

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

1. This Department had undertaken the task of Review & Rationalization CCS(Pension), 1972 wherein all the OMs issued ever since the promulgation of the Rules for 47 years were to be reviewed, simplified and dovetailed into the original Rules. This initiative has also been included in the initiatives of Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS-9). The draft revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules and draft Forms (Nos.1-26) were forwarded on 24.07.2020 for inter-ministerial consultation with Department of Expenditure, Department of Personnel & Training, Controller General of Accounts and 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 the modified draft revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules were again circulated to these Departments on 08.04.2021 for seeking their further comments/views by 30.04.2021. The comments from Department of Expenditure, Controller General of Accounts and MoHUA have been received and the comments of DoPT are awaited.

2. As a part of improving ease of living for pensioners Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology have been requested for expediting the face authentication technique for generation of Digital Life Certificate (DLC) for pensioners for next cycle starting from October, 2021 for Life Certification.

3. An Inter-Ministerial review meeting was conducted by this Department on 28.5.2021 to review 52 long pending grievances mentioned by the DRPSC pertaining to family pensioners and Super Sr. pensioners (80 year and more). Representatives from President's Secretariat, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Economic Affairs, Department of AIDS Control and Election Commission of India had participated in this meeting on VC.

4. As per the advice of the Legislative Department, the service rules for payment of gratuity to Government employees covered under NPS have been revised and re-submitted on 19.04.2021 to Legislative Department for vetting after the notification of NPS rules on 30.03.2021.

5. One (1) training session on Bhavishya was organized for the officials of UTs of Andaman & Nicobar through Video conferencing.
