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To

All Government Departments/Autonomous Bodies

SUB: Issue of family pension / Invalidation pension and adjustment of accumulated pension wealth of government sector NPS subscribers to government.

Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare has issued O.M. no.: 38/41/06/P&PW (A) dt. 5th May, 2009 providing for additional reliefs like invalidation pension / family pension to the central government NPS subscribers / family members of a deceased central government employee covered under NPS on an optional basis wherein the subscriber/family members can either choose to opt for the benefits offered under the referred OM or choose to take the benefits as provided under NPS. However, if the option to avail the family pension/invalidation pension is exercised, the accumulated pension wealth in the account of the subscriber/deceased subscriber has to be adjusted /transferred to the government account. It has also come to our notice that some of the state governments, state/central autonomous bodies etc are also offering this relief to their employees who are covered under NPS on similar lines.

2. During our discussions earlier with some of the central government departments, we have been informed that there are about 1900 cases wherein the family pension has been paid by various central government departments to the families of those central government employees who were covered under NPS and who are no more alive now.
3. However, there are no communications/intimations from the central/state government departments or those organisations which offer benefits referred in the above OM to CRA / PFRDA till date, on any such family / invalidation pension paid to the family members of the deceased NPS subscribers /subscribers. As a result, it is very much possible the family members will be availing both the benefits either knowingly or unknowingly on account of lack of knowledge about the rules and regulations in this regard.
4. Owing to the above, since March, 2014 PFRDA is seeking a "No objection" certificate from the nodal office (PAO/DDO) stating that no application for providing family/invalidation pension has been received from the deceased subscriber's family members/subscriber and that they have no objection to release the NPS benefits.
5. Therefore, in order to streamline the system, we request that complete details as under should be intimated to us on PRIORITY so that the claims can be accordingly marked and governments' right of recovery duly protected and preserved.

