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Haryana Government
Chief Secretary's Office
Personnel Department

Dated, Chandigarh, the 18th May, 2023

To

All the IAS Officers who are covered under National Pension System (NPS).

Subject : Draft (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023.

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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to say that Government of India intends to frame rules for beneficiaries of NPS in All India Services to ensure smooth regulation of condition of service at par with Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021.

2. You are, therefore, requested to send your comments, if any, on the Draft (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023 (copy enclosed), directly to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the ____ April, 2023

G.S.R........(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951(61 of 1951), the Central Government, after consultation with the Governments of the States concerned, hereby makes the following rules, regulating the methods of implementation of National Pension System, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement** - (1) These rules may be called the **All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023**.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Application** - Save as otherwise provided in these rules, these rules shall apply to the members of All India Services appointed to the service on or after the 1st day of January 2004.

3. **Definitions.** - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(1) (a) Accredited Bank" in relation to a Ministry or Department or Union territory or State Government means the Reserve Bank or any bank which is appointed to transact business of the Government pertaining to that Ministry or Department or Union territory or State Government and is officially recognized for transfer of funds to the Trustee Bank;

(b) "Accumulated Pension Corpus" means the monetary value of the pension investments accumulated in the Individual Pension Account of a subscriber under the National Pension System;

(c) "Annuity" means periodic payment by the Annuity Service Provider to the subscriber on purchase of annuity plan out of the Accumulated Pension Corpus;

(d) "Annuity Service Provider" means a life insurance company registered and regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority and empanelled by the Authority for providing Annuity services to the subscribers of the National Pension System;

(e) "Authority" means the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority established under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (23 of 2013) and include interim Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority set up by the Central Government through Resolutions;

(f) "Central Recordkeeping Agency" means an agency registered under section 27 of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 to perform the functions of recordkeeping, accounting, administration and customer service for subscribers to schemes;

(g) "Emoluments" means emoluments as specified in rule 5;

(h) "Foreign Service" means service in which a Member of service receives his pay with the sanction of the Government from any source other than the Consolidated Fund of India or the Consolidated Fund of a State or the Consolidated Fund of an Union territory;

(i) "Government" means— (i) in the case of a member of the Service serving in connection with the affairs of a State, or who is deputed for service in any company, association or body of individuals whether incorporated or not, which is wholly or substantially owned or controlled by the Government of a State, or in a local authority set up by an Act of the Legislature of a State, the Government of that State; (ii) in any other case, the Central Government;

(j) "Individual Pension Account" means an account of a subscriber, executed by a contract setting out the terms and conditions under the National Pension System;

(k) "Local Fund administered by Government" means the fund administered by a body which, by law or rule having the force of law, comes under the control of the Government and over whose expenditure the Government retains complete and direct control;

(l) "National Pension System" means the contributory pension system referred to in section 20 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 whereby contributions from a subscriber are collected and accumulated in an individual pension account using a system of points of presence, a Central Recordkeeping Agency and pension funds as may be specified by regulations by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority;

(m) "Pension fund" means an intermediary which has been granted a certificate of registration under sub-section (3) of section 27 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 by the Authority as a pension fund for receiving contributions, accumulating them and making payments to the subscriber in the manner as may be specified by regulations;

(n) "Permanent Retirement Account Number" means a unique identification number allotted to each subscriber by the Central Recordkeeping Agency;

(o) "Subscriber" means a Member of Service who subscribes to a scheme of a Pension fund;

(p) "Trustee Bank" means a banking company as defined in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949).

(2) Words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the **Fundamental Rules,1922**, the AIS(DCRB) Rules, 1958, Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 or Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority regulations have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in those Act or Rules or Regulations.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

4. **Registration into National Pension System. -** (1) A Member of Service to whom these rules apply, shall, immediately on joining service submit an application in Common Subscriber Registration Form or in any other form specified by the Authority along with an option form referred to in rule 10, to the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose for registration to the National Pension System.

(2) The Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer/ any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall on receipt of the application under sub-rule (1), ensure that the application is complete in all respects,

countersign it indicating the date of receipt and send it to the Account officer/ Designated Authority for the purpose within three working days of joining of the Member of Service. The Head of Office / District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall keep a copy of the application form for record.

(3) The Account Officer/ Designated Authority for the purpose shall forward the application of individual subscriber to the Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, within three working days from the date of receipt of the application from the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose.

(4) The Pay and Accounts Officer or State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, shall process the application received from the Account Officer/ Designated Authority for the purpose and forward it to the Central Recordkeeping Agency (CRA) through the online system within three working days from the date of receipt of the application from the Account Officer/ Designated Authority for the purpose. The Pay and Accounts Officer or the State Nodal Officer shall also forward duly signed copy of the application to the Central Recordkeeping Agency for record.

(5) The Central Recordkeeping Agency shall complete registration process and allocate a Permanent Retirement Account Number in respect of each Member of Service in the form specified by the Authority as per the turn-around time specified by the Authority. After completion of the registration process, the Central Recordkeeping Agency shall communicate the Permanent Retirement Account Number to the Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, and also forward Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) kits to the Subscriber in accordance with the process and turn-around time laid down by the Authority.

(6) The Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, shall communicate Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) to the concerned Account Officer /Designated Authority for the purpose.

(7) The Account Officer /Designated Authority for the purpose shall communicate the Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) to the Head of Office District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose immediately.

(8) The Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer/ any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall intimate the Permanent Retirement Account Number to the Subscriber and shall record the Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) in the Common Subscriber Registration Form or any other form specified by the Authority submitted by the Subscriber and in the service book of the Subscriber and also paste a certified copy of the Common Subscriber Registration Form or any other form specified by the Authority in the service book of the Subscriber within five working days thereafter.

(9) The authorities referred to in sub-rule (2) to sub-rule (8) shall ensure that there is no delay in the process of registration of the Member of Service in the National Pension System and crediting of first contribution in his Individual Pension Account. The first contribution of the Member of Service shall be credited in his Individual Pension Account within twenty days of the date of submission of the application under sub-rule (1) or by the last date of the month in which the Member of service joined, whichever is later.

(10) In a case where the process of registration of the Member of Service in the National Pension System has not been completed before the date of drawal of the salary for the first month or any subsequent month, such salary or salaries shall be paid to the Member of Service after withholding the amount of contribution as determined in accordance with rule 6. The amount of the contribution withheld from the salary as well as the amount of interest payable under rule 8 shall be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the Member of Service as soon as the process of generation of Permanent Retirement Account Number of

Member of Service in the National Pension System is completed by the Central Record keeping Agency and communicated to the Pay and Accounts Officer /State Nodal Officer.

(11) Action on the option form submitted under sub-rule (1) shall be taken in accordance with rule 10.

5. **Emoluments.** – (1) The expression `emoluments' for the purpose of determining the amount of mandatory contribution under the National Pension System includes basic pay as defined in respective pay rules for the member of All India Services.

(2) Subject to the proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 7, if a Subscriber had been absent from duty on leave for which leave salary is payable, the amount representing pay and dearness allowance in the leave salary actually drawn shall be taken into account for emoluments for the purpose of this rule. The amount of pay, and dearness allowance, actually drawn during leave shall be taken into account as emoluments for the purpose of this rule.

(3) Subject to the proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 7, if a Subscriber had been absent from duty or was on extraordinary leave, during whole or part of a calendar month, the pay or the amount representing pay, referred to in this rule and dearness allowance in the leave salary which he actually drew for the part of that calendar month during which he was on duty or was on leave for which leave salary is payable, shall be taken into account for emoluments for the purpose of this rule.

(4) If a Subscriber had been under suspension, the subsistence allowance drawn during the period of suspension in a calendar month shall be taken into account for emoluments for the purpose of this rule.

(5) Pay drawn by a Subscriber while on deputation in India shall be taken into account for emoluments for the purpose of this rule.

(6) In the case of a Subscriber on foreign service or deputation outside India, the pay which he would have drawn under the Government had he not been on foreign service or such deputation, shall be taken into account for emoluments.

(7) Where a retired Subscriber, who is re-employed in Government service and to whom these rules are applicable and whose pay on re-employment has been reduced by an amount not exceeding his monthly pension, the element of monthly pension by which his pay is reduced shall be included in emoluments.

6. **Contribution by the Subscriber to the National Pension System.-** (1) The National Pension System shall work on defined contribution basis. A Subscriber shall make a contribution of ten per cent or such other percentage as may be notified from time to time, of his emoluments to the National Pension System every month. The amount of contribution payable shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

(2) Contribution may be made by the Subscriber, at his option, during the period of suspension: Provided that where, in the final orders passed by the Government on conclusion of the inquiry, the period spent under suspension is treated as duty or leave for which leave salary is payable, contributions to the National Pension System shall be determined based on the emoluments which the Subscriber becomes entitled to for the period of suspension. The difference of the amount of contribution to be deposited and the amount of contribution already deposited during the period of suspension, shall be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber along with interest. The rate of interest for this purpose would be the rate of interest as decided by the Government from time to time for the Public Provident Fund deposits.

(3) No contribution shall be made by the Subscriber during the period of absence from duty (whether on leave or otherwise) for which no pay or leave salary is payable.

(4) During the period of transfer on deputation to a Department or organisation under the Central Government or the State Government, the Subscriber shall remain subject to these rules in the same

manner, as if he was not so transferred or sent on deputation and will continue to contribute towards National Pension System based on emoluments worked out in accordance with sub-rule (5) of rule 5.

(5) Contributions in respect of any arrears of salary received by the Subscriber due to retrospective increase shall be treated as the contributions for the month in which the payments are made.

(6) The Subscriber shall contribute toward National Pension System during the period spent under probation.

(7) Deduction and crediting of contributions to the Individual Pension Account during foreign service in India or outside India, including deputation to United Nations' Secretariat or other United Nations' Bodies, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, or the Asian Development Bank or the Commonwealth Secretariat or any other International organisation, shall be regulated in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training from time to time and the procedure laid down by the Authority.

(8) The Account Officer / Designated Authority for the purpose shall deduct the contribution from the salary of the Member of Service and send the bill to the Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, along with details of contributions deducted in respect of each Subscriber on or before Twentieth day of each month.

(9) A Subscriber may, at his option, make contribution in excess of the contribution specified in sub-rule(1) in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Authority and the Government.

(10) (i) The Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, based on the details of contributions in respect of each Subscriber sent by the Account Officer / Designated Authority for the purpose to Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer under sub-rule (8), shall prepare and upload a Subscription Contribution File and generate a Transaction ID by Twenty- fifth day of each month.

(ii) The Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer, as the case may be, shall remit the contribution to the Trustee Bank through the Accredited Bank by the last working day of each month;

Provided that the contribution for the month of March shall be remitted by the Pay and Accounts Officer / State Nodal Officer to the Trustee Bank through the Accredited Bank on the first working day of the month of April.

(iii) In case of delay in crediting of contribution to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber beyond the prescribed timeline due to factors not attributable to the Subscriber, the amount shall be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber along with interest for the delayed period, as determined in accordance with rule 8.

7. **Contribution by the Government.** - (1) The Concerned Government shall make contribution of fourteen per cent or such other percentage as may be notified from time to time, of the emoluments of a Member of Service to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber every month. The amount of contribution payable shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee:

Provided that in cases where the leave is granted to the Subscriber on medical ground or due to his inability to join or rejoin duty on account of civil commotion; or for pursuing higher studies considered useful in discharge of his official duty, and during such leave, leave salary is not payable or is payable at a rate which is less than full pay, the Government shall make contribution equal to fourteen per cent or such other percentage as may be notified from time to time, of the notional emoluments comprising the amount representing pay and dearness allowance in the leave salary, referred to in rule 5.

(2) Subject to the proviso to sub-rule (1), no contribution shall be made by the Government for the period during which the Subscriber is not required to make contribution in accordance with these rules.

(3) In the case of a Subscriber under suspension, contribution shall be made by the Government on the basis of the emoluments determined by taking into account the subsistence allowance paid to the Subscriber during the period of such suspension:

Provided that no contribution shall be made by the Government during the period of suspension where the Subscriber had opted not to pay his contribution during the said period of suspension:

Provided further that where, in the final orders passed by the Government on conclusion of the inquiry, the period spent under suspension is treated as duty or leave for which leave salary is payable, contributions by the Government to the National Pension System shall be determined based on the emoluments which the Subscriber becomes entitled to for the period of suspension. The difference of the amount of contribution to be deposited by the Government and the amount of contribution already deposited during the period of suspension, shall be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber along with interest. The rate of interest for this purpose would be the rate of interest as decided by the Government from time to time for the Public Provident Fund deposits.

(4) Contribution by the Government to the Individual Pension Account during foreign service in India or outside India, including deputation to United Nations' Secretariat or other United Nations' Bodies, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, or the Asian Development Bank or the Commonwealth Secretariat or any other International organisation, shall be regulated in accordance with the orders issued by Department of Personnel and Training from time to time and the procedure laid down by the Authority.

(5) The amount of contribution payable shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

(6) The provisions regarding time line as applicable in the case of remittance of contribution by the Subscriber would also be applicable for remittance of contribution by the Government. In case there is a delay in crediting of contribution to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber beyond the prescribed timeline due to factors not attributable to the Subscriber, the amount shall be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber along with interest for the delayed period, as determined in accordance with rule 8.

8. Interest on delayed deposit of contributions. - (1) In case of delay, due to factors not attributable to the Subscriber, in,-

(i) commencement of monthly contributions on account of delay in registration of the Subscriber in the National Pension System beyond the time limits prescribed in rule 4; or

(ii) deduction of monthly contribution from the salary of the Subscriber or crediting to his Individual Pension Account beyond the time limit prescribed in rule 6; or

(iii) crediting of the monthly contributions by the Government to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber beyond the time limit prescribed in rule 7,

the amount of contribution may be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber along with interest for the delayed period. The interest shall be credited to the Individual Pension Account of the employee within a period of thirty days of the crediting of the amount of contribution. The rate of interest for this purpose would be the rate of interest, as decided by the Government from time to time, for the Public Provident Fund deposits :

Provided that the rate of interest applicable for the period from 1st January, 2004 to 31st December, 2012 shall be as notified by Department of Financial Services in its Notification F. No. 1/3/2016-PR dated 31st January, 2019 and by Department of Expenditure in its Office Memorandum No. 1(21)/EV/2018 dated 12th April, 2019.

(2)(i) Every case of delay in registration of the Subscriber in the National Pension System or commencement of contributions under rule 4 or deduction and crediting of monthly contribution of the Subscriber under rule 6 or crediting of monthly contribution by the Government in the Individual Pension Account of the Subscriber under rule 7 shall be examined by the Head of Department or Chief Controller of Accounts or AGs or Competent Authority as prescribed for fixation of responsibility;

(ii) If the Head of Department or Chief Controller of Accounts or AGs or Competent Authority as prescribed is satisfied that the delay is caused on account of administrative lapse, the delinquent official or officials shall be liable to pay the amount of pecuniary loss to the Government on account of payment of interest;

(iii) The responsibility and the amount of liability on the part of the delinquent official or officials shall be determined in the same manner as in the case of delayed deduction or remittance of Tax Deduction at Source under Section 201(IA) of the Income-tax Act, 1961. This will be without prejudice to any disciplinary action which the disciplinary authority may propose to take against the official or officials responsible for the administrative lapse in this respect.

9. **Investment of the Accumulated Pension Corpus.** - The Accumulated Pension Corpus in respect of a **Subscriber** shall be invested by such pension fund or funds and in such manner as may be notified by the Authority.

10. **Option to avail benefits on death or invalidation or disability of Subscriber during service. –**

(1) Every Member of Service covered under the National Pension System shall, at the time of joining service, exercise an option in Form 1 for availing benefits under the National Pension System or under the AIS(DCRB) Rules, 1958 or **the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023** in the event of his death or boarding out on account of disablement or retirement on invalidation. Member of Services, who are already in Government service and are covered by the National Pension System, shall also exercise such option as soon as possible after the notification of these rules.

(2) The option shall be exercised to the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose who will accept the same after verifying all the facts submitted therein and place it in the **service book**. A copy of the option shall be forwarded by the Head of Office to District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose to the Central Record keeping Agency through the Account Officer/ Designated Authority for the purpose and the Pay and Accounts Officer /State Nodal Officer for their record. **The Pay and Accounts Officer/ State Nodal Officer shall also make suitable entry in the online system indicating the details regarding the option exercised by the Member of Service.**

(3) (a) (i) Every Member of Service shall, along with the option in Form 1, also submit details of family in Form 2 or any other specified form for this purpose to the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose;

(ii) If the Member of Service has no family, he shall furnish the details in Form 2 as soon as he acquires a family.

(b) The Member of Service shall communicate to the Head of Office /District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose any subsequent change in the size of his family, including the fact of marriage of his child.

(c) As and when a disability referred to in the proviso to of rule 22 of the All India services (DCRB) Rules, 1958 manifests itself in a child which makes him unable to earn his living, the fact shall be brought to the notice of the Head of Office / District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose duly supported by a Medical Certificate from a

Medical Officer, not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon. This may be indicated in Form 2 or any other specified form for this purpose by the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose. As and when the claim for family pension arises, the legal guardian of the child may make an application supported by a fresh medical certificate from a Medical Officer, not below the rank of Civil Surgeon, that the child still suffers from the disability.

(d) (i) The Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall, on receipt of the Form 2 or any other specified form for this purpose, acknowledge receipt of the Form 2 or any other specified form for this purpose and all further communications received from the Member of Service in this behalf, countersign it indicating the date of receipt and get it pasted on the service book of the Member of Service concerned;

(ii) The Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose on receipt of communication from the Member of Service regarding any change in the size of family shall incorporate such a change in Form 2 or any other specified form for this purpose.

(4) (i) The option exercised under sub-rule (1), may be revised at any number of times by the Subscriber before his retirement by making a fresh option intimating his revised option to the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose. On receipt of the revised option, the Head of Office /District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose and the Pay and Accounts Officer shall take further action as mentioned in sub-rule (2);

(ii) A Subscriber who is discharged on invalidation or disability shall be given an opportunity to submit a fresh option at the time of such discharge;

(iii) Where such Subscriber does not exercise a fresh option or is not in a position to exercise fresh option at the time of discharge, the option already exercised by the Subscriber shall become operative;

(iv) Where no option was exercised by the Subscriber and the Subscriber is not in a position to exercise an option at the time of discharge, his case will be regulated in accordance with sub-rule (6) of this rule.

(5) In the case of death of a Subscriber while in service, the last option exercised by the deceased Subscriber before his death shall be treated as final and the family shall have no right to revise the option.

(6) (i) Where a Subscriber who did not exercise an option under sub-rule (1) and dies before completion of service of fifteen years or within three years of the notification of these rules, his family will be granted family pension in accordance with the provisions of the All India services (DCRB) Rules, 1958 as default option;

(ii) Where a Subscriber is discharged from Government service on invalidation or disability before completion of service of fifteen years or within three years of the notification of these rules without exercising an option under sub- rule (1), and is also not in a position to exercise an option at the time of discharge, he will be granted invalid pension or disability pension in accordance with the provisions of the All India services (DCRB) Rules, 1958 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 as the case may be, as default option;

(iii) In all other cases, where no option was exercised by the Subscriber, the claim of the Subscriber on discharge from the service and that of the family on death of the Subscriber, shall be regulated in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015, as default option.

(7) In cases where the option exercised by the deceased Subscriber in accordance with sub-rule (1)

or the default option in accordance with sub-rule (6) for benefit under the All India services (DCRB) Rules, 1958 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 becomes infructuous on account of non-availability of an eligible member of the family for grant of family pension under the All India services (DCRB) Rules, 1958, such option would be deemed to have become invalid and the benefits admissible under the National Pension System shall be granted to the legal heir(s) of the employee in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

11. Retirement on superannuation / Extension of service –

(1) A Subscriber, who is retired on his attaining the age of superannuation or, if the service of the Subscriber has been extended beyond superannuation, on expiry of such period of extension of service beyond the age of superannuation, shall be entitled to benefits as admissible under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 to the Subscriber retiring on superannuation.

(2) A member of the Service shall retire from the service with effect from the afternoon of the last day of the month in which he attains the age of sixty years:

Provided that a member of the Service whose date of birth is the first day of a month shall retire from service on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month on attaining the age of sixty years:

Provided further that a member of the Service dealing with budget work or working as a full-time member of a Committee which is to be wound up within a short period may be given extension of service for a period not exceeding three months in public interest, with the prior approval of the Central Government.

Provided also that a Member of the Service holding the post of Chief Secretary to a State Government may be given extension of service for a period not exceeding six months on the recommendations made by the concerned State Government with full justification and in public interest, with the prior approval of the Central Government.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the Central Government may, if it considers necessary in the public interest to do so, give extension in service to the incumbents of the posts of the Cabinet Secretary, Defence Secretary, Foreign Secretary, Home Secretary, Director (Intelligence Bureau), Secretary (Research and Analysis Wing), Director (Central Bureau of Investigation) and Director of Enforcement in the Directorate of Enforcement for such period as it may deem proper

Provided that the total term of the Cabinet Secretary who is granted such extensions of service shall not exceed **four years;**

Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in sub- rule (3), the Central Government may, if it considers necessary in public interest to do so, give an extension in service for a further period, not exceeding **three months, beyond the period of four years to the Cabinet Secretary".**

Provided further that the total term of the other Secretaries and Directors who are granted such extensions of service under these Rules shall not exceed two years;

Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule(1A), the Central Government may, if it considers necessary in public interest to do so, give an extension in service for a further period, not exceeding three months, beyond the period of two years to the Home Secretary and the Defence Secretary.

(4) There is no bar to issue orders under rule 11 granting extension of service to a member of the Service with retrospective effect.

12. Voluntary Retirement from Service:

(1) For the purposes of this rule,- (a) "regular service" shall mean service commencing from the date of joining in service by a competitive examination, by promotion of a [substantive] member of a State Civil Service and by selection, in special cases from amongst persons, who hold in a substantive capacity gazetted posts in connection with the affairs of a State and who are not members of a State Civil Service.] on a regular basis, and shall include past regular service, in the same or another Central Government Department, a State Government or an autonomous or statutory body, before joining the present service with proper permission, if such past service is allowed to be counted as qualifying service for the purpose of gratuity in accordance with the orders issued by the Government from time to time.

(b) periods spent on all kinds of leave (including study leave and extraordinary leave), deputation or foreign service, duly sanctioned by the competent authority, shall be treated as regular service for the purpose of this rule.

(c) service rendered on casual, ad-hoc or contract basis, before appointment on regular basis, in the same or another Central Government Department, a State Government or an autonomous or statutory body, shall not be treated as regular service for the purpose of this rule.

(2) A member of the Service may, after giving at least three months' previous notice in writing, to the State Government concerned, retire from service on the date on which such member completes thirty years of qualifying service or attains fifty years of age or on any date thereafter to be specified in the notice:

Provided that no member of the Service under suspension shall retire from service except with the specific approval of the Central Government.

Provided further that the State Government concerned on a request made by the member of the service may, if satisfied and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax the period of notice.

Provided that a notice under sub-rule (2) of Rule 12, addressed to the Central Government can be treated as valid as defect in the notice is only formal, and in the absence of a prescribed form, endorsing a copy of the notice amounts to addressing the notice.

Provided EOL cannot run concurrently with the period of notice of voluntary retirement.

(2A) A member of the service may, after giving three months' previous notice in writing to the State Government concerned, retire from service on the date on which he completes 20 years of qualifying service or any date thereafter to be specified in the notice:

Provided that a notice of retirement given by a member of the service shall require acceptance by the Central Government if the date of retirement on the expiry of the period of notice would be earlier than the date on which the member of the Service could have retired from service under sub-rule (2):

Provided further that a member of the Service, who is on deputation to a corporation or company wholly or substantially owned or controlled by the government or to a body controlled or financed by the Government, shall not be eligible to retire from the service under this rule for getting himself permanently absorbed in such corporation, company or body.

Provided also that a member of the Service borne on the Cadres of Assam-Meghalaya. Manipur-Tripura, Nagaland and Sikkim may retire from service on the date on which he/she completes 15 years of service.

(2B) The notice of voluntary retirement given in writing by the member of the service under sub-rule (2) and (2A), may be withdrawn by the member of service by submitting a request to the Competent Authority within the period specified in the said notice.

i) A notice of voluntary retirement given by a member of the service may be withdrawn by him, after it is accepted by the Competent Authority, only with the approval of the Competent Authority concerned provided the request for such withdrawal is made before the expiry of the period of notice.

ii) In cases where disciplinary proceedings are pending or contemplated against a member of the Service for the imposition of a major penalty and the disciplinary authority having regard to the circumstances of the case, is of the view that the imposition of the major penalty of removal or dismissal for service would be warranted, the notice of voluntary retirement given by the officer concerned may not ordinarily be accepted.

iii) In cases where prosecution is contemplated or may have been launched in a court of law against a member of the service, the notice of voluntary retirement given by him may not ordinarily be accepted.

iv) The notice of voluntary retirement given a member of the Service, who is on study leave or who has but not completed a minimum service of 3 years on completion of study leave, may not ordinarily be accepted.

(2C) Where a notice of voluntary retirement is given by a member of service under sub-rule (2) and the competent authority does not issue any order before the expiry of the period specified in the said notice, the voluntary retirement shall become effective from the date of expiry of the said period.

Provided that a MoS, who has given notice for voluntary retirement under the aforesaid rule will retire from service on the expiry of the period of the prescribed three months even if he is placed under suspension after he gave notice

Provided that, where no order is issued by the competent authority, then after the expiry of the period specified in the notice, the Central Government may issue orders.

(2D) For the purpose of this rule the expression 'competent authority' shall mean the authority which is empowered to accept notice of voluntary retirement under sub-rules (2) and (2A).".

(3) The Subscriber, on voluntary retirement from service, shall be entitled to benefits admissible under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 to the Subscriber retiring on superannuation.

(4) If the Subscriber intends to continue his Individual Pension Account or to defer payment of benefits under the National Pension System beyond the date of retirement, he shall exercise an option in this regard in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

13. Premature Retirement /retirement in advance of the age of Superannuation :

(1) The Central Government may, in consultation with the State Government concerned, require a Member of the Service to retire from Service in public interest, after giving such Member at least three month's previous notice in writing or three month's pay and allowances in lieu of such notice, -

i) after the review when such Member completes 15 years of qualifying Service; or

ii) after the review when such Member completes 25 years of qualifying Service or attains the age of 50 years, as the case may be; or

iii) if the review referred to in (i) or (ii) above has not been conducted, after the review at any other time as the Central Government deems fit in respect of such Member.

Explanation: - For the purposes of sub-rule (1), "review" means the review of the entire service record of the Member of the Service regarding suitability or otherwise of such Member for further retention in the Service, to be conducted regularly of each Member of such Service, firstly, after his completion of 15 years of qualifying Service, and secondly, after his completion of 25 years of qualifying Service or on his attaining the age of 50 years, as the case may be, or if the review referred to in clauses (i) or (ii) of this sub-rule has not been conducted in respect of such Member, such review may be conducted at any other time as the Central Government deems fit.

iv) State Governments are free to initiate action and suggest the compulsory retirement in public interest of AIS officer who have put in 30 years of qualifying service or have attained the age of 50 years after giving them three months notice in writing. However, the orders in each case would need to be issued by the Central Government but the formal Notification giving effect to the above orders would be issued by the State Government.

v) Government can serve notice of retirement of a member of an All India Service even before he attains the age of 50 years or has completed 30 years of qualifying service, subject to the condition that the actual retirement takes place after he has attained age of 50 or has completed 30 years of qualifying service.

(2) A Subscriber, who retires or is retired, in advance of the age of Superannuation in accordance with sub-rule (1) shall be entitled to benefits as admissible under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 to the Subscriber retiring on superannuation.

(3) If the Subscriber intends to continue his Individual Pension Account or to defer payment of benefits under National Pension System beyond the date of retirement, he shall exercise an option in this regard in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

14. Resignation from Government service. - (1) On resignation from a service or a post, unless it is allowed to be withdrawn in the public interest by the appointing authority, the lump sum and the annuity out of the Subscriber's accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to him in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber from the National Pension System before superannuation :

Provided that such payment of lump sum withdrawal and annuity shall not be made before the expiry of a period of ninety days from the date on which the resignation becomes effective and the Subscriber is relieved of his duty.

Provided further that if the Subscriber dies before the expiry of a period of ninety days from the date on which the resignation becomes effective, the payment shall be made to the person eligible to receive such payment immediately in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber from the National Pension System before superannuation :

Provided also that such person may, at his option, continue to subscribe to the National Pension System with the same Permanent Retirement Account Number, as a non-Government subscriber in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority.

(2) Where with proper permission, the resignation has been submitted to take up another appointment, whether temporary or permanent or deemed retired (on ground of absorption), in the same or any other

Department of the Central Government or the State Government and the employees of such Department are covered by the National Pension System, the Subscriber shall continue to subscribe to the National Pension System with the same Permanent Retirement Account Number on the new appointment and shall be deemed to be a member of the National Pension System from the date he joined the service on a post to which he was first appointed :

Provided that where the employees of such Department or State Government are not covered by the National Pension System, the Subscriber shall be eligible to receive benefits under National Pension System in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of Subscriber on superannuation:

Provided further that where the employees of such Department or State Government are not covered by the National Pension System, such subscriber may, at his option, continue to subscribe to the National Pension System with the same Permanent Retirement Account Number as a non-Government subscriber, in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority, in this regard.

(3) (i) The Central Government may permit a member of service to withdraw his resignation in the public interest on the following conditions, namely :-

a) that the resignation was tendered by the a member of service for some compelling reasons which did not involve any reflection on his integrity, efficiency or conduct and the request for withdrawal of the resignation has been made as a result of a material change in the circumstances which originally compelled him/her to tender the resignation;

b) that during the period intervening between the date on which the resignation became effective and the date from which the request for withdrawal was made, the conduct of the member concerned was in no way improper;

c) that the period of absence from duty between the date on which the resignation became effective and the date on which the member is allowed to resume duty as a result of permission to withdraw the resignation is not more than ninety days;

d) that the post, which was vacated by the member of service on the acceptance of his/her resignation or any other comparable post, is available.

(ii) Request for withdrawal of a resignation shall not be accepted by the Central Government where a member of service resigns his/her service or post with a view to taking up an appointment in or under a private commercial company or in or under a corporation or company wholly or substantially owned or controlled by the Government or in or under a body controlled or financed by the Government.

(iii) Request for withdrawal of resignation shall not be accepted by the Central Government where a member of the Service resigns from his/her service or post with a view to be associated with, any political parties or any organization which takes part in politics, or to take part in, or subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner, any political movement or political activity or to canvass or otherwise interfere with, or use his/her influence in connection with, or take part in, an election to any legislature or local authority.

(iv) When an order is passed by the Central Government allowing a member to withdraw his/her resignation and to resume duty, the order shall be deemed to include the condonation of interruption in service but the period of interruption shall not count as qualifying service.

15. Acceptance of date of birth- (1) For the purpose of determination of the date of superannuation of a member of the service, such date shall be calculated with reference to the date of his birth as accepted by the Central Government under this rule.

(2) In relation to a person appointed, after the commencement of the All India Services (Implementation of New Pension System) Rules.

(a) Indian Administrative Service under clause (a) or clause (aa) of sub-rule of rule 4 of the Indian Administrative Service (Recruitment) rules, 1954; or

(b) the Indian Police Service under clause (a) or clause (aa) of sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of the Indian Police Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1954; or

(c) the Indian Forest Service under clause (a) or clause (aa) of sub-rule (2) of rule 4 of the Indian Forest Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1966;

the date of birth as declared by such person in the application for recruitment to the service shall be accepted by the Central Government as the date of birth of such person.

(3) In relation to a person to whom sub-rule (2) does not apply, the date of birth as recorded in the service book or other similar official document maintained by the concerned government shall be accepted by the Central Government, as the date of birth of such person.

(4) The date of birth as accepted by the Central Government shall not be subject to any alteration except where it is established that a bonafide clerical mistake has been committed in accepting the date of birth under sub-rule (2) or (3).

16. Entitlement on retirement on invalidation. - (1) The case of a Subscriber acquiring a disability, where the provisions of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are applicable, shall be governed by the provisions of the said section:

Provided that such Subscriber shall produce a disability certificate from the competent authority as prescribed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017.

(2) If a Subscriber, in a case where the provisions of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are not applicable, intends to retire from the service on account of any bodily or mental infirmity which permanently incapacitates him for the service, he may apply to the Competent Authority for benefits on retirement on invalidation :

Provided that an application for benefits on retirement on invalidation submitted by the spouse of the Subscriber failing which by a member of the family of the Subscriber may also be accepted, if the Competent Authority is satisfied that the Subscriber himself is not in a position to submit such application on account of the bodily or mental infirmity:

Provided further that where a Subscriber, who has acquired a disability and in whose case the provisions of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are applicable, intends to retire under this rule, the Subscriber shall be advised that he has the option of continuing in service with the same pay matrix and service benefits which he is otherwise entitled to. In case, the Subscriber does not withdraw his request for retirement under this rule, his request may be processed in accordance with the provisions of this rule and specified Rules applicable to Member of the All India Services.

(3) The Government under whom MoS is serving shall, on receipt of an application under sub-rule (2), within fifteen days of the receipt of such application, request a Medical Board for examination of the Subscriber within thirty days of receipt of such request for member of All India Services;-

The Medical Board shall also be supplied by the Government under whom MoS is serving a statement of what appears from official records to be the age of the Subscriber, and if a service book is being maintained for the Subscriber, the age recorded therein should be reported. A copy of the letter requesting for examination by the medical authority shall be endorsed to the Subscriber.

(4) The Subscriber shall appear before the concerned medical board for medical examination on the date fixed by that board. The medical board shall examine the Subscriber to ascertain whether or not the Subscriber is fit for further service or whether he is fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he had been doing.

(5) No medical certificate of incapacity for service may be granted unless the medical board has received a request from the Government for medical examination of the Subscriber.

(i) The medical certificate of incapacity shall be attested:

a) if the member of the Service is on leave out of India, by a Medical Board to be convened for the purpose by the Indian Mission in the country in which the member of the Service is on leave;

b) in other cases, by the Medical board to be convened by the Chief Administrative Medical Officer of the State in which the member of the Service is on duty or on leave. The Chief Administrative Officer, shall, wherever practicable, preside over such a Board.

(ii) Save where he is on leave out of India no member of Service shall apply for a medical certificate of incapacity and no such certificate shall be granted unless –

a) the applicant produces evidence to show that the Government is aware of his intention to appear before the Chief Administrative Medical Officer; and

b) the Chief Administrative Medical officer is informed about the age of the applicant as recorded in his history of services and is supplied with a statement of the leave taken by him during the three years immediately preceding and of the history of the medical case and the treatment adopted as far as possible.

(iii) If the medical Board, although unable to discover any specific disease in the member of the Service, considers him incapacitated for further service by general debility while still under the age of **sixty years,** it shall give detailed reasons for its opinion. Wherever possible a second medical opinion shall in such cases be obtained.

Note— In a case of this kind, a statement giving the grounds on which it is proposed to invalidate a member of the Service shall be forwarded to the Medical Board by the Government under whom he is serving.

(iv) A certificate that inefficiency is due to old age or natural decay from advancing years shall not be deemed to be sufficient for retiring a member of the Service on invalidation.

(v) A member of the Service who has been declared by a Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated for further service shall, if he is on duty, be invalidated from service from the date of relief which shall be arranged without delay on receipt of the report of the Medical Board or, if he is granted leave, on the expiry of such leave:

Provided that if he is on leave at the time of receipt of the report of the Medical Board, he shall be invalidated from service on the expiry of that leave or extension of leave, if any, granted to him under sub-rule (vi).

(vi) A member of the Service in respect of whom a Medical Board has reported that there is no reasonable prospect of his ever being fit to return to duty, may not be granted leave except as follows:--

a) If the Medical Board is unable to say with certainty that the member of the Service will never again be fit for service, leave not exceeding 12 months in all may be granted to him. Such leave shall not be extended without further reference to a Medical Board.

b) If a member of the Service has been declared by the Medical Board to be completely and permanently incapacitated for further service leave or any extension of leave may be granted to him after the report of the Medical Board has been received, provided that the amount of leave so granted, together with any period of duty beyond the date on which the Medical Board signed their report, shall not exceed 6 months.

(vii) Invalid pension is not automatic on the issue of the certificate of Medical Board, but should be followed by an order of the Government.

(6) A lady doctor shall be included as a member of the Medical Board when a woman candidate is to be examined.

(7) Where the medical board referred to in sub-rule (3), has found a Subscriber mentioned in sub-rule (2) not fit for further service or has found him fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he had been doing, it shall issue a Medical Certificate in Form 3. If the Subscriber is found to be unfit for further service, he may be granted benefits on retirement on invalidation.

(8) If the Subscriber, has been found to be fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he had been doing, he shall, provided he is willing to be so employed, be employed on lower post and if there be no means of employing him even on a lower post, he may be granted benefits on retirement on invalidation.

(9) Where a Subscriber, who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 is for availing benefits under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023, and in whose case the provision of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are not applicable, retires on account of any bodily or mental infirmity which permanently incapacitates him for the service, further action will be taken by the Competent Authority for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958.

(10) If the Subscriber, avails the benefits under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 in accordance with sub-rule (9), the individual pension account of the Subscriber shall be closed and the Government contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the Subscriber shall be transferred to Government account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the Subscriber in lump sum.

(11) Where a Subscriber, who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 of these rules is for availing benefits under the National Pension System and in whose case the provision of section 20 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) are not applicable, retires from the service on account of any bodily or mental infirmity which permanently incapacitates him for the service, he may be granted benefits in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber on superannuation.

(12) If a Subscriber, who has become eligible to avail the benefits under the National Pension System in accordance with sub-rule (11), intends to continue his Individual Pension Account or to defer payment of benefits under the National Pension System beyond the date of retirement, he shall exercise an option in this regard in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

17. Entitlement on boarding out from service on account of disablement. - (1) Where a Subscriber, who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 is for availing benefits under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules,2023, **is boarded out on account of disablement attributable to Government service**, further action will be taken by the Head of Office /District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023.

(2) If the Subscriber avails the benefits under the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 in accordance with sub-rule (1), the individual pension account of the Subscriber shall be closed and the Government contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the Subscriber shall be transferred to Government account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the

Subscriber in lump sum.

(3) Where a Subscriber, who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 of these rules is for availing benefits under the National Pension System, is boarded out on account of disablement attributable to Government service, he may be granted benefits in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber on superannuation.

(4) If a Subscriber, who has become eligible to avail the benefits under the National Pension System in accordance with sub-rule (3) intends to continue his Individual Pension Account or to defer payment of benefits under the National Pension System beyond the date of retirement, he shall exercise an option in this regard in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

18. **Effect of compulsory retirement or dismissal or removal from Government service.** - (1) Where a Subscriber, is compulsorily retired from service as a penalty or is dismissed or removed from Government service, the lump sum and the annuity out of his accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to him in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority payable to the Subscriber as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber from the National Pension System before superannuation :

Provided that the Subscriber, at his option, may continue to subscribe to the National Pension System with the same Permanent Retirement Account Number as a non-Government subscriber, in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority.

(2) **Sub-rule (1) shall be without prejudice to any action being taken in such cases in respect of gratuity and other retirement benefits not covered by these rules and those benefits shall be regulated in accordance with the rules as applicable to such benefits.**

19. **Effect of departmental or judicial proceedings pending on retirement.**- (1) Departmental or judicial proceedings, which were instituted while the Subscriber was in service but are not concluded before retirement or the judicial proceedings instituted after retirement of the Subscriber, shall not affect the benefits payable to the Subscriber out of his accumulated pension corpus and the lump sum and the annuity out of his accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to him in accordance with the regulations notified by the Authority as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber from the National Pension System on superannuation.

(2) The provision under sub-rule (1) shall be without prejudice to any action being taken in such cases in respect of gratuity and other retirement benefits not covered by these rules and those benefits shall be regulated in accordance with the rules as applicable to such benefits.

20. **Entitlement for family on death of a Subscriber.** - (1) On death of, -

(a) a Subscriber, who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 is for availing benefits under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 or Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023; or

(b) a retired Subscriber, who was in receipt of an Invalid Pension under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 in terms of rule 16 or a disability pension under the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 in terms of rule 17,

further action will be taken by the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958:

Provided that if the death is attributable to Government service, further action will be taken by the Head of

Office District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 subject to fulfillment of all the conditions for grant of benefits under those rules.

(2) If on death of the Subscriber, benefits are payable to the family under the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 or the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 in accordance with sub-rule (1), the Government contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the Subscriber shall be transferred to Government account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid in lump sum to the person(s) in whose favour a nomination has been made under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015. If there is no such nomination or if the nomination made does not subsist, the amount of remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the legal heir(s).

(3) In the case of death of a Subscriber who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 is for availing benefits under the National Pension System, such benefits may be granted in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

21. Preparation of list of Subscriber due for retirement. - (1) Every Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall have a list prepared every three months, that is, on the 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October each year of all Subscribers who are due to retire within the next twelve to fifteen months from that date.

(2) A copy of every such list, as specified in sub-rule (1), shall be supplied to the Pay and Accounts Officer/ State Nodal Officer (SNO) concerned not later than the 31st January, 30th April, 31st July or the 31st October, as the case may be, of that year.

(3) In the case of a Subscriber retiring for reasons other than by way of superannuation, the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall promptly inform the Drawing and Disbursing Officer and the Pay and Accounts Officer/State Nodal Officer concerned, as soon as the fact of such retirement becomes known to him.

(4) A copy of intimation sent by the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose to the Pay and Accounts Officer /State Nodal Officer under sub-rule (3) shall also be endorsed to concerned authority, if the Subscriber concerned is an allottee of Government accommodation.

22. Intimation to the concerned authority for Government Accommodation regarding issue of "no demand certificate".- (1) The Head of Office / District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall write to the concerned authority for Government Accommodation at least one year before the anticipated date of retirement of the Subscriber who was or is in occupation of a Government accommodation (hereinafter referred to as allottee) for issuing a 'No demand certificate' in respect of the period preceding eight months of the retirement of the allottee.

(2) On receipt of the intimation under sub-rule (1), the concerned authority for Government Accommodation shall take further action as required.

23. Submission of claim for benefits under the National Pension System on superannuation. - (1) A Subscriber shall have the option for submission of claim for benefit under the National Pension System through a mode, as specified by the Authority from time to time.

(2) Every Subscriber shall, six months before the date on which he is due to retire on superannuation, or on the date on which he proceeds on leave preparatory to retirement, whichever is earlier, submit to the

Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose, duly filled withdrawal Form prescribed by the Authority along with the documents mentioned in the withdrawal form. In other cases of retirement or exit from the National Pension System, the Subscriber shall submit to the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose, duly filled withdrawal Form prescribed by the Authority along with the documents mentioned in the withdrawal Form immediately after issue of orders of the competent authority for such retirement or exit. Where the Subscriber has submitted the claim through online mode, he shall submit a signed copy of the print-out of the said withdrawal Form along with the documents mentioned in the withdrawal Form.

(3) The National Pension System shall generate claim IDs and inform nodal officers, i.e. Accounts Officers / State Nodal Officer six months before the date of retirement for those Subscribers who shall retire on superannuation in the next six months.

24. Completion and forwarding of papers for benefits under National Pension System. - (1) The Head of office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall complete the papers on his part and forward the same to the Accounts Officer with a covering letter in the Form mentioned below, namely : -

Mode of retirement or exit.	Form of covering letter.
Superannuation or Voluntary Retirement or Premature retirement	Form 4-A.
Technical Resignation or Absorption in an autonomous body or Public Sector Undertaking.	Form 4-B.
Resignation or Compulsory Retirement as a measure of penalty or Dismissal or Removal from service.	Form 4-C.
Retirement on Invalidation or Disablement.	Form 4-D.
Death during service.	Form 4-E.

(2) In the case of a Subscriber retiring on superannuation, the Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall forward the complete papers to the Accounts Officer not later than four months before the date of retirement of the Subscriber and in other cases, not later than one month after the date of retirement or exit of the Subscriber. The Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall retain a copy of each of the forms and documents referred to in sub-rule (1) for his record.

(3) After processing the withdrawal request in the online system of Central Recordkeeping Agency in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015, the Accounts Officer shall forward the documents referred to in sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) to the Central Recordkeeping Agency not later than one month before the date of retirement of Subscriber.

(4) In case the Subscriber intends to continue his Individual Pension Account or to defer payment of benefits under the National Pension System beyond the date of superannuation or exit, he shall exercise an option in this regard and send it to the Accounts Officer not later than fifteen days before the date of superannuation. Such option shall be processed by the Accounts Officer in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

25. Subscribers on deputation. - (1) In the case of Subscriber who retires while on deputation to Central Government (i.e. Ministries/ Departments/ Offices), action to authorize benefits in accordance with the provisions of this rule shall be taken by the borrowing organization (i.e. concerned Ministry/ Department/ office where the MoS has last served).

(2) In the case of the Subscriber who retires from service, while on deputation to another State Government or while on foreign service, action to authorize benefits in accordance with provisions of this rule shall be taken by parent cadre concerned.

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26. Qualifying Service:-

(1) Unless provided otherwise in these rules, qualifying service of a member of the Service for purposes of these Rules begins from the date of his substantive appointment to the Service:

Provided that in the case of a member of the Service appointed initially on probation the period of probation shall also count as qualifying service.

(2) Any period of service under the Central or a State Government rendered by a member of the Service prior to his appointment to the Service shall count as qualifying service under these rules to the extent to which such service would have counted as qualifying service for gratuity under the rules applicable to him prior to his appointment to the Service provided that the service is otherwise continuous.

Provided that temporary or officiating service, followed without interruption by confirmation in the same or another post, shall count in full as qualifying service.

Explanation - For the purposes of this rule 'Leave of any kind or suspension followed by reinstatement does not constitute a break.'

(3) The period of service rendered under an autonomous body, wholly or substantially owned or controlled by the Central Government and taken over by it, by a member of the service who left the service of that body at any time prior to its take-over by the Central Government and who later on joined Government Service with or without break, shall count as qualifying service for gratuity under these rules to the extent and subject to the conditions under which such service is counted as qualifying service for gratuity under the CCS (Payment of Gratuity under National Pension System) Rules, 2021 or under any orders issued by the Central Government in this behalf.

(4) Foreign service rendered by a member of the Service shall count as qualifying service provided that contributions towards the cost of retirement benefits of the member of the Service, at such rates as the Central Government may prescribe from time to time have been paid either by the foreign employer, or, failing that, by the member of the Service himself, in respect of the entire period of foreign service, unless the payment of contributions have been waived by Government.

(5) 'Authorized Joining Time' availed of by a member of the Service shall count as qualifying service.

(6) The qualifying service shall be calculated in six monthly periods. A fraction of less than three months shall not be taken into account and any period between three months and six months shall be treated as six monthly period in calculating the total qualifying service.

(7) All periods of leave with allowances and extraordinary leave granted on the basis of medical certificate shall count as qualifying service:

Provided that the Central Government may, in any case in which it is satisfied that the extraordinary leave was taken by a member of the Service for any cause beyond the control of such member or for prosecuting higher studies in the field of science, technology, finance, economics, law or other social sciences, direct that such extraordinary leave shall be counted as qualifying service.

(8) Leave granted by foreign employer to a member of the Service while on foreign service out of India under sub-rule (1) of rule 27 of the AIS (Leave) Rules shall be treated as leave and not as duty and shall qualify for gratuity subject to the provision of sub-rule (7) of this rule.

(9) Counting of period of deputation or leave outside India for purposes of qualifying service -

(a) Where a member of the Service is deputed out of India on duty, the whole period of his absence from India on such deputation shall count as qualifying service.

(b) Where a member of the service on leave out of India is employed, or is detained on duty out of India after the termination of his leave, the period of such employment or detention shall count as qualifying service:

Provided that the periods of deputation converted into leave shall count for purposes of qualifying service as leave and not as deputation.

(e) Time spent on journey to India by a member of the Service who is recalled to duty before the expiry of any duty sanctioned leave out of India counts as qualifying service.

27. **Date of retirement to be notified.** - When a Subscriber retires from service, – a notification in the Official Gazette shall be issued specifying the date of retirement within a week of such date and a copy of every such notification shall be forwarded immediately to the Accounts Officer.

28. **Interpretation.** - Where any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, it shall be referred to the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India for decision.

29. **Power to relax.** - Where Ministry /Department of Central Government or State Government Concerned is satisfied that the operation of any of these rules causes undue hardship in any particular case, may, by order for reasons to be recorded in writing, dispense with or relax the requirements of that rule to such extent and subject to such exceptions and conditions as it may consider necessary for dealing with the case in a just and equitable manner:

Provided that no such order shall be made except with the concurrence of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India.

30. **Power of Central Government to provide for residual matters.** - (1) Any related issues not specifically covered in these rules, shall be decided in terms of the relevant provisions in this regard contained in the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958, Fundamental Rules, Supplementary Rules or any general or special order issued by the Government provided it is not repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of these rules.

(2) The Central Government may issue orders or instructions to regulate any matter for which there is no provision in the rules made or deemed to have been made under these rules and, until such rules are made, such matters shall be regulated as per orders or instructions issued from time to time.

31. **Payment of Gratuity under National Pension System:** (1) The Member of All India Service upon whom these rules [i.e. AIS (Implementation of New Pension System) Rules] are applicable shall be governed by Central Civil Services (Payment of Gratuity under National Pension System) Rules, 2021, in so far as payment of Gratuity is concerned.

Provided that, in case Member of service is on Central Deputation (i.e. on Ministry/ Department/ Office) Gratuity will be paid by the borrowing organization. In other cases, by the Parent Cadre Authority.

32. **Repeal and saving.** - On the commencement of these rules, every order, instruction or Office Memorandum in force immediately before such commencement shall, in so far as it provides for any of the matters contained in these rules, cease to operate. Anything done or any action taken under those order, instruction or Office Memorandum shall be deemed to have been taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

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Form 1

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OPTION TO AVAIL BENEFITS IN CASE OF DEATH OR DISCHARGE ON INVALIDATION OR DISABILITY OF MEMBER OF SERVICE / SUBSCRIBER DURING SERVICE

[See rule 10)

* I, ..., hereby exercise option that in the event of my discharge from service on the account of disability or retirement from service on account of invalidation or Death during service, benefits under All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023 or CCS(Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 as the case may be, may be paid to me or my family.

OR

* I, ..., hereby exercise option that in the event of my discharge from service on the account of disability or retirement from service on account of invalidation or Death during service, benefits may be paid to me or my family, as the case may be, based on the accumulated pension corpus in the Individual Pension Account under the National Pension System in accordance with the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023.

Signature of Member of Service /Subscriber

Name________________

Designation________________

Service and Cadre:________________

Office in which employed:

Telephone________________

Place and date:

This option supersedes any other option made by me earlier.

* Completely strike out the benefits for which option is not intended to be made.

(To be filled in by the Head of Office or authorised Gazetted Officer)

Received the option dated , under All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023 made by Shri/Smt./Kumari .... Designation.. Office..

Entry of receipt of option has been made in page ....Volume... of Service Book.

Signature,

Name and Designation of Head of Office or authorized Gazetted Officer with seal

Date of receipt..

The receiving Officer will fill the above information and return a duly signed copy of the complete Form to the Member of Service who should keep it in safe custody so that it may come into the possession of the beneficiaries in the event of his/her death/ invalidation.

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FORM 2
Details of Family
[See rule 10(3)]
Important

1. The original Form submitted by the Member of Service / Subscriber is to be retained. All additions or alterations are to be communicated by the Member of Service/retired Member of Service / Subscriber alongwith the supporting documents and the changes shall be recorded in this Form under the signature of Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose in Col 7. No new Form will substitute the original Form. However, the retiring Subscriber should submit the details of family afresh at the time of retirement.

2. The details of spouse, all children and parents (whether eligible for family pension or not) and disabled siblings (brothers and sisters) may be given.

3. The Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose shall indicate the date of receipt of communication regarding addition or alteration in the family in the 'Remarks' column. The fact regarding disability or change of marital status of a family member should also be indicated in the 'Remarks' column.

4. Wife and husband shall include judicially separated wife and husband.

5. The retired Member of Service shall attach the details of change in family structure after retirement in the proforma prescribed under Dept. of P.& P.W., O.M No. 1 (23)-P.&P. W/91-E, dated the 4th November, 1992.

6. Copies of birth certificates to be attached. Copies of any other relevant certificates, if available, should be attached.

Name of the Member of Service / Subscriber		Designation/ Service and Cadre		Nationality	

7. Details of family members:

S.N.	Name (Please see notes below beforefilling)	Date of birth D/MM/YYYY	Aadhaar no.* (optional)	Relationship with Govt. servant/ retired Member of Service / Subscriber	Marita status	Remarks	Dated signature of Head of Office/ Designated Authority for the Purpose
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I hereby undertake to keep the above particulars up to date by notifying to the Head of Office any addition or alteration.

E-mail:(Optional) Place:

Mobile:(Optional) Date

Signature

*Providing Aadhaar No. is optional. However, if it is provided, consent to link it to Bank Account and also for authentication of identity from UIDAI for pension related purpose only, is presumed.

FORM 03

(See rule 16)

Form of Medical Certificate

Certified that I/(We) have carefully examined ....(name of the Member of of Service / Subscriber) son of ...., a ....(Designation/ Service and Cadre) in the ....

I/(We) consider ....to be completely and permanently incapacitated for further service of any kind in the Department to which he belongs to consequence of.......... (here state disease or cause).

(If the incapacity does not appear to be complete and permanent, the certificate should be modified accordingly and the following addition should be made.)

"I am / we are of opinion that is fit for further service of a less laborious character than that which he had been doing/may, after resting for months, be fit for further service of less laborious character than that which he had been doing."

Place................

Dated the ....

Medical Authority

FORM 4- A

[See rule 24]

[Form of letter to the Accounts Officer forwarding the withdrawal papers of a Subscriber under the National Pension System on superannuation or voluntary retirement or Premature retirement]

No ....

Government of India

Ministry /Department/Office of Dated the

To

The Accounts Officer/Accountant-General

(Through - District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose).

Sub: Processing of claim for benefits under the National Pension System on retirement on superannuation or voluntary retirement or Premature retirement - case of Shri/ Smt./ Km (PRAN ....)

Sir,

I am directed to say that:

- Shri/Smt./Km........................(name and designation of Member of Service), PRAN................ [IAS/IPS/IFS] service, Cadre................ is due for retirement on superannuation on ....

OR

- A notice for voluntary retirement of Shri /Smt. /Km................ (name and designation), PRAN of [IAS/IPS/IFS] service, Cadre................ with effect from ....under rule 12 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023 or rule 16(2) All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefit), Rules, 1958 has been accepted by the competent authority. A copy of the order issued in this regard is enclosed.

OR

- An order for retirement of Shri /Smt. /Km................ (name and designation), PRAN.......of [IAS/IPS/IFS] service, Cadre......under rule 13 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023 or under rule 16(3) All India Services (Death Cum Retirement) Benefit, Rules, 1958 with effect from has been issued by the competent authority. A copy of the order issued in this regard is enclosed.

2. The following documents (in physical form or print-out of forms submitted online) prescribed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System are enclosed:

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3. On retirement from service, in accordance with rule 11/rule 12/rule 13, Shri is entitled to benefits under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible to the Subscribers retiring on superannuation. It is requested that the case of the Member of Service / Subscriber for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System may be processed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer
or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose

* Strike out if not applicable.

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FORM 4-B

[See rule 24]

[Form of letter to the Accounts Officer forwarding the withdrawal papers of a Subscriber under the National Pension System on absorption in an autonomous body or Public Sector Undertaking]

No ....

Government of India

Ministry / Department/Office of

Dated the

To

The Accounts Officer/Accountant-General

Sub: Processing of claim for benefits under the National Pension System on absorption in an autonomous body or Public Sector Undertaking or resigned on technical ground - case of Shri /Smt. /Km (PRAN ....)

Sir,

I am directed to say that Shri/Smt./Km................(name and designation), PRAN........, of this Ministry or Department or office is deemed to have retired from Government service w.e.f.........on absorption in, an autonomous body or Public sector undertaking or resigned on technical ground. A copy of order of his relieving from this Ministry or Department or office is enclosed.

2 * Since the scheme of the National Pension System exists in the new organisation, the Subscriber shall continue to subscribe to the National Pension System with the same Permanent Retirement Account Number in the new organisation. He shall not receive any benefit under the National Pension System at the time of such absorption but shall receive benefits after exit from the new body or organisation, etc. where Subscriber has been absorbed.

OR

Since the scheme of the National Pension System does not exist in the new organisation, upon deemed resigned (due to absorption) in accordance with rule 14 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021, he or she shall be eligible to receive benefits under National Pension System in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of Subscriber on superannuation. The following documents (in physical form or print-out of forms submitted online) prescribed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System are enclosed:

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3. It is requested that the case of the Subscriber may be processed for transfer of the NPS Account to ....or release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System in accordance with

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the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of Subscriber on superannuation.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Office

* Strike out if not applicable.

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FORM 4- C

[See rule 24]

[Form of letter to the Accounts Officer forwarding the withdrawal papers of a Subscriber under the National Pension System on resignation or compulsory retirement as a measure of penalty or dismissal or removal from service]

No ……………………

Government of India

Ministry / Department/Office of

Dated the

To

The Accounts Officer/Accountant-General

(Through - District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose).

Sub: Processing of claim for benefits under the National Pension System on resignation or compulsory retirement as a measure of penalty or dismissal or removal from service of Shri /Smt. /Km PRAN ....)

Sir,

I am directed to say that:

* A penalty of compulsory retirement has been imposed on Shri/Smt./Km (name and designation) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..), PRAN…………… of vide Order No…………… dated....................Copy enclosed). Accordingly, Shri/Smt./Km................stands compulsorily retired from Government service with effect from ....

OR

* A penalty of dismissal or removal from service has been imposed on Shri/Smt./Km................(name and designation) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..), PRAN………….. of vide Order No………………..dated..................(Copy enclosed). Accordingly, Shri/Smt./Km………………………..............[IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..),, stands dismissed/ removed from Government service with effect from ....

OR

* Shri/Smt./Km...................................(name and designation) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..), PRAN……………….has resigned from Government service with effect from .... A copy of the Order No………………..dated…………. for acceptance of resignation is enclosed.

2. In terms of rule 18 or rule 14 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023, the Subscriber is eligible for benefits under the National Pension System in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of Subscriber before superannuation.

3. The following claim papers (in physical form or print-out of forms submitted online) prescribed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System are enclosed:

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4. It is requested that the case of the Subscriber for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System may be processed in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of Subscriber before superannuation.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Office/District Treasury Officer
or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose

* Strike out if not applicable.

FORM 4-D

[See rule 24]

[Form of letter to the Accounts Officer forwarding the withdrawal papers of a Subscriber under the National Pension System on retirement on invalidation or disablement]

No ....

Government of India

Ministry /Department/Office of

Dated the

To

The Accounts Officer/Accountant-General

(Through - District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose).

Sub: Processing of claim for benefits under the National Pension System on retirement on invalidation or disablement of Shri /Smt. /Km................ (PRAN) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre........)

Sir,

* I am directed to say that Shri/Smt./Km.................(name and designation) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre........), PRAN .... retired on invalidation (not attributable to Government service) or disablement (attributable to Government service) on .... As per the option exercised by Shri/Smt./Km/................................ default option under rule 10 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023, the Subscriber is eligible for benefits under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1958 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023. A copy of the option exercised by the Member of Service in Form -1 is enclosed. Further action for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1958 or Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 is being taken accordingly. In accordance with rule 16 or rule 17 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023, the Government contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the Subscriber shall be transferred to Government account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid in lump sum to the Subscriber.

OR

* I am directed to say that Shri/Smt./Km.................(name and designation/ Service and Cadre), PRAN .... of this Ministry or Department or office retired on invalidation (not attributable to Government service) or disablement (attributable to Government service) on .... As per the option exercised by Shri/Smt./Km / default option under Rule 10 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023 and in accordance with rule 16 or rule 17 All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, the Subscriber is eligible for benefits under the National Pension System in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 as admissible in the case of exit of Subscriber on superannuation. A copy of the option exercised by Shri/Smt./Km................................in Form -1 is enclosed.

The following documents (in physical form or print-out of forms submitted online) prescribed by the

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Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System, as submitted by the Shri/Smt./Km………………………………[IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……………..) are also enclosed:

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2. It is requested that the case of Shri/Smt./Km................................ [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre…………...) for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System may be processed in accordance with the option exercised by him or her and the provisions of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Office/ District Treasury Officer
or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose

* Strike out if not applicable.

FORM 4- E

[See rule 24]

[Form of letter to the Accounts Officer forwarding the withdrawal papers of a Subscriber under the National Pension System on death in service]

No ....

Government of India

Ministry/Department/Office of

Dated the

To

The Accounts Officer/Accountant-General

(Through - District Treasury Officer or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose).

Sub: Processing of claim for benefits under the National Pension System on death in service- case of Shri /Smt. /Km................. [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..) (PRAN)

Sir,

- I am directed to say that Shri/Smt./Km.................(name and designation) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..), PRAN………….died on .... The death of Shri/Smt./Km................ [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..) is not attributable to Government service or attributable to Government service. As per the option exercised by Shri/Smt./Km , default option under rule 10 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023, his family is eligible for benefits under the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1958 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023. Further action for disbursement of benefits to the family in accordance with the All India Services (Death Cum Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1958 or Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 is being taken accordingly. In accordance with rule 20 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023, the Government contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the Subscriber shall be transferred to Government account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid in lump sum to the person(s) in whose favour a nomination has been made under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015. If there is no such nomination or if the nomination made does not subsist, the amount of remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the legal heir(s). A copy of the option exercised by the Member of Service / Subscriber in Form -1 is enclosed.

OR

- I am directed to say that Shri/Smt./Km.................(name and designation) [IAS/IPS/IFS] (Cadre……..) , PRAN on .... As per the option exercised by Shri/Smt./Km , default option under rule 10 and in terms of rule 20 of the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2023, his family is eligible for benefits under the National Pension System in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015. A copy of the option exercised by the Subscriber in Form-1 is enclosed. The following documents (in physical form or print-out of forms submitted online) specified by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System, as submitted by the eligible member of the family are enclosed:

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2. It is requested that the case of the Subscriber for release of terminal benefits under the National Pension System may be processed in accordance with the option exercised by him or her and the provisions of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

Yours faithfully,

Head of Office District Treasury Officer
or Treasury Officer (DTO/TO)/any other Designated Authority for the purpose

* Strike out if not applicable.