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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

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Dated: 29.10.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Quantum of family pension payable under CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021– regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that Rule 50(2) of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 prescribes ordinary and enhanced rates of family pension and the conditions under which those rates are payable. The relevant provisions are reiterated below to facilitate uniform application across ministries and departments.

2. Under Rule 50(2)(a)(i), ordinary family pension is thirty per cent of the pay, subject to the prescribed minimum of Rs. 9,000 and maximum of Rs. 75,000 per month while enhanced family pension is fifty per cent of such pay, subject to the prescribed minimum of Rs. 9,000 and maximum of Rs. 1,25,000 per month as per Rule 50(2)(a)(ii) to (iv). Dearness Relief is admissible separately to both types of family pensions.

3. Pay for this purpose is emoluments under Rule 31 or average emoluments under Rule 32, whichever is higher.

4. Where the Government servant dies in service, the enhanced rate is payable for ten years from the day following death, followed by ordinary family pension, subject to eligibility. In the event of death after retirement, the enhanced rate is payable for seven years or until the date on which the deceased pensioner would have attained the age of sixty-seven years, whichever is earlier. The limit of sixty-seven years remains fixed by the Rule and is not automatically substituted with another age because the normal age of superannuation was higher.

5. For death after retirement, the enhanced family pension is subject to the ceiling of the pension authorised on retirement or dismissal, as applicable under Rule 50(2)(a)(iii), including pension on compulsory retirement and compassionate allowance where relevant. However, where the amount of pension authorised on retirement or dismissal is less than the amount of family pension admissible under Rule 50(2)(a)(i), the amount of family pension would be limited to ordinary family pension.

6. Where a Government servant dies during the currency of a penalty on expiry of which he would have regained the same pay which he would have drawn if the penalty had not been imposed on him, the family pension in respect of such Government servant shall be determined based on the notional pay which he would have been entitled to on the date of death and such notional pay may be treated as emoluments for this purpose.

7. The quantum of family pension would remain unaffected if the pensioner dies within 15 years of the commutation of pension.

8. All Ministries/Departments are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of the officials dealing with family pension.

9. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,
All Ministries/Departments/Organisations of the Government of India
(As per standard distribution list)