

## **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT OF PENSION & PENSIONERS' WELFARE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2021**

1. DOPPW issued OM. No. 17/3/2021-P&PW(Coord) E 7179 dated 6.8.2021 to all Ministries/Departments about reduction of maximum time limit for redressal of pension grievances from 60 days to 45 days. In cases of pension grievances pertaining to super-senior pensioners (80 years and above) and Family pension/Family pensioners, the dead-line to resolve the grievance shall now be 30 days.
2. After the Third party evaluation done by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), DoPPW has issued O.M. No 20(1)/2020-P&PW(H)-6884 dated 09.08.2021 for continuation of the scheme "Pensioners' Portal" beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 for next five years till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026.
3. DOPPW conducted Inter Ministerial Review Meeting on 26.8.2021 through VC on pending grievances with a special emphasis on cases pertaining to Family Pensioners with the Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Department of Defence Finance, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), C&AG and Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
4. 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 and the 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 DOE, DoPT, CGA and MoHUA by March, 2021, 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 (i.e DOE, DoPT, CGA and MoHUA) on 08.04.2021 for seeking their further comments/views by 30.04.2021. The final comments received from these Ministries/Departments have been compiled and the file was referred to Ministry of Law (Legislative Department) on 07.07.2021 for vetting of the draft Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules and Forms/Formats thereunder. However, Legislative Department has partially vetted the draft rules and simultaneously has given their observations on some of the rules for further clarification which is being examined before referring to Legislative Department.
5. Draft service rules for payment of gratuity to Government employees covered under National Pension System 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 advise of Legislative Department, these rules were revised and re-submitted on 19.04.2021 to Legislative Department for vetting after notification of CCS( Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 on 30.03.2021. Legislative Department vide their ID note dated 09.06.2021 have vetted draft rules. Thereafter, these rules were again sent to Legislative Department (Official Language Wing) on 28.07.2021 for providing Hindi version of these rules. After receipt of Hindi version of these rules on 10.08.2021 from Legislative Department and concurrence from the O/o of C&AG, rules are under process for their notification in official gazette.

6. Three (3) training sessions through Video conferencing were organized on Bhavishya for the officials of Ministries/Department.