



**INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
KRISHI BHAWAN: NEW DELHI: 110 001**

F. No.: FIN/10/5/2014-Pension

Dated: 21st February 2018

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: - Approval of Governing Body extending Additional relief (Family Pension & Death Gratuity), at par with the Government Servants under the Government of India, on death/disability of ICAR employees covered by the New Defined Contribution Pension System (National Pension Scheme-NPS).**

Council had been in receipt of a number of references related to the subject cited above. The matter was referred to the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India which has clarified the issue vide F. No.: 28/03/2017-P&PW (B), dated: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The issue was thereafter placed before the Governing Body. The Governing Body of ICAR in its 242<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 has approved to adopt *mutatis mutandis* orders/instructions issued by the Government of India/PFRDA related to additional relief on death/disability to Government employees covered under NPS, to ICAR employees covered under NPS.

Accordingly the Governing Body of ICAR has approved as under:

1. The additional relief (Family Pension and Gratuity) allowed to the Government servant covered under NPS, in case of death/disability shall be admissible to ICAR employees covered under NPS on exercise of such option by him, as per these rules. Accordingly, instructions issued by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India in this regard vide order No.38/41/06/P&PW (A), dated: 05<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and all subsequent instructions on the subject is *mutatis mutandis* applicable in ICAR.
2. The instructions issued by the Pension Fund Regulatory And Development Agency (PFRDA) related to "Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under National Pension System) Regulation, 2015" vide order no.: PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8 dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, subsequent amendment dated: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017, along with "Guidelines for processing of Family Pension cases" vide order no.: PFRDA/24/Exit/1, dated: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and instructions on "Comparing pension amount (Family Pension or NPS annuity) by Government nodal office before processing Family Pension cases on death/disability of subscriber" issued vide order no.: PFRDA/2016/13/Exit/05 dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 is also *mutatis mutandis* applicable in ICAR. Any subsequent instructions issued by the PFRDA on the subject shall also be applicable to ICAR employees.
3. Wherever the employee/family opts for the grant of additional relief in case of disability/death as per the old pension schemes i.e. as per CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, in accordance with these instructions, accumulations under NPS will not be paid to the family. The concerned institute will get back the credit from NSDL and transfer the fund to Council.
4. Institutes may settle all such cases on the basis of these instructions. On receipt of such proposals from institute, the concerned Pension Payment Authorities of the 19 ICAR institutes will authorize them in accordance with these instructions, without further referring the matter to Council. The related expenses shall be met from the overall allocation made to ICAR under "Grant-in-aid- General-Pension & Other Retirement Benefits".

  
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Director-Finance

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3. Director, NRC-Seed Spices, Ajmer. This disposes off the two cases of Dr. S.S. Rathore, Sr. Sc. and Sri Ajit Singh Sr. Technician (Driver) referred by it to Council.

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