GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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From

Sri Prasanta Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary to Government.

To

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

<u>Sub:-</u> Payment of family pension to the Unmarried/ widowed/ divorced daughter of deceased government servants where name of the claimant has not been mentioned in relevant Form of the pension papers—regarding.

Ref:- Letter No. PM-F-5(A)-Succession Certificate/ 2022-23/ 599, dated 29.08.2022, This Department Letter No. 15458/F dated 23.06.202 and Letter No. 3261/F dated 06.02.2018.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the aforementioned letters on the subject cited above, I am directed to say that State Government in Notification No. 32745/F. Dated. benefit of family pension the 23.07.2011 have extended the Unmarried/Widowed/Divorced daughters of deceased government servants above 25 years in age and the benefit shall be payable only after the other eligible family members have ceased to receive the benefit if she satisfy other conditions prescribed therein including the economic parameter. In a good number of cases it is found that name and other personal details of such daughters have not been furnished in the relevant form by the retired government servants/ pensioners. In order to provide the benefit the claimants are asked for to submit succession certificate but obtaining the said certificate has become a time consuming and difficult process.

- 2. After careful consideration Government have decided to liberalise the requirement of supportive documents for payment of family pension to the Unmarried/Widowed/Divorced daughters of deceased Government servants where name of the claimant has not been mentioned in relevant Form of the pension papers as required under Finance Department Letter No. 3261/F dated 06.02.2018 as given below.
- a. Legal Heir certificate from the claimant daughter should be insisted instead of Succession Certificate henceforth. The legal heir certificate should be issued by the Revenue Authority of the native place of the employee/ pensioner.
- b. In such cases, legal heir certificate should be insisted instead of succession certificate along with other supportive documents as proof of the claimant's identity

such as Aadhar Card, Voter Identity Card, Educational Certificate etc. for sanction of the benefit.

- c. The unmarried daughter in such case may be asked for furnishing an affidavit indicating her identity as well as marital status.
- d. In case of widowed and divorced daughters the same principles should be followed. In such case date of widowhood and decree of divorce after death of the employee/ pensioner should not be entertained for the purpose of family pension.
- 3. The conditions for payment of family pension to such daughters beyond 25 years in age as provided in rule 56 of the O.C.S (Pension) Rules, 1992 should be strictly followed.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government