

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

No. 18016 /F., Date 27.06.2024

FIN-NPS-SCHEME-0001-2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Relaxation regarding submission of affidavit containing the consent of all legal heirs/nominees of the deceased employee for availing the benefits of family pension upon in-service death of the State Government employee covered under NPS.

The State Government has extended the benefits of family pension, in accordance with the provisions of Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992, to all the eligible State Government employees covered under NPS, upon their in-service death vide Finance Department Notification No.28746/F, dated 11.10.2021.

2. The following procedure has been prescribed to exercise such option vide Finance Department Office Memorandum No.12587/F, dated 19.05.2022 :

(i) At the time of joining, every eligible state government employee and existing state government employees, covered under NPS, shall exercise the option in Form-I for availing the benefit under National Pension System or under the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992, in the event of his/her in-service death as per the provisions of para 2A-I-a & 2A-I-b of the aforesaid Office Memorandum.

(ii) As per the provisions of para 2A-II-a & 2A-III-a of the said Office Memorandum, the State Government employees, who have died prior to 11.10.2021 or died within 3 years from the date of issue of the Finance Department Notification No. 28746/F dated 11.10.2021, without exercising the option, their eligible family members can also submit the option in Form-II for availing the benefit of family pension under Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992, enclosing therein an affidavit containing the consent of all legal heirs/nominees of the deceased employee along with other requisite documents.

(iii) Option so exercised shall be accompanied either with Form-III or Form-IV, as the case may be, for claiming the benefits of family pension under Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992. Form III and Form IV have also mandated submission of an affidavit containing the consent of all legal heirs/nominees.

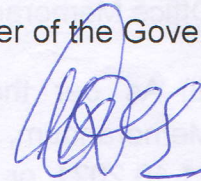
3. However, it has come to the notice of the State Government that in certain instances, it is difficult for the eligible family members of the deceased government employee to secure consent from all the legal heirs/nominees in the shape of an affidavit for sanction of family pension.

4. Therefore, after careful consideration, the State Government is pleased to relax the mandatory provision of submitting an affidavit containing the consent of all the legal heirs/nominees for sanction of family pension under O.C.S (Pension) Rules, 1992, as outlined in Finance Department O.M. No.12587, dated 19.05.2022, with immediate effect.

5. Refund of the proportionate share of the deceased employee in the Accrued Pension Wealth shall be made in lump-sum to the person(s) in whose favour a nomination has been made under the PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations, 2015. If there is no such nomination or if the nomination made does not subsist, then the amount of such share of the pension corpus shall be paid to the legal heir(s) in equal proportion. The concerned Head of Office, while processing the application, shall verify all the facts submitted therein including the nominee(s) details furnished with that of the nomination(s) made.

6. Accordingly, the relevant provisions of Finance Department O.M. No.12587/F, dated 19.05.2022, along with its appended Form-II, Form-III, and Form-IV are hereby modified to such extent.

By order of the Governor

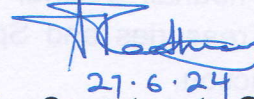


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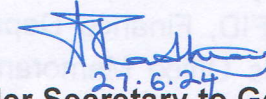
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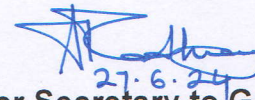
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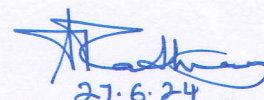
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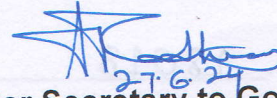
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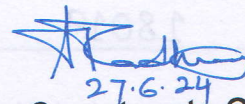
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