

GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH (ROP CELL)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. FIN/ESTT-3/04 (Pt) (Vol-I)

Dated: 3rd April 2023

Sub: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, in place of National Pension System, of those State Government employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment, on or before 28.01.2010.

1. The undersigned is directed to say that consequent on introduction of National Pension System (NPS) vide Notification No. FIN/ESTT-3/04 (pt) dated 28th January 2010, all Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2010 to the posts in the State Government service are mandatorily covered under the said scheme.
2. Subsequently, Finance Department in consultation with the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department and in light of the decision of the Government of India, Department of Pension & Pensioner Welfare vide Office Memorandum No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17th February 2020 and 25th June 2020, issued instructions vide OM of even number dated 2nd December 2022 giving one time option to State Government employees who were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2009 against vacancies occurring before 01.01.2010 and were covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2010, to be covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021).
3. In light of the decision of the Government of India issued vide O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03rd March 2023, it has now been decided that, in all cases where the State Government employee has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 28.01.2010 and is covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2010, may be given one time option to be covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 (now 2021). This option may be exercised by the concerned Government servants latest by **31.07.2023**.
4. This option is subject to the condition that only those recruitment done by observing the standing policy of the Government as laid down in P&AR O.M. No. AR-5/ASSO/98(B) dated 26th August, 1998 shall be eligible/considered for exercising the one time option.
5. Those Government servants who are eligible to exercise the option in accordance to para-3 above, but who do not exercise this option within the stipulated date shall continue to be covered by the National Pension System.
6. The option once exercised shall be final.

7. The Government servant shall place the option exercised before the appointing authority for consideration. In case, the Government servant fulfils the conditions for coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rule, 1972 in accordance with these instructions, necessary order shall be issued latest by 30.09.2023. The NPS account of such Government servants shall, consequently, be closed w.e.f. **30th November, 2023**.
8. The Government servants who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), shall be required to subscribe to the General Provident Fund (GPF).
- a. Adjustment of Employees' contribution in Accounts: Employees' contribution along with accrued interest on his/her NPS contribution shall be credited to GPF account.
- b. Adjustment of Government contribution under NPS in Accounts: The Government contribution along with interest is to be credited into the State Government Account under Head of Account **2071-01-117-01-21** Pensions as deduct Expenditure.
9. The cases of those Government servants who fulfil the conditions mentioned in this O.M. and who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) may be settled by the Administrative Department.

Sd/-

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Addl. Chief Secretary & Finance Commissioner

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