

Planning Department  
Govt of NCT of Delhi  
Level 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, B-wing  
Delhi Secretariat, I.P Estate New Delhi-110002

File No. F.9 (54)/2023/CC/plg 5973-6077

Dated: 11/5/2023

CIRCULAR

**Sub: 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.**

It is informed to all the concerned that eligible officials of Planning and Statistical cadre, who have been appointed against a post of vacancy, which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointments prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003 and is /are covered under the National Pension System on joining services on or after 01.01.2004 may submit their One Time Option to be covered under the CCS (pension), Rules, 1972 (now 2021) in terms of office Memorandum having no 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023 of the Govt.of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare duly endorsed by Finance Department, GNCTD. **This option may be exercised by the concerned Government servants latest by 31.08.2023, if intended to do so.**

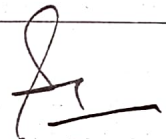
The One Time Option from the eligible officials of Planning and Statistical Cadre, if any, in context of the above may be submitted to the Cadre Controlling Unit (CCU), Planning Department, GNCTD through their office latest by 31.08.2023. If no option is received within the prescribed time limit i.e. till 31.08.2023, the official shall be deemed to be covered by the National Pension System. The option, once exercised shall be final and no option/communication/representation shall be entertained after the

(stipulated time in any condition. The OM dated 03.03.2023 along with Finance Department endorsement letter dated 12.04.2023 is also enclosed.

All respective controlling officers are requested to forward options received, duly forwarded by the department concerned alongwith certified copies of the following information/documents:

1	Date of post or vacancy advertised/notified
2	Date of notification of examination
3	Date of examination held
4	Date of interview
5	Date of final result
6	Vacancy year against which appointment has been done
7	Offer of appointment letter.
8	Date of appointment of officer/official

Encl: - As above

  
**Vijendra Singh Rawat**  
Director (Planning)

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Dated:

Copy for information and necessary action:-

1. All Additional Chief Secretaries/Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries/HoDs of GNCTD.
2. Guard File.

  
**Vijendra Singh Rawat**  
Director (Planning)

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI**  
**FINANCE (POLICY) DEPARTMENT**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL, 'A WING' DELHI SECRETARIAT**  
**I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI 110002**  
**CD No:- 012707369**

No. F. 20/07/2022/Finance(Policy)/951-959 Dated: 12/04/2023

**ENDORSEMENT**

The copy of under mentioned OMs are forwarded herewith for information and necessary action to the following: -

1. All Heads of Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. All Pay & Accounts Officers through Principal Accounts Office, Vikas Bhawan, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. All Heads of Autonomous Bodies, Govt of NCT of Delhi.
4. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi.
5. Chairperson, NDMC, Palika Kendra, New Delhi.
6. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi.
7. CEO, Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
8. Sy. Analyst with the request to upload the same on Website of Finance Department and all the Departments are requested to download the same from Website of Finance Department (No hardcopy of enclosures will be dispatched to any Organisation/Department).
9. Guard File.

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**(Manoj Kumar V.M.)**  
**Joint Secretary (Finance/Policy)**

**List of paper forwarded**

S. No.	Name of the Ministry/ Department	O.M. No. and Date	Subject
1.	Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India Department of Expenditure, Procurement Policy Division	No.1/1/2023-PPD 06.02.2023	Vivad Se Vishwas I - Relief for MSMEs
2.	Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India Department of Expenditure, Procurement Policy Division	No.7/10/2021-PPD 23.02.2023	Amendment to Rule 144(xi) of the General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017.



3.	Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India Department of Expenditure, Procurement Policy Division (1)	No.7/10/2021-PPD(1) 23.02.2023	Order (Public Procurement No. 4)- Restrictions under Rule 144(xi) of the General Financial Rules GFRs) 2017
4.	Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Government of India	No.57/05/2021-P&PW(B) 03.03.2023	Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, in place of National Pension system, of those central Government employees who were recruited against the post vacancies advertised/ notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.
5.	Ministry of Finance Govt. of India Department of Expenditure	<a href="https://doe.gov.in/sites/default/files/Compilation%20of%20amendments%20in%20GFR%202017%20upto%2031.01.2023%202.pdf">https://doe.gov.in/sites/default/files/Compilation%20of%20amendments%20in%20GFR%202017%20upto%2031.01.2023 2.pdf</a>	Compilation of Amendments in GFR 2017 upto 31.01.2023

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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 03<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023. The NPS account of such Government servants shall, consequently, be closed w.e.f. 31<sup>st</sup> 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/cia./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).


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- 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.
6. Department of Financial Services, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
7. AD (OL) for Hindi version.
8. NIC for uploading on Department's website.