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Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare

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Janpath, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 20th July, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:- Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of June, 2021 -
regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to D.O. No. 1/26/2018-Cab dated 17.08.2018 from Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat on the subject cited above.

2. The Monthly summary pertaining to the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare for the month of June, 2021 is hereby circulated for information.


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To

All Members of the Council of Ministers

Copy to:-

- i) All Secretaries to the Government of India (All Ministries/Departments)
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Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

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

1. All Ministries/Departments and their attached and subordinate offices vide OM No 1/11/2021-P&W (E) dated 03.06.2021 have been requested to strictly comply with the rules/instructions and to ensure that payment of provisional family pension is commenced by the Head of Office immediately on receipt of the claim (with death certificate) from the eligible family member and payment of provisional death gratuity is made to the nominees/family members at the earliest. It has been further, instructed to ensure that the PPO for family pension is issued and disbursement of regular family pension is commenced by the Bank not later than one month of the receipt of the claim for family pension.
2. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has issued instructions vide its OM No. 3(8)/2021 P&PW (H) dated 16.06.2021 to the Pension Disbursing Banks bringing out the minimum essential details/documents (like death certificate, proof of age/date of birth of applicant) which are to be obtained by the Banks from the applicant for commencement of family pension on death of pensioners drawing pension from those Banks. They have been advised not to ask for any details/documents, including the details of other members of the family, which are not relevant for commencement of family pension to the applicant. The Department has advised the Banks to conduct special awareness programmes for sensitizing the concerned officers and staff of the CPPC(s) and the branches of the Banks for a compassionate handling of the family pension cases and to submit a half-yearly statement on the progress of sanction of family pension, in the months of April and October every year.
3. Rule 54(11-C) of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 has been amended vide OM No 1/24/2019-P&PW (E) dated 16.06.2021 to the effect that in cases where a person eligible to receive family pension is charged with the offence of murdering the Government servant (spouse) or for abetting in the commission of such an offence and the payment of family pension to him/her remains suspended till finalisation of the criminal proceedings. Since, finalization of the criminal proceeding may take a long time, suspension of family pension till the conclusion of the criminal proceedings was causing hardship to the

children/parents of the deceased Government servant/pensioner. In view of this family pension has been allowed to be paid to other eligible member of the family (i.e. children, parents, etc.) till the conclusion of the criminal proceedings in this regard.

4. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has issued instructions vide its OM No 1(4)/2021 P&PW(H) dated 22.06.2021 to all Pension Disbursing Banks for issuing pension slip to pensioners after credit of pension on their registered mobile numbers through SMS and email (wherever available) also. Banks may also use social media apps WhatsApp etc in addition to SMS and Email. The pension slip should provide complete details of monthly pension paid along with break-up of the amount credited and tax deductions etc.
5. The meeting of National council Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) was held on 26.06.2021 under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. Secretary (Pension) and Joint Secretary (Pension) attended and responded to items related to Department.
6. The task of Review and Rationalisation of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules has been included in the strategic initiatives undertaken on the recommendations of the Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS). Accordingly, a comprehensive review of the CCS (Pension) Rules was undertaken in the Department of Pension and PW and the draft of the revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules was finalised and prepared. The draft of the revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules and draft Forms (Nos.1-26) under the proposed revised Rules was forwarded on 24.07.2020 for seeking comments/views of all concerned i.e. Department of Expenditure, Department of Personnel & Training, Controller General of Accounts and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The comments received from Department of Expenditure, DoPT, CGA and MoHUA were further considered in the Department of Pension and PW and after incorporating the comments received from these Departments suitably, the modified draft revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules was again circulated to all concerned (Department of Expenditure, Department of Personnel & Training, Controller General of Accounts and MoHUA) on 08.04.2021 for seeking their further comments/views by 30.04.2021. The final comments from these Ministries/Departments have been received and compiled for taking further action in consultation with all concerned.

7. Draft service rules for payment of gratuity Government employees covered under NPS have been framed by this Department as has been advised by Department of Expenditure and DoLA. These rules were sent to the Department of Expenditure, CGA and DoPT for their comments on 01.07.2019. On the basis of comments received from concerned Departments and detailed discussion, these rules were modified and forwarded to Legislative Department on 08.09.2020 for vetting. Legislative Department returned these rules on 13.10.2020 with some observations and suggested corrections. As per advice of Legislative Department, these rules were revised and re-submitted on 19.04.2021 to Legislative Department for vetting after notification of NPS rules on 30.03.2021. Legislative Department vide their ID note dated 09.06.2021 have vetted draft rules. Now, these rules are being translated into Hindi version and would be forwarded again to Legislative Department for vetting.
8. Bhavishya has been implemented in Department of Telecommunication for the officers of All India Services (AIS). Before this, the Department of Telecommunication processed the pension cases of officers manually.
9. Five (5) training sessions through Video conferencing were organized on Bhavishya for the official of Department of Telecommunication and UT of Andaman & Nicobar.