

Constitutional rights of citizens in the field of social security and their guarantees

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Abstract: This article analyzes the constitutional rights of citizens in the field of social security and their guarantees. The social security system is recognized as the main factor ensuring a decent life for citizens, and the legal foundations of the right to receive state assistance in cases of incapacity for work, old age, disability, loss of a breadwinner, etc., as established by the Constitution, are highlighted. State policy, regulatory legal acts, and practical mechanisms that guarantee the implementation of the right to social security are also studied. Proposals are also presented to strengthen reforms in this area, their effectiveness, and social protection of citizens.

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The Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan enshrines the rights of citizens in the field of social security with special attention, which constitute a practical expression of the principle of a "social state" in the country. In particular, in accordance with Article 46 of the Constitution, every citizen has the right to receive social security in old age, in case of loss of working capacity, during unemployment, in case of loss of a breadwinner and in other cases stipulated by law. Also, the amount of pensions, benefits and other types of social assistance cannot be less than the officially established minimum consumption costs. This norm means that the social protection of the population is provided with an economic guarantee.

In addition, Article 57 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan states that the rights of the elderly, disabled and lonely, as well as other socially vulnerable categories, are protected by the state. It is stipulated that the state undertakes the obligation to improve the quality of life of these categories, ensure education, employment and create the necessary conditions for their full participation in the life of society. In order to implement these constitutional norms in practice, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-82 dated June 1, 2023, established comprehensive reforms aimed at improving the system of providing high-quality social services and assistance to the population. The Decree emphasized the need to form a unified approach in the field of social protection, introduce a professional social service system, strengthen targeting, and bring social assistance to the mahalla level.

Based on this decree, the National Agency for Social Protection was established under the President. This agency is engaged in ensuring social protection of citizens, rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, management of social institutions for the elderly, women and children on a unified system, and provision of targeted assistance to the population through the "Inson" social service centers. The decree stipulates that social institutions that previously operated under the system of various ministries, including the "Muruvvat" and "Sakhovat" boarding houses, rehabilitation centers for the disabled, orphanages, specialized educational institutions, and the Social Insurance Fund, will be gradually transferred to the Agency. This will serve to centralize social policy and increase the efficiency of the system through unified management.

In addition, according to the decree, social workers operating under the "Inson" centers will be engaged in on-site study of the situation of families, formation of their social passports, individual



work with needy families and ensuring their socialization. This approach envisages providing social assistance in line with the real needs of the population through the introduction of a case management system based on international experience .

With the implementation of Decree No. PF-82, a qualitatively new stage has begun in the social protection system of Uzbekistan. Now social policy is based not only on the principle of providing material assistance, but also on the principle of developing human potential, creating conditions for its active participation in the life of society.

In conclusion, the reforms being implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan are centered on the principles of human interests, social justice, and ensuring a decent life for citizens. The rights to social security established in the Constitution are recognized by the state as one of the priority areas of social policy. In particular, in Articles 46 and 57 of the new Constitution, the legal guarantees of social security have been further strengthened, and state protection has been expanded to socially vulnerable categories of the population.

the minimum amount of pensions, benefits, and social assistance provided by the state should not be less than the officially established minimum consumption expenditure is an important economic mechanism that guarantees a person's standard of living with minimum social standards. This norm serves not only to ensure the legal protection of citizens, but also to ensure social equality.

Presidential Decree No. PF-82 of June 1, 2023 was an important stage in the implementation of these constitutional principles. This decree established the management of the social protection system in the country within a single center - the National Agency for Social Protection . The Agency was entrusted with strategic tasks such as social support for all segments of the population, providing services to persons with disabilities and the elderly, and coordinating institutions for children and women. The establishment of the “Inson” social service centers also provided citizens with targeted and individual assistance at the mahalla level. provides support based on a holistic approach . Now social assistance is not only in the form of material assistance, but also includes complex services such as studying the family's situation, identifying needs, rehabilitation and adaptation. The introduction of the new system is recognized as a stage leading Uzbekistan towards a true "social state". Because through these reforms, the state's obligations to citizens are being fulfilled through clear mechanisms, a centralized, effective and transparent management system of social protection is being formed. As a result, social security is not only a system of providing assistance, but is actively working in the direction of developing human potential, actively involving them in social life, and expanding their opportunities for independent living. This indicates that Uzbekistan is pursuing a social policy based on the principles of human dignity, justice and well-being at a new stage of development. In general, the rights of citizens to social security and State policy that strengthens their guarantees ensures social stability in society, improves the quality of life of the population, and is one of the most important guarantees for implementing the idea of a "social state" enshrined in the Constitution into real life.

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