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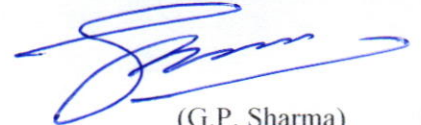
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Sub: Conducting of All India Pension Adalat, 2022 – regarding

Ref: No. D.O.NO. 1/39/2023-P&PW(E), dt. 05-01-2023 from Secretary, DoP&PW.

Secretary, DoP&PW vide letter dated 05-01-2023(copy enclosed) has conveyed for holding a **nation-wide Pension Adalat in the last week of March, 2023 by each Ministries/ Departments/Organisations/Field formation through Video Conferencing for which a suitable date shall be communicated in due course.**

You are therefore, requested to prepare for holding Pension Adalat in respect of your PAU in the **Last week of March, 2023** (The date will be informed at the appropriate time when communicated from the DoP&PW) and the detailed report of the cases taken up in the Pension Adalat may be forwarded to the Council through email :- pensionsection2012@gmail.com in the prescribed proforma attached with the letter dated 05-01-2023.


(G.P. Sharma)
Joint Secretary (Finance)

Encl. : as above.

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7. PS to Joint Secretary (Finance), ICAR.
8. Secretary,CJSC, ICAR.
9. Pensioners/Family Pensioners may approach their respective Pension Authorisation Unit for redress of their grievance, if any.

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D.No.1/39/2023-P&PW (E)

Dated : January 5, 2023

Dear Secretary,

The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has been conducting Pension Adalats across Ministries, throughout the country, as part of Good Governance, to minimise Pensioners' grievances. As you may be aware, redressal of Pensioners' grievances is high on the agenda of the Government.

2. It has been decided, to convene a **Nation-wide Pension Adalat** in the last week of March, 2023, by each Ministry/Department/Organization/Field formation **through Video Conferencing**, for which, a suitable date shall be communicated in due course. The main objective of this Adalat would be prompt resolution of pensioners' grievances, within the framework of extant policy guidelines.

3. The hallmark of the Adalat would be **leveraging digital technology** to conduct the Adalat through VC. While holding these Adalats, **each Ministry should ensure the presence of all concerned stake-holders** viz. HoD, DDO, PAO and officials of concerned Banks, at the Pension Adalat from their respective locations on VC. A notice, in advance, intimating the time and link for the Video Conferencing for the Adalat, should also be sent to the concerned Pensioner for their participation, if they so desire.

4. For effective resolution of the grievances, it is imperative that the Departments should examine the cases in advance and make extensive preparations for the Adalat. In the All-India Pension Adalat held last year, it was noticed that some officials, representing key Ministries, came unprepared and also did not abide by the time-lines given for resolution of the grievances subsequently. **This has been viewed seriously and this year, as suggested by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee, this Department shall recommend punitive action against such officials to the concerned Ministry/Department.**

5. **Only those grievances are to be taken up which fall within the extant Pension policy/guidelines.** Family Pension cases and those cases pending from the last Adalat should be given priority. The Ministries/Departments/Organization having field formations in different parts of the country may organise the Pension Adalats in these formations also on that day, so that this effort has a Pan-India effect.

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6. A nodal officer may please also be nominated from your Ministry, who shall coordinate within your Ministry as well with the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. The nodal officer will intimate the details of the cases being taken up in the Pension Adalat/s of your Ministry and also intimate the outcome of the Adalat/s in the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed). It is also requested that the name of nodal officer nominated from your Ministry may kindly be intimated to this Department latest by 31st January, 2023.

7. I solicit your kind personal attention for the involvement & support of your Ministry in this exercise in making this endeavour a grand success.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely



(V. Srinivas)

Encl: as above

The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments,
Government of India

Proforma

Detailed report of the cases taken up in the Pension Adalat

1. Name of Ministries/Department/Organizations
2. Date of Conducting a Pension Adalat
3. Total Number of cases/grievances
 - a. No of family pension case
 - b. No of case relating to senior pensioner
4. Total Number of cases/grievances resolved
 - a. No of family pension cases resolved
 - b. No of cases relating to senior pensioners resolved
5. Total Number of cases/grievances unresolved
 - a. No of family pension case unresolved
 - b. No of cases relating to senior pensioners unresolved

S N o	Name of Petitioner/Detail s	Grievance/Cas e ID No	Gist of the Grievanc e	Root Cause of the Grievanc e	Outcome of the Grievanc e in the pension Adalat	Suggestio n

Name of the Nodal Officer

Designation

Signature of the Nodal Officer

All India Pension Adalat

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Pension Adalat through Video-conferencing

All India Pension Adalat 2023 will be a seamless technology driven exercise to ensure redressal of pensioners' grievances within the overall guidelines issued by Min of Home affair and Min/o Health & Family Welfare for Covid-19 Pandemic. With the objective of "Ease of Living", all over country, this one day will be dedicated to our pensioners. To bring uniformity among pension adalats conducted by Ministries/Departments all over India, it is requested that this SOP may be adhered to in-totally.

1. All Ministries/Departments, subordinate offices, will conduct Pension Adalats at various locations all over India through video-conferencing tools. The date will be intimated in due course.
2. Pension Adalat links of different Ministries/Departments will also be connected with All India Pension Adalat link, being conducted by Dept of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. Dedicated VC link and other details will be shared subsequently.
3. All Ministries/Departments shall nominate a nodal officer not below the rank of JS at Ministry/HQ level and DS/Director level in field offices. Details of nodal officer i.e. name, designation, phone no., e-mail id may be forwarded by 31st January, 2023 to Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare at the following e-mail:- kumar.ravinder66@nic.in and singh.dp1973@nic.in.
4. Ministries/Departments shall identify Pension/Family Pension related grievances/pending cases received by them through CPENGRAM and through their respective grievance redressal systems/portals. Details of all such cases may be forwarded to DoPPW by 31st January, 2023. Since this Adalat is being dedicated to family pensioners, efforts should be made to take up a majority of Family Pension related cases.
5. Pension Adalat shall be conducted only through video-conferencing (VC) by leveraging technology using available VC tools and applications. Pensioners, HoD, DDO, PAO and Banks shall join the Pension Adalat from their respective locations on VC and should come prepared for each case which is being listed. The Nodal officer nominated at field office level shall co-ordinate the entire VC to ensure seamless participation by all stake-holders.
6. It may be ensured that pensioners are given sufficient time to explain their grievances, if they, so desire, during the VC.

7. Ministries/Departments may also explore the feasibility of providing facility to pensioners to upload/send their grievances and related papers available with them through e-mail or any other mode in advance. However, this should not be made a mandatory condition for listing of their case.
8. At the start of pension Adalat, VC coordinator shall allot time slots for each case and announce case-wise time slots to all the stake holders. This will help aged pensioners and they will not be forced to remain logged-in for the whole day. It will also reduce the load on the ICT systems. Pensioners and officials related to that case may be requested to join 15 minutes prior to their allotted time-slot.
9. VC coordinator shall keep record of all proceedings and direct HOD/DDO/PAO/Bank to take action to ensure redressal of grievance within specific time-period.
10. Ministries/ Departments shall send record of proceedings along with details of cases listed and settled during Pension Adalat to DoPPW within 15 days of the Adalat. In case the case remains unresolved an updated status of such cases, where some action is required on the part of HOD/DDO/PAO/Bank, may be sent again after one month.
11. Ministries/ Departments may ensure availability of ICT hardware including high speed internet, power backup etc. for smooth conduct of the Pension Adalat.
12. Ministries/ Departments shall ensure that all Covid 19 related guidelines i.e. sanitization, thermal screening, social distancing, masks etc. are strictly adhered to while conducting the Pension Adalat.
