GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
Bhubaneswar, dated the 24th, May, 2008  

Sub:- Payment of pension through Public Sector Banks – Credit of Pension to Joint Bank Account operated by a pensioner with his/her spouse.  

No. TRD -22/07-26848_/F., In order to facilitate smooth payment of pension, the State Govt. have prescribed the scheme for payment of pensions of State Govt. Pensioners by Public Sector Banks vide Finance Department O.M. No 45539/F., dated 2.9.1977 under which monthly pensions of different categories of State Govt. pensioners are credited to their individual Savings/Current Bank Accounts. But, there is no provision for operation of joint accounts under the scheme. However, credit of pension to joint bank account operated by pensioner with his/her spouse in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists, in the Pension Payment Order (PPO) has now been allowed by the Govt. of India vide Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure O.M. No. CPAO / Tech / Amendments / Sch. Book / 2005-06/69, dated 9.6.2005. Accordingly, the State Govt., after careful consideration, have been pleased to extend the facility of payment of pensions through Public Sector Banks by crediting to the Savings/Current Bank Accounts jointly operated by the pensioner with the spouse either by ‘Former or Survivor’ or ‘Either or Survivor’ basis. Therefore, it has now, been decided in consultation with the A.G. (A&E), Orissa to amend the following provisions of the Scheme for payment of pensions of the State Govt. pensioners by Public Sector Banks, which will come into effect from the date of issue of this Memorandum.  

AMENDMENT  

Paragraph – 4. After the words “his /her individual savings/current account” and before the words “at the” appearing in the 4th line, the words/sentences, “or joint account of the pensioner with the spouse operated by ‘Former or Survivor’ or ‘Either or Survivor’ basis in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists in the Pension Payment Order (PPO)” are inserted and after the last words of the paragraph-4 following words/sentences are inserted.  

“or opt for opening of joint account of the pensioner with the spouse which will be operated either by ‘Former or Survivor’ or ‘Either or Survivor’ basis subject to following terms and conditions .  

(i) Once pension has been credited to a pensioner’s bank account, the liability of the Government/Bank ceases. No further liability arises, even if the spouse wrongly draws the amount.  

(ii) As pension is payable only during the life of a pensioner, his/her death shall be intimated to the bank at the earliest and in any case within one month of the demise, so that the bank does not continue crediting monthly pension to the joint account with the spouse, after the death of the
pensioner. If, however, any amount has been wrongly credited to the joint account, it shall be recoverable from the joint account and/or any other account held by the pensioner/spouse either individually or jointly. The legal heirs, successors, executors etc. shall also be liable to refund any amount, which has been wrongly credited to the joint account.

The pensioner shall have to furnish an undertaking to the effect that his legal heirs, successors, executors shall be liable to refund excess amount if any credited to Pensioner’s Account / Joint Account.

(iii) Existing pensioners desiring to get their pension credited to a joint account as indicated above are required to submit an application to the branch bank, from where they are presently drawing pension in the prescribed form in Annexure-1(A). This would also be signed by the pensioner’s spouse in token of having accepted the terms and conditions laid down in this Office Memorandum. These instructions are also applicable to the pensioners retiring after the issue of this Memorandum”.

Paragraph – 4.1
The words appearing after the words “in cash” in the 1st line and words in 2nd line are deleted.

The following paragraph is inserted after the paragraph 4.1.

Paragraph – 4.2
“Payment of arrear of pension in terms of paragraph-19 of the Scheme will also be applicable to joint account opened as per paragraph – 4 of the Scheme” but not applicable to State Government Pensioners drawing pensions outside the State through Public Sector Banks.

Paragraph – 6.3
After the word and figure “Annexure-1” and before the words “in duplicate” the words and figure “or Annexure – I(A)” are inserted.

Following paragraph is inserted after Paragraph – 19

Paragraph – 19.1
The amount of arrear of pension due to the spouse of the pensioner in the event of death of the pensioner may be credited to the joint account if an accepted nomination in terms of Note.1-A of S.R. 318 of O.T.C. Vol-1 exists as on the date of death of the pensioner.

Paragraph- 20.1
The word “not” appearing at the beginning within bracket in the 2nd line of para two of Paragraph-20.1 is deleted.

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(S.K.Mishra)
Special Secretary to Government
Memo No. 26849(F),Dt. 24.5.08
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Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 26852(F), Dt. 24.5.08
Copy of the Office Memorandum forwarded to the C.G.M. State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, BBSR- 751001 (30 copies)/Zonal Manager, United Commercial Bank, UCO Bank Building, C-2 Ashok Nagar, BBSR (20 copies)/Zonal Manager, Bank of India, Zonal Office, 98-Kharavela Nagar, Unit – III, BBSR (20 copies)/Zonal Manager, United Bank of India, Kalpana Area, Bhubaneswar (20 copies)/ Regional Manager, India Bank, Station Square, BBSR (20 copies)/ Chief Regional Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Regional Office, B/2, West Sahid Nagar, BBSR- 751007 (20 copies)/ Chief Manager, Andhra Bank, Zonal Office M/14- Baramunda, BBSR (20 Copies)/Regional Manager, Central Bank of India, 94-Janapath – Unit – III, BBSR (20 copies)/ Regional Manager, Bank of Baroda, Plot No. 171, Bhauma Nagar, BBSR (20 copies)/Chief Manager, Allahabad Bank, Zonal Offices, 3/1, B IRC Village, BBSR (20 copies). They are requested to circulate it among the paying branches under their control for necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Government
Memo No. 26854(2)/F., Dt. 24.5.08

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 26855(2)/F., Dt. 24.5.08


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Deputy Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 26856(120)/F., Dt. 24.5.08

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 26857/F., Dt. 24.5.08

Copy forwarded to Shri B.K.Sahu, Senior Assistant, Treasury Branch for necessary amendment in Treasury Code Vol. I.

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Deputy Secretary to Government.
ANNEXURE – 1 (A)

FORM FOR DRAWAL OF PENSION THROUGH JOINT ACCOUNT

To

The Branch Manager,
__________________(Bank)
__________________(Branch & Address)

Sub: - Payment of pension under PPO No.___________________ through your bank branch.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to receive my Pension under PPO No._______________ by getting it credited to the Saving / Current bank account No._______________ which is operated jointly in your branch by me and my spouse, Mr./Mrs. ___________ in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists in the pension payment order (PPO).

I have read and understood the contents of the Govt. of Orissa, Finance Department Office Memorandum No._26848_ dt._24.5.2008 which contains the following terms & conditions. Once pension has been credited to pensioner’s bank account, liabilities of the Govt. / Bank ceases. No further liability arises even if the amount is wrongly drawn by the spouse.

(a) As pension is payable only during the life a pensioner, his / her death shall be intimated to the bank at the earliest and in any case within one month of the demise, so that the bank does not continue crediting monthly pension to the joint account with the spouse, after the death of the pensioner. If, however, any amount has been wrongly credited to the joint account, it shall be recoverable from the joint account and / or any other account held by the pensioner / spouse either individually or jointly. The legal heirs, successors, executors shall also be liable to refund any amount which has been wrongly credited to the Joint Account.

(b) Payment of Arrears of Pensions to the Joint Account with the pensioner’s spouse as nominee would continue if there is an ‘accepted nomination’ as per Note-1-A appended to S.R. 318 of Orissa Treasury Code Vol. – 1.

I accept the above terms & condition, My spouse too, in token of having accepted those terms & conditions, has put his / her signature below.

1. Signature of the pensioner

2. Signature of Spouse

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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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No.TRD-22/07-27571(10)/F., Dated the 29th, May 2008

From

Shri S.K. Mishra,
Special Secretary to Government.

To

The C.G.M. State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, BBSR- 751001 /
Zonal Manager, United Commercial Bank, UCO Bank Building, C-2 Ashok Nagar, BBSR /
Zonal Manager, Bank of India, Zonal Office, 98-Kharavela Nagar, Unit – III, BBSR /
Zonal Manager, United Bank of India, Kalpana Area, Bhubaneswar /
Regional Manager, Indian Bank, Station Square, BBSR /
Chief Regional Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Regional Office, B/2, West Sahid Nagart, BBSR- 751007 /
Chief Manager, Andhra Bank, Zonal Office, M/14- Baramunda, BBSR /
Regional Manager, Central Bank of India, 94-Janapath – Unit – III, BBSR /
Regional Manager, Bank of Baroda, Plot No. 171, Bhauma Nagar, BBSR /
Chief Manager, Allahabad Bank, Zonal Office, 3/1, B IRC Village, BBSR

Sub:- Payment of pension through Public Sector Banks – Credit of Pension to Joint Bank Account operated by a pensioner with his/her spouse.

Sir,

I am directed to say that in order to facilitate smooth payment of pension, the State Govt. have prescribed the scheme for payment of pensions of State Govt. Pensioners by Public Sector Banks vide Finance Department O.M. No. 45539/F., dated 2.9.1977 under which monthly pensions of different categories of State Govt. pensioners are credited to their individual Savings/Current Bank Accounts. But, there is no provision for operation of joint accounts under the scheme. Representations were received from different quarters for providing such facility and the matter was under consideration of the Government for quite sometimes past. However, in the meanwhile credit of pension to joint bank account operated by pensioner with his/her spouse in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists, in the Pension Payment Order (PPO) has now been allowed by the Govt. of India vide Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure O.M. No. CPAO / Tech / Amendments / Sch. Book / 2005-06/69, dated 9.6.2005. Accordingly, the State Government, after careful consideration and in consultation with the Accountant General, Orissa, have been pleased to extend the facility of payment of pensions through Public Sector Banks by crediting to the Savings/Current Bank Accounts jointly operated by the pensioner with the spouse either by ‘Former or Survivor’ or ‘Either or Survivor’ basis. In this connection, amendments effected in the scheme for payment of pensions to the State Government Pensioners by the Public Sector Banks vide Finance Department Office Memorandum No.26848/F., Dated-24.5.08 may be referred to.

2. The joint account of the pensioner with the spouse could be operated either by ‘Former or Survivor’ or ‘Either or Survivor’ basis subject to the following terms and conditions:
(a) Once pension has been credited to a pensioner’s bank account, the liability of the Government/Bank ceases. No further liability arises, even if the spouse wrongly draws the amount.

(b) As pension is payable only during the life of a pensioner, his/her death shall be intimated to the bank at the earliest and in any case within one month of the demise, so that the bank does not continue crediting monthly pension to the joint account with the spouse, after the death of the pensioner. If, however, any amount has been wrongly credited to the joint account, it shall be recoverable from the joint account and / or any other account held by the pensioner/spouse either individually or jointly. The legal heirs, successors, executors etc. shall also be liable to refund any amount, which has been wrongly credited to the joint account.

The pensioner shall have to furnish an undertaking to the effect that his legal heirs, successors, executors shall be liable to refund excess amount if any credited to Pensioner’s Account / Joint Account.

(c) Payment of Arrears of Pensions to the Joint Account with the pensioner’s spouse as nominee would continue if there is an ‘accepted nomination’ as per Note-A appended to S.R. 318 of Orissa Treasury Code Vol. I.

3. Existing pensioners desiring to get their pension credited to a joint account as indicated above are required to submit an application to the branch bank, from where they are presently drawing pension in the enclosed form. This would also be signed by the pensioner’s spouse in token of having accepted the terms and conditions laid down in this Office Memorandum No.26848 dt. 24.05.2008. These instructions are also applicable to the pensioners retiring after the issue of this Memorandum.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
( S.K.Mishra )
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No.27572(265) /F., Dt. 29.5.08

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Memo No. 27574 /F., Dt. 29.5.08
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Memo No. 27575(168)/F., Dt. 29.5.08
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I have read and understood the contents of the Govt. of Orissa, Finance Department Office Memorandum No.26848 dt.24. 5.2008 which contains the following terms & conditions. Once pension has been credited to pensioner’s bank account, liabilities of the Govt. / Bank ceases. No further liability arises even if the amount is wrongly drawn by the spouse.

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(b) Payment of Arrears of Pensions to the Joint Account with the pensioner’s spouse as nominee would continue if there is an ‘accepted nomination’ as per Note-1-A appended to S.R. 318 of Orissa Treasury Code Vol. – 1.

I accept the above terms & conditions, My spouse too, in token of having accepted those terms & conditions, has put his / her signature below.

1. Signature of the pensioner

2. Signature of Spouse