

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

- 1 Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has issued orders vide its OM No. 42/07/2021-P&PW (D), dated 22.07.2021, for increasing the Dearness Relief to pensioners and family pensioners of the Central Government (including pensioners/family pensioners of Armed Forces, All India Services and Railways) with effect from 01.07.2021 to 28% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/family pension), representing an increase of 11% over the existing rate of 17%. In view of the unprecedented situation which arose due to COVID- 19 pandemic, three additional installments of Dearness Relief to pensioners, which were due from 01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 and 01.01.2021, had been frozen. Now, the Department has issued orders to increase the Dearness Relief to pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01.07.2021 to 28% of the basic pension/family pension. The increase subsumes the additional installments arising on 01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 and 01.01.2021. The rate of Dearness Relief for the period 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2021 shall remain at 17% of basic pension/family pension.
  
- 2 The task of Review and Rationalization of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 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 finalized and prepared. The draft of the revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules was forwarded 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 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 has been referred to Ministry of Law (Legislative Department) on 07.07.2021 for vetting of the draft Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules and Forms/Formats there under.
  
- 3 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 advice 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. These rules have again been sent to Legislative Department (Official Language Wing) on 28.07.2021 for providing Hindi version of these rules.

- 4 For ensuring timely and qualitative disposal of grievances registered in CPENGRAMS, Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DOPPW) convened a Video Conference (VC)/interaction on 27.07.2021 with seven Ministry/ Departments viz. Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Legal affairs, Department of Personnel and Training, National Commission for Schedule Caste, Ministry of Power and Department of Youth Affairs.
- 5 Two (2) training sessions through Video conferencing were organized on Bhavishya in Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM), Delhi and National Institute of Customs. Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN), Faridabad.