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

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Sanction and payment of Provisional family pension on death of serving government servant- reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 provide provisions for provisional family pension so that the families of the deceased government servant are not left without admissible financial assistance while final authorisation of family pension is under process. The relevant provisions and timelines under Rules 75 and 76 are indicated below.

2. Under Rule 75(1), in the case of death of a Government servant, after a claim for family pension has been received by the Head of Office in accordance with Rule 71 and the Head of Office is satisfied regarding the claimant's eligibility, the Head of Office shall draw provisional family pension within fifteen days of receipt of the claim. The amount shall not exceed the maximum family pension determined in accordance with these rules.

3. The Head of Office shall issue a sanction letter to the claimant, endorse a copy to the Accounts Officer and draw provisional family pension in the same manner as the pay and allowances of the establishment are drawn by him. It is followed by disbursement of provisional family pension, including arrears, if any.

4. The provisional family pension is ordinarily payable for six months from the day following death of the government servant. However, if the Accounts Officer is unable to assess and authorise final family pension within the period prescribed in Rule 76(1), the Accounts Officer shall intimate the further period to the Head of Office.

5. Accordingly, the Head of Office shall submit the case to the Head of Department for approval of the extension; after that approval, the Head of Office shall issue a sanction for the further period.

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

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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