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Dated 21st April, 2022

**To**

**Directors of all ICAR Units/Bureaux/NRCs/Centres**

**Sub.: Choice of pension fund and investment pattern in Tier-I of NPS for  
ICAR officials covered under NPS**

Sir,

The option of choice of pension fund and investment pattern in Tier- I of NPS was extended to CABs vide OM No. 1(3)/EV/2020 dated 26.08.2021 and 21.10.2021. The OM was made applicable to ICAR officials covered under NPS vide endorsement No. F.No. FIN/22/1/2016-CDN(A&A) dated 23rd November, 2021.

It is to inform that NSDL has enabled the function to change scheme choice preference and the Investment option for ICAR at subscriber's level. NPS subscribers can now select/change the Pension Fund Manager and Investment Option of their choice under their respective Tier - I Account by following the SOP of NSDL. A copy of instructions received from NSDL for SOP is enclosed for reference. SOP for exercising the Choice of Scheme Preference Change is available to download at the Webpage: [www.npscra.nsdl.co.in](http://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in) > Central Government > Nodal Office Corner > SOP on Processing of Scheme Choice Preference Change request.

This issues with the approval of Director (F).

**Encl.: As stated above.**

Yours faithfully,

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Sr. F.&A.O.(P)

## Scheme choice preference

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3 attachments (3 MB)

Scheme Choice Preference.pdf; Standard Operating Procedure on Processing of Scheme Preference Change Request.pdf; GoS\_S3\_Scheme\_Preference\_Change\_Form\_1.4.pdf;

Dear Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the enclosed letter regarding the enabling of Scheme choice preference at the Subscriber level, for your Organization.

In this regard, we would like to inform your office that we have enabled the functionality to change Scheme Preference and the Investment option by/for your Subscribers. The NPS Subscribers mapped under your office can now opt for Scheme Preference and the Investment option of their choice under their respective Tier- I account.

Kindly note that all prospective as well as existing Subscribers mapped under your office can now exercise the choice of Scheme preference change.

The modes by which non-default Schemes can be selected and executed by the Subscribers/Nodal office with the necessary authorization are provided below.

1. Subscriber can select the Pension Fund Manager of his/her choice by submission of the Scheme preference change form (**enclosed** form GoS\_S3\_SPCF\_V1.4) to his/her nodal office. The same request can also be executed online by the Subscriber by visiting the website :

<http://cra-nsdl.com/CRA>

2. The existing Subscribers may also change their Scheme Preference from the current scheme which may have been selected earlier. For changing the Scheme Preference, the existing Subscribers need to follow any of the steps mentioned below:

- a. The Subscriber may submit the physical copy of the Scheme Preference change request form to the associated Nodal office. The Subscriber is required to download Form GOS-S3 from the CRA website ([www.npscra.nsdl.co.in](http://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in)) and submit the duly filled form to the associated Nodal office. The Nodal office is required to initiate the Scheme Preference change request under the CRA application.
- b. The Subscribers may also raise an online request under the CRA application, for changing the scheme preference. This request would be an OTP based request and hence, it is necessary that the Subscriber's mobile number, is registered with CRA. The request initiated online by the Subscriber needs to be verified & authorised by the associated nodal office in the CRA System.

We have enclosed the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for exercising the choice of Scheme preference change and further the same is also available to download at the following webpage : [www.npscra.nsdl.co.in](http://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in) > Central Government > Nodal Office Corner > SOP on Processing of Scheme Preference change requestIn case any further information is required, please contact the undersigned or Mr. Vijay Hedge on ([vijayh@nsdl.co.in](mailto:vijayh@nsdl.co.in))We would also like to take this opportunity to inform your office that we at NSDL-CRA have taken an initiative to apprise Nodal offices and Subscribers regarding an educative video on YouTube by the name of 'NSDL-NPS ki Pathshala' (<https://bit.ly/2LJvCgA>).The informative videos are based on feedback received from various NPS stakeholders. Recently, videos on 'Frequently Asked Questions' have been released, which can be viewed by Government Employees: (<https://bit.ly/2UKsLSb>)The videos are also available to view from the **NPSCRA** website by accessing the following link. You are requested to disseminate the information to your underlying Nodal offices and subscribe to the channel to get regular updates on New NPS related videos.<https://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in/video.php>

Regards,

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Subject: [External] Scheme choice preference

Sir,