

ASSAM TO CUT PAY OF STAFF WHO NEGLECT PARENTS

Relevant for: Developmental Issues | Topic: Rights & Welfare of Old-Age People - Schemes & their Performance, Mechanisms, Laws Institutions and Bodies

The Assam government on Tuesday formed a three-member Commission for hearing cases under a pay-cut policy envisaged to make its employees take care of their dependent elderly parents and physically challenged siblings.

The three-member PRANAM (Parents Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring) Commission is headed by Chief Commissioner V.B. Pyarelal. Former MLA Alaka Desai Sarma and social worker Jugabala Buragohain are the two Commissioners.

“We hope the policy acts as a deterrent for employees who have been ignoring their parents and physically challenged siblings,” Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said at a programme to announce the panel.

Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had in 2017 said that such a law would be introduced to ensure parents are cared for.

Geriatric care was linked to the State government employees' pay from the 2018-2019 fiscal. The policy, enforced on October 2 last year, said an employee would be liable to part with 10-15% of his or her pay if found guilty of ignoring dependent parents and physically challenged siblings.

The deducted money would then be transferred to the bank account of a parent or sibling, source in the know said.

END

Downloaded from crackIAS.com

© **Zuccess App** by crackIAS.com

Crack