

Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Important events for the month of December, 2021 are as follows:-

1. On the recommendations of the Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS), a comprehensive review of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules was undertaken in the Department of Pension and PW. On the basis of the review, a draft of the revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules was prepared and circulated on 24.07.2020 for seeking comments/views of all concerned i.e. Department of Expenditure (DOE), Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Controller General of Accounts (CGA) and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The comments received from these Departments were considered in the Department and suitably incorporated in the draft revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules. Subsequently, the file was referred to Ministry of Law (Legislative Department) on 07.07.2021, 09.09.2021 and 02.11.2021 for vetting of the draft Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules and Forms/Formats thereunder in English and on 09.11.2021 to Legislative Department for vetting in Hindi. After vetting of the draft Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules in Hindi and English and in consultation with C&AG, the notification of the new Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 has been issued in the Gazette of India vide GSR 868(E) dated 20.12.2021. These new rules have become operation on the date of publication in the Gazette of India i.e 20.12.2021.
2. Vide OM No. 1/15/2020-P&PW(E) dated 9th December, 2021 it has been decided, that in cases **where a Government Servant dies during the currency of a penalty** on expiry of which he would have regained the same pay which he would have drawn if the penalty had not been imposed on him, the family pension and death gratuity in respect of such Government servant shall be determined based on the notional pay which he would have been entitled to on the date of death and such notional pay is to be treated as emoluments for this purpose.
3. As a measures towards Ease of Living for Pensioners during the pandemic, the timeline for submission of Life Certificate by pensioners/family pensioners was extended from 30.11.2021 to 31.12.2021 and further extended till 28.02.2022 vide DoPPW's OM No. 18/1/2020-P&PW (H)-II-6786 dated 01.12.2021 and 31.12.2021 respectively with the consent of Controller General of Accounts (CGA). This measure will help reduce queues in banks of Pensioners wanting to submit LC in physical form.
4. A proposal for extending the benefit of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 to the family of missing Central Government employees covered under NPS was forwarded to Department of Expenditure for concurrence on 04.08.2021 after receipt of comments from DFS, CGA and DoPT. The proposal was received back from Department of Expenditure vide their note dated 06.10.2021 seeking some clarification on the proposal. The proposal was re-submitted to Department of Expenditure on 08.11.2021.

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5. For ensuring timely and qualitative disposal of grievances registered in CPENGRAMS, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOPPW) conducted Inter Ministerial Review Meeting on 16.12.2021 with Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Labour Employment and Department of Defence Finance.
6. (a) Five (5) training sessions through Video conferencing were organized on Bhavishya for the officials of Ministries/Department.
(b) The process for implementation of Bhavishya in UT of Lakshadweep and Intelligence Bureau have been initiated.
(c) Status on Grievance resolution, Bhavishya, Anubhav and Sankalp is as indicated in the Annexure. Detailed information in the prescribed format is also being sent by e-mail.