

2) Closure of account with the Bank or insufficiency of balance to keep the insurance in force.

3) In case a member is covered under PMJJBY with LIC of India / other company through more than one account and premium is received by LIC / other company inadvertently, insurance cover will be restricted to Rs. 2 Lakh and the premium shall be liable to be forfeited.

4) If the insurance cover is ceased due to any technical reasons such as insufficient balance on due date or due to any administrative issues, the same can be reinstated on receipt of full annual premium and a satisfactory statement of good health.

5) Participating Banks shall remit the premium to insurance companies in case of regular enrolment on or before 30th of June every year and in other cases in the same month when received.

**Administration:**
The scheme, subject to the above, will be administered by the LIC P&GS Units / other insurance company setups. The data flow process and data proforma will be informed separately.
It will be the responsibility of the participating bank to recover the appropriate annual premium in one instalment, as per the option, from the account holders on or before the due date through ‘auto-debit’ process.

Members may also give one-time mandate for auto-debit every year till the scheme is in force.

Enrolment form / Auto-debit authorization / Consent cum Declaration form in the prescribed proforma shall be obtained and retained by the participating bank. In case of claim, LIC / insurance company may seek submission of the same. LIC / Insurance Company reserves the right to call for these documents at any point of time.

The acknowledgement slip may be made into an acknowledgement slip-cum-certificate of insurance.

The experience of the scheme will be monitored on yearly basis for re-calibration etc., as may be necessary.

**Appropriation of Premium:**

1) Insurance Premium to LIC / insurance company : Rs.289/- per annum per member
2) Reimbursement of Expenses to BC/Micro/Corporate/Agent : Rs.30/- per annum per member
3) Reimbursement of Administrative expenses to participating Bank: Rs.11/- per annum per member

The proposed date of commencement of the scheme will be 1st June 2015. The next Annual renewal date shall be each successive 1st of June in subsequent years. The scheme is liable to be discontinued prior to commencement of a new future renewal date if circumstances so require.
RULES FOR THE PRADHAN MANTRI SURAKSHA BIMA YOJANA

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME:
The scheme will be a one year cover, renewable from year to year, Accident Insurance Scheme offering accidental death and disability cover for death or disability on account of an accident. The scheme would be offered / administered through Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) and other General Insurance companies willing to offer the product on similar terms with necessary approvals and tie up with Banks for this purpose. Participating banks will be free to engage any such insurance company for implementing the scheme for their subscribers.

Scope of coverage: All savings bank account holders in the age 18 to 70 years in participating banks will be entitled to join. In case of multiple saving bank accounts held by an individual in one or different banks, the person would be eligible to join the scheme through one savings bank account only. Aadhar would be the primary KYC for the bank account.

Enrolment Modality / Period: The cover shall be for the one year period stretching from 1st June to 31st May for which option to join / pay by auto-debit from the designated savings bank account on the prescribed forms will be required to be given by 31st May of every year, extendable up to 31st August 2015 in the initial year. Initially on launch, the period for joining may be extended by Govt. of India for another three months, i.e. up to 30th of November, 2015. Joining subsequently on payment of full annual premium may be possible on specified terms. However, applicants may give an indefinite / longer option for enrolment / auto-debit, subject to continuation of the scheme with terms as may be revised on the basis of past experience. Individuals who exit the scheme at any point may re-join the scheme in future years through the above modality. New entrants into the eligible category from year to year or currently eligible individuals who did not join earlier shall be able to join in future years while the scheme is continuing.
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**Premium**: Rs.12/- per annum per member. The premium will be deducted from the account holder’s savings bank account through ‘auto debit’ facility in one installment on or before 1st June of each annual coverage period under the scheme. However, in cases where auto debit takes place after 1st June, the cover shall commence from the first day of the month following the auto debit.

The premium would be reviewed based on annual claims experience. However, barring unforeseen adverse outcomes of extreme nature, efforts would be made to ensure that there is no upward revision of premium in the first three years.

**Eligibility Conditions:**
The savings bank account holders of the participating banks aged between 18 years (completed) and 70 years (age nearer birthday) who give their consent to join / enable auto-debit, as per the above modality, will be enrolled into the scheme.

**Master Policy Holder**: Participating Bank will be the Master policy holder on behalf of the participating subscribers. A simple and subscriber friendly administration & claim settlement process shall be finalized by the respective general insurance company in consultation with the participating Banks.
**Termination of cover:** The accident cover for the member shall terminate on any of the following events and no benefit will be payable there under:

1) On attaining age 70 years (age nearest birth day).

2) Closure of account with the Bank or insufficiency of balance to keep the insurance in force.

3) In case a member is covered through more than one account and premium is received by the Insurance Company inadvertently, insurance cover will be restricted to one only and the premium shall be liable to be forfeited.

4) If the insurance cover is ceased due to any technical reasons such as insufficient balance on due date or due to any administrative issues, the same can be reinstated on receipt of full annual premium, subject to conditions that may be laid down. During this period, the risk cover will be suspended and reinstatement of risk cover will be at the sole discretion of Insurance Company.

5) Participating banks will deduct the premium amount in the same month when the auto debit option is given, preferably in May of every year, and remit the amount due to the Insurance Company in that month itself.

**Administration:**
The scheme, subject to the above, will be administered as per the standard procedure stipulated by the Insurance Company. The data flow process and data proforma will be provided separately.

It will be the responsibility of the participating bank to recover the appropriate annual premium from the account holders within the prescribed period through ‘auto-debit’ process.
Enrollment form / Auto-debit authorization in the prescribed proforma shall be obtained and retained by the participating bank. In case of claim, the Insurance Company may seek submission of the same. Insurance Company reserves the right to call for these documents at any point of time.

The acknowledgement slip may be made into an acknowledgement slip-cum-certificate of insurance.

The experience of the scheme will be monitored on yearly basis for re-calibration etc., as may be necessary.

**Appropriation of Premium:**

1) Insurance Premium to Insurance Company: Rs.10/- per annum per member
2) Reimbursement of Expenses to BC/Micro/Corporate/Agent : Rs.1/- per annum per member
3) Reimbursement of Administrative expenses to participating Bank: Rs.1/- per annum per member

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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30th April, 2015

No. 12/2015-Service Tax, G.S.R…..(E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 93 of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No.25/2012-Service Tax, dated the 20th June, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 467 (E), dated the 20th June, 2012, namely:-

1. In the said notification,-

   (i) in entry 26, after item (o), the following items shall be inserted, namely:-

   “(p) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana;”

   (ii) in entry 26A, after item (d), the following items shall be inserted, namely:-

   “(e) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana; (f) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana;”;

   (iii) after entry 26A, the following entry shall be inserted, namely:-

   “26B Services by way of collection of contribution under Atal Pension Yojana (APY).”

[F. No.334/5/2015 -TRU]

(Akshay Joshi)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Note:- The principal notification was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, by notification No. 25/2012 - Service Tax, dated the 20th June, 2012, vide number G.S.R. 467 (E), dated the 20th June, 2012 and last amended vide notification No. 06/2015 - Service Tax, dated the 1st March, 2015 vide number G.S.R. 160(E), dated the 1st March, 2015.
Frequently Asked Questions-Atal Pension Yojana

1. **What is Pension? Why do I need it?**

   A Pension provides people with a monthly income when they are no longer earning.

   **Need for Pension:**
   - Decreased income earning potential with age.
   - The rise of nuclear family-Migration of earning members.
   - Rise in cost of living.
   - Increased longevity.

   Assured monthly income ensures dignified life in old age.

2. **What is Atal Pension Yojana?**

   Atal Pension Yojana (APY),
   
   a pension scheme for citizens of India focussed on the unorganised sector workers. Under the APY, guaranteed minimum pension of Rs. 1,000/-, 2,000/-, 3,000/-, 4,000 and 5,000/- per month will be given at the age of 60 years depending on the contributions by the subscribers.

3. **Who can subscribe to APY?**

   Any Citizen of India can join APY scheme. The following are the eligibility criteria,
   
   i. The age of the subscriber should be between 18 - 40 years.
   ii. He / She should have a savings bank account/ open a savings bank account.
   iii. The prospective applicant should be in possession of mobile number and its details are to be furnished to the bank during registration.

   Government co-contribution is available for 5 years, i.e., from 2015-16 to 2019-20 for the subscribers who join the scheme during the period from 1st June, 2015 to 31st December, 2015 and who are not covered by any Statutory Social Security Schemes and are not income tax payers.

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1 The Scheme is subject to the approval of the Government.
4. Who are the other social security schemes beneficiaries not eligible to receive Government co-contribution under APY?

Beneficiaries who are covered under statutory social security schemes are not eligible to receive Government co-contribution. For example, members of the Social Security Schemes under the following enactments would not be eligible to receive Government co-contribution:

i. Employees’ Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1952.
vii. Any other statutory social security scheme.

5. How much pension will be received under APY?

Guaranteed minimum pension of Rs 1,000/-, 2,000/-, 3,000/-, 4,000 and 5,000/- per month will be given at the age of 60 years depending on the contributions by the subscribers.

6. What is the benefit in joining APY scheme?

In APY, Government will co-contribute 50% of the total contribution or Rs. 1,000/- per annum, whichever is lower, to the eligible APY account holders who join the scheme during the period 1st June, 2015 to 31st December, 2015. The Government co-contribution will be given for 5 years from FY 2015-16 to 2019-20.

7. How are the contributions of APY invested?
The contributions under APY are invested as per the investment guidelines prescribed by Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The APY scheme is administered by PFRDA/GOVERNMENT.

8. What is the procedure for opening APY Account?

i Approach the bank branch where individual’s savings bank account is held.
ii Fill up the APY registration form.
iii Provide Aadhaar/Mobile Number.
iv Ensure keeping the required balance in the savings bank account for transfer of monthly contribution.

9. Whether Aadhaar Number is compulsory for joining the scheme?

It is not mandatory to provide Aadhaar number for opening APY account. However, for enrolment, Aadhaar would be the primary KYC document for identification of beneficiaries, spouse and nominees to avoid pension rights and entitlement related disputes in the long-term.

10. Can I open APY Account without savings bank account?

No. For joining APY, savings bank account is mandatory.

11. What is the mode of contribution to the account?

All the contributions are to be remitted monthly through auto-debit facility from savings bank account of the subscriber.

12. What is the due date for monthly contribution?
The due date for monthly contribution will be as per the initial date of deposit of contribution into APY.

13. What will happen if required or sufficient amount is not maintained in the savings bank account for contribution on the due date?

Non-maintenance of required balance in the savings bank account for contribution on the specified date will be considered as default. Banks are required to collect additional amount for delayed payments, such amount will vary from minimum Re 1 per month to Rs 10/- per month as shown below:

i. Re. 1 per month for contribution upto Rs. 100 per month.
ii. Re. 2 per month for contribution upto Rs. 101 to 500/- per month.
iii. Re 5 per month for contribution between Rs 501/- to 1000/- per month.
iv. Rs 10 per month for contribution beyond Rs 1001/- per month.

Discontinuation of payments of contribution amount shall lead to following:

- After 6 months account will be frozen.
- After 12 months account will be deactivated.
- After 24 months account will be closed.

Subscriber should ensure that the Bank account to be funded enough for auto debit of contribution amount.

The fixed amount of interest/penalty will remain as part of the pension corpus of the subscriber.

14. How much should I invest in APY to get the guaranteed pension of Rs. 1000?

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All the contributions are to be remitted monthly through auto debit facility from savings bank account of the subscriber.
*For detailed age wise contribution refer Annexure 1.

15. Is it required to furnish nomination while joining the scheme?

Yes. It is mandatory to provide nominee details in APY account. The spouse details are also mandatory wherever applicable. Their aadhaar details are also to be provided.

16. How many APY accounts I can open?

A subscriber can open only one APY account and it is unique.

17. Will there be any option to increase or decrease the monthly contribution for higher or lower pension amount?

The subscribers can opt to decrease or increase pension amount during the course of accumulation phase, as per the available monthly pension amounts. However, the switching option shall be provided once in year during the month of April.

18. What is the withdrawal procedure from APY?

A. On attaining the age of 60 years:
The exit from APY is permitted at the age with 100% annuitisation of pension wealth. On exit, pension would be available to the subscriber.

B. In case of death of the Subscriber due to any cause:
In case of death of subscriber pension would be available to the spouse and on the death of both of them (subscriber and spouse), the pension corpus would be returned to his nominee.
C. Exit Before the age of 60 Years:
The Exit before age 60 would be permitted only in exceptional circumstances, i.e., in the event of the death of beneficiary or terminal disease.

19. How will I know the status of my contribution?

The status of contributions will be intimated to the registered mobile number of the subscriber by way of periodical SMS alerts. The Subscriber will also be receiving physical Statement of Account.

20. Will I get any statement of transactions?

Yes. Periodic statement of APY account will be provided to the subscribers.

21. If I move my residence/city, how can I make contributions to APY account?

The contributions may be remitted through auto debit uninterruptedly even in case of dislocation.

22. What will happen to existing subscribers in Swavalamban Yojana?

- All the registered subscribers under Swavalamban Yojana aged between 18-40 yrs will be automatically migrated to APY with an option to opt out. However, the benefit of five years of Government Co-contribution under APY would be available only to the extent availed by the Swavalamban subscriber already. This would imply that if, as a Swavalamban beneficiary, he has received the benefit of government Co- Contribution of 1 year, then the Government co-contribution under APY would be available only for 4 years and so on. Existing Swavalamban beneficiaries opting out from the proposed APY will be given Government co-contribution till 2016-17, if eligible, and the NPS Swavalamban continued till such people attain the age of exit under that scheme.
- Other subscribers above 40 years who do not wish to continue may opt out of the scheme with lump sum withdrawal.
- Subscribers above 40 years may also opt to continue till the age of 60 years and eligible for annuities.
- The existing Swavalamban scheme may be automatically migrated to APY

### Indicative APY Contribution Chart (Agewise)  
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(Administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority)

To,
The Branch Manager, _______________________________________________________ Bank_______________________________ Branch

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby request that an APY account be opened in my name under National Pension System (NPS) as per the particulars given below:

* Indicates mandatory fields. Please fill the form in English and BLOCK letters

### 1. BANK DETAILS:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Bank A/c Number*</th>
<th>Bank Name*</th>
<th>Bank Branch*</th>
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### 2. PERSONAL DETAILS:

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<th>Name of Applicant</th>
<th>Shri</th>
<th>Smt.</th>
<th>Kumari</th>
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<td>Full Name</td>
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<td>Date of Birth*</td>
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<td>Married</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>If married , spouse name is mandatory</td>
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<td>Name of Spouse</td>
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<td>Nominee’s Name*</td>
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<td>Nominee’s relationship with the subscriber</td>
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<td>Additional Details in case nominee is a Minor</td>
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<td>Guardian’s Name*</td>
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<td>Whether beneficiary of other statutory social security schemes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Whether Income Tax Payer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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### 3. PENSION DETAILS

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<th>Pension Amount (Please tick(√)) *</th>
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<td>Contribution Amount (Monthly ) (To be filled by the Bank)</td>
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I hereby authorize the bank to debit my above mentioned bank account till the age of 60 for making payment under APY as applicable based on my age and the Pension Amount selected by me. If the transaction is delayed or not effected at all for insufficient balance, I would not hold the bank responsible. I also undertake to deposit the additional amount together with penalty thereon.

Declaration & Authorization by all subscribers

I meet the prescribed eligibility criteria for assistance under APY and I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Scheme. I hereby agree to the same and declare that the information furnished by me is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I undertake to immediately inform the bank of any change in the above information furnished by me. Further, I do not hold any pre-existing account under NPS. I understand that I shall be fully liable for submission of any false or incorrect information or documents. I have read/been explained and have understood the APY guidelines. I further agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of provision of services under the scheme as approved by PFRDA/Govt. of India.

Date d d / m m / y y y y
Place

Signature/Thumb Impression* of Subscriber

(* LTI in case of male and RTI in case of female)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - SUBSCRIBER REGISTRATION FOR ATAL PENSION YOJANA (APY)**
(To be filled by the Bank)

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<td>PRAN Number:</td>
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<td>Guaranteed Pension Amount</td>
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<td>Periodicity of Contribution</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
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<td>Name of the Bank:</td>
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<td>Bank Branch:</td>
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<td>Receiving Officer’s Name:</td>
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Stamp and Signature of the Bank