

HIGH COURT OF DELHI:NEW DELHI
(Establishment-I Branch)

No.523/Estt.I/DHC

Date: 28.03.2023

CIRCULAR

It is circulated for information of all concerned that pursuant to Office Memorandum No.57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023 issued by Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India, New Delhi, eligible officers/officials of this Court, who were initially appointed against the posts/ vacancies which were advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003 and are presently covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may exercise one-time option for coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), in place of National Pension System, **latest by 31.08.2023**. The Government servants who exercise the option to switch over to pension scheme under CCS (Pension) rules 1972 shall be required to subscribe to the General Provident Fund (GPF).

The aforesaid OM for coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, is also applicable to those officials, who were initially appointed in this Court on various posts viz. Junior Judicial Assistant, Restorer, Personal Assistant, Judicial Translator, Court Attendants etc., on or after 01.01.2004, against a post or vacancy which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003 and subsequently technically resigned from the service of this Court to join other Government departments through proper channel. Ex-officials of this Court may also exercise their one-time option to switch over from National Pension System to Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), **latest by 31.08.2023**.

It is clarified that the option once exercised shall be final and those Officers/officials who are eligible to exercise option in accordance with the conditions mentioned in the aforesaid O.M. and have not exercised this option by the stipulated date, shall continue to be covered by the National Pension System and option exercised after 31.08.2023 shall not be entertained in any case. A copy of the said Notification dated 03.03.2023 is attached to this circular for ready reference.

Sd/-
(J.Tripathi)
Registrar(Estt.-I)

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1. Registrar –cum-Secretary to Hon’ble the Chief Justice.
2. All Registrars/OSDs/Co-ordinator (DIAC).
3. Joint Registrar, Registrar General Secretariat.
4. All Joint Registrars/ Deputy Registrars/Assistant Registrars/Dy.Controller of Accounts/ Assistant Registrar(Library).
5. Director (IT)- with the request to get the above Circular uploaded (i) on the website of this Court for information to the eligible ex-officials of this Court and (ii) on the intranet for information to the existing employees of this Court.
6. All Administrative Officers (Judicial)/Branches-in-charge/Court Masters/Private Secretaries/ Librarian, with a request to bring the content of the above circular to the knowledge of the officials working under their supervision and also to instruct them to bring this circular to the knowledge of eligible ex-officials of this Court.
7. Notice Board.
8. Guard File.

Sindhu

(Sindhu Krishnakumar)
Deputy Registrar (Estt.-I)

Submitted for approval.

Registrar (I.T)

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No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, the 03rd March , 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, in place of National Pension System, of those Central Government employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised /notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.

The undersigned is directed to say that consequent on introduction of National Pension System (NPS) vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003, all Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 to the posts in the Central Government service (except armed forces) are mandatorily covered under the said scheme. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 and other connected rules were also amended vide Notification dated 30.12.2003 and, after the said amendment, those rules are not applicable to the Government servants appointed to Government service after 31.12.2003.

2. Subsequently, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of Hon'ble Courts, issued instructions vide OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 giving one time option to Central Government employees who were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2003 against vacancies which occurred before 01.01.2004 and were covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021). There was fixed time schedule for different activities under the aforesaid OM dated 17.02.2020.

3. Representations have been received in this Department from the Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 requesting for extending the benefit of the pension scheme under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) on the ground that their appointment was made against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment prior to notification for National Pension System, referring to court judgments of various Hon'ble High Courts and Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunals allowing such benefits to applicants.



4. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of the Courts in this regard. It has now been decided that, in all cases where the Central Government civil employee has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003 and is covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be given a one-time option to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021). This option may be exercised by the concerned Government servants latest by 31.08.2023.

5. Those Government servants who are eligible to exercise option in accordance with para-4 above, but who do not exercise this option by the stipulated date, shall continue to be covered by the National Pension System.

6. The option once exercised shall be final.

7. The matter regarding coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), based on the option exercised by the Government servant, shall be placed before the Appointing Authority of the posts for which such option is being exercised for consideration, in accordance with these instructions. In case the Government servant fulfills the conditions for coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), in accordance with these instructions, necessary order in this regard shall be issued latest by 31st October, 2023.

The NPS account of such Government servants shall, consequently, be closed w.e.f. 31st December, 2023.

8. The Government servants who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), shall be required to subscribe to the General Provident Fund (GPF). Regarding account of the corpus in the NPS account of the Government servant, Controller General of Accounts (CGA) has furnished the following clarification vide letter No. 1(7)(2)/2010/cla./TA III/390 dated 14.11.2019 & I.D. Note No. TA-3-6/3/2020-TA-III/cs-4308/450 dated 23.12.2022:

- i. **Adjustment of Employees' contribution in Accounts:** Amount may be credited to individual's GPF account and the account may be recasted permitting up-to-date interest (Authority-FR-16 & Rule 11 of GPF Rules).
- ii. **Adjustment of Government contribution under NPS in Accounts:** To be accounted for as (-) Dr. to object head 70 - Deduct Recoveries under Major Head 2071 - Pension and other Retirement benefit - Minor Head 911- Deduct Recoveries of over payment (GAR 35 and para 3.10 of List of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts).



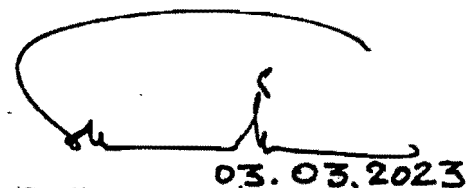
- iii. **Adjustment of increased value of subscription on account of appreciation of investments** – May be accounted for by crediting the amount to Govt. account under M.H. 0071- Contribution towards Pension and Other Retirements Benefits 800- Other Receipts (Note under the above Head in LMMHA).

9. All Ministries/Departments are requested to give wide publicity to these orders without fail. The cases of those Government servants who fulfill the conditions mentioned in this O.M. and who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) may be settled by the administrative Ministries/Departments in accordance with these orders.

10. This issues in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide ID Note No. 1(7)/EV/2019 dated 05.12.2022 & 07.02.2023 and in consultation with Controller General of Accounts vide their I.D. Note No. TA-3-6/3/2020-TA-III/cs-4308/450 dated 23.12.2022.

11. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

12. Hindi version will follow.



03.03.2023

(Sanjiv Narain Mathur)

Additional Secretary to Government of India

To,

1. All Central Government Ministries / Departments.
2. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
3. C&AG, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
4. Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, for information, New Delhi.
5. Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi.
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