DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

[Pension Department]

No. F5(1)NPS Circulars/2019/62

Dated: 22/08/2019

F&E Circular No. | 9 /2019

Sub: Relief on death of Government Servant covered under NPS, prior to Circular Dt. 18.12.2018.

In continuation to this office Circular No. F.5(1)/NPS Circulars/2018/18 Dt. 18.12.2018, Vice Chairman DDA has further approved the guidelines for providing Additional relief to eligible dependents of deceased employees who had already withdrawn their respective accumulations from NSDL prior to circular dated 18.12.2018.

- 2. So far as death cases after 18.12.2018 or prior to that where accumulated funds have not been processed/withdrawn are concerned, the same shall strictly be processed for family pension in terms of circular dt 18.12.2018. However, in those cases where accumulated funds stands withdrawn, the procedure shall be as under:
 - a) In all the decided cases, otherwise covered under circular dated 18.12.2018 ibid, where the legal heir/heirs have withdrawn the accumulations under NPS/availed benefits as provided under NPS from NSDL, an opportunity shall be given to them to exercise an option for availing benefits (Family Pension) offered under OM No.38/41/06/P&PW(A) dated 5.9.2009 in terms of rules notified by PFRDA vide letter No. PFRDA/24/12 dated 30.7.2014 adopted in DDA vide said circular dated 18.12.2018.
 - b) NPS Cell/Dy. CAO(Pension) shall get confirmation from NSDL regarding the final figure of accumulation already withdrawn by the legal heirs. After verification and completion of pre-audit formalities by Work Audit Cell, an adjustment of accumulations will be made while paying arrears of family pension.
 - c) However, in case if the whole amount of arrears would not be set-off with accumulations, then, family members have to deposit the remaining amount left at their end to DDA and after receipt of the said remaining amount from family members, family pension will be started.

d) The date of commencement of Family Pension shall be reckoned as per CCS(Pension)Rules, 1972.

e) Neither any interest shall be payable by DDA on the arrears of Family pension to be paid nor any interest shall be charged on the remittance to

DDA of the benefit already received from NSDL as per (b) above.

f) Family Pension shall be sanctioned by the officers having delegated powers for sanction of pension/family pension to DDA employees under CCS(Pension)Rules, 1972. So far as scrutiny & acceptance of documents for sanction of Family Pension is concerned, the responsibility shall rest with Dy. CAO(Pension) even in respect of cases falling under the competence of Accounts Officer(Pension). However, in respect of future cases the payment of additional benefits as per circular dated 18.12.18, existing delegation of financial powers and procedures for payment of pensionary benefits to DDA employees/legal heirs under CCS(Pension)Rules, 1972 shall be followed for NPS cases as well.

- g) After determining the eligibility for grant of Family Pension in each case as per (b) above, the principle approval of CAO, DDA shall be necessary.
- h) The aforesaid payments of Family Pension as per OM No.38/41/06/P&PW(A) dated 5th May 2009 are **on provisional basis** till further orders

Encl: Circular No. F.5(1)/NPS Circulars/2018/18 dt. 18.12.2018

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No: F.5(1)/NPS Circulars/2018/ (8

Dated: 18.12.2018

CIRCULAR

Sub: Extension of benefits of Retirement/Death Gratuity and other additional reliefs on death/disability of the DDA employees covered by New Defined Contribution Pension System (NPS)- reg.

The pension of the DDA employees appointed on or before 01.01.2004 is regulated by the New Defined contribution Pension System (known as New Pension Scheme), notified by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) vide their O.M. No. 5/7/2003-ECB 2 PR dated 22.12.2003.

- 2. On introduction of the New Pension Scheme, among others, the Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 and the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules were amended on 30.12.2003. Under the amended Rules, the benefits of Invalid Pension/Disability Pension and Family Pension/Extraordinary Family Pension/Liberalized Pensionary Award relief were not available to the Government Servants appointed on or after 1.1.2004.
- 3. Meanwhile, considering the hardships being faced by the employees appointed on or after 1.1.2004 who are discharged on invalidation/disablement and by the families of such employees who have died during service since 1.1.2004, the Government extended the following benefits to Central Civil Government Servants covered by the New Pension Scheme, on provisional basis till further orders vide OM No. 38/41/06/P&PW(A) dated 5TH May, 2009 Issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare.
 - Invalid pension in case of retirement from Government service on invalidation not attributable to Govt. duty,
 - (ii) Family pension in case of death in service not attributable to Govt. duty,
 - (iii) Disability pension in case of discharge from Govt. service due to disease/injury attributable to Govt. duty,
 - (iv) Extraordinary family pension in case of death in service attributable to Government duty:

It is also provided that monthly annuitized pension from accumulated funds in the NPS account would be adjusted in paying family pension or other kinds of pension.

- 4. Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) also issued a letter no. PFRDA/24/12 dated 30.07.2014 providing, inter alia, that the subscriber/family members of deceased employee covered under NPS can either choose to opt for the benefits offered under O.M. No. 38/41/06/P&W(A) dated 5th May, 2009 referred to above or to take the benefits as provided under NPS. It is further mentioned that in case the option to avail the family/invalidation pension is exercised, the accumulated pension wealth in the account of subscriber/deceased subscriber has to be adjusted/transferred to the Government account.
- 5. Subsequently vide OM No. 7/5/2012-P&PW(F)/B dated 26th August, 2016 of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, it has been decided that government employees covered by National Pension System shall be eligible for benefit of 'Retirement gratuity and Death gratuity' on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to employees covered by Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.
- 6. Having considered the provisions of above referred OMs dated 05.05.09 and 26.08.2016 along with PFRDA's letter dt. 30.07.2014, Vice Chairman, DDA in consultation with Finance Member, DDA, has approved adoption of above provisions of retirement/death gratuity and family/invalidation pension for DDA's employees appointed on or after 01.01.2004 and covered under NPS.
- 7. Accordingly, it is circulated for information and compliance by DDOs and other concerned officers of DDA that DDA's employees appointed on or after 01.01.2004 and covered under NPS shall be eligible for benefit of retirement gratuity and death gratuity in terms of OM dated 26.08.2016 referred to above. Such employees and their dependent family members will also be eligible for invalid pension/family pension/disability pension/extra ordinary family pension, as the case may be, in terms of OM dated 05.05.09 read with PFRDA's letter dt. 30.07.2014 referred to above.

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