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1.	Special Secretary (Finance), A – Block, Vikas Bhawan, New Delhi.	No.F19(Misc.)/Circular/Pr.A.O./T-1/2013/Pt.File.-I/962-1072 Dated - 05/05/2015	Timely submission of salary bills.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTS OFFICE
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
A-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI

No. F.19(Misc.)/Circular/Pr.A.O./T-1/2013/Pt.File-I/962 - 1072 Date : 05/05/2017

To,

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All the Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries,
Heads of the Departments,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
Delhi/New Delhi

Sub : Timely submission of salary bills.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to this letter of even number dated 23-04-2015 (copy enclosed) in which it was requested to issued necessary instructions to the Heads of Offices under your control to ensure the submission of salary bills of the employees covered under New Pension Scheme up to 20th of every month to enable the Pay & Accounts Officers to manage the transfer of funds and uploading the subscriber details with the Trustee Banks and the Central Record Keeping Agency (NSDL, Mumbai) so that the employees could timely get the benefit of investment of their funds.

On review with the PAOs and Central Record Keeping Agency it has been observed that in most of the cases salary bills of the employees covered under New Pension Scheme are submitted late by the DDOs in PAOs which not only delay the remittance of funds but adversely criticized by the Central Record Keeping Agency.

The Office of Central Pension Accounting Office, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India has also pointed out the delay in granting the settlement of the family pension benefits to the eligible family members of the deceased Delhi Government employees covered under New Pension Scheme.

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As per the existing instructions of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority issued under Notification dated 11th May, 2015 if eligible family member of the deceased government servant covered under the New Pension Scheme, upon his death avails the option of additional relief i.e. family pension under the old pension scheme, the same would be granted subject to adjustment of the entire Accumulated Pension Wealth due to the government servant. Copy of the relevant extract of the Notification of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is enclosed.

Pl. circulate to all concerned.

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It is therefore requested that necessary instructions may be issued to all the Heads of Offices under your control to arrange the submission of salary bills of the employees covered under New Pension Scheme to PAOs by 20th of every month to enable the PAOs to transfer the funds and employees details to the respective authorities within the same month.

Instruction may also be issued to all the Heads of Offices to obtain the timely option from the family of the deceased government servant covered under New Pension Scheme either to avail the benefit of family pension under old pension scheme or avail the benefits which would be payable to them under the New Pension Scheme through the Central Record Keeping Agency to avoid the needless delay as pointed out by the Office of CGA, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

Yours faithfully,

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(PARKASH CHAND)
Controller of Accounts
Ph. NO. 011-23370762

Encl.:As above.

No. F.19(Misc.)/Circular/Pr.A.O./T-1/2013/Pt.File/ Date :

Copy to:

1. PS to the Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

2. The Chief Controller (Pensions), Central Pension Accounting Office, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi with reference to D.O. letter No. CPAO/NPS/Status/2016-17/421 dated 18-04-2017.

3. All Pay & Accounts Officers, Pay &Accounts Offices, Govt.of NCT of Delhi, Delhi/New Delhi with the advice to ensure the timely remittance of funds and details of employees with the respective authorities. The cases of delay in submission of bills by the DDOs may be brought to the notice of this office for further necessary action.

Controller of Accounts

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTS OFFICE

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GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
'A' BLOCK:VIKAS BHAWAN:NEW DELHI

No.F 19(Misc.)/Circular/Pr.A.O./T-I/2013/Pt.File./626-731 Dated: 23/04/2015

To

All HODs,
Govt.of NCT of Delhi
New Delhi/Delhi

Sub:- Time Schedule for submission of salary bills in respect of the Govt.Employees.

Sir/Madam,

With the introduction of system of payment of salary to the employees of the Govt.of NCT of Delhi through Electronic Clearance System (ECS), Head of Offices and DDOs from time to time have been advised to submit the salary bills to PAOs up-to 20th of each month so that after completion of formalities, ECS text files could be sent to the accredited bank for arrangement of payments in the accounts of the employees on the last working day of the month.

In particular, it is important that in the case of employees recruited in the service of the government on or after 1.1.2004 and covered under the New Pension Scheme, their salary bills are to be submitted by 20th of the month to enable the Pay & Accounts Offices to prepare the details of subscribers and payment instructions for remittances of funds with the Trustee Bank and uploading the details with the Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA).

PAOs have further reported that certain DDOs are not submitting the bills of the employees up-to 20th of the month which delayed the crediting of salary in the accounts of the employees and remittance of funds with the Trustee Bank on the last day of the month. This not only results in inconvenience to the employees but also delays the investment of fund in respect of employees covered under the New Pension Scheme causing them financial loss.

It is therefore requested to issue necessary instructions to all the Head of Offices under your control to arrange the submission of salary bills of the employees to the Pay & Accounts Offices up-to 20th of every month to ensure the payment of salary in the accounts of the employees on the due date and the remittance of funds by PAOs with the Trustee Bank on the last day of the month.

Yours faithfully

(S.P.SINGH)
Special Secretary (Finance)

No.F 19(Misc.)/Circular/Pr.A.O./T-I/2013/Pt.File./626-731 Dated: 23/04/201

Copy to all Pay & Accounts Offices, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi/New Delhi.

(PARKASH CHAND)
DCA (Admn./Tech.)

PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) Regulations 2015

New Delhi, the 11th May, 2015

No.PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 52 read with clauses (g), (h), and (i) of sub-section (2) thereof of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (23 of 2013), the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority hereby makes the following regulations, namely:-

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These regulations may be called the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

"The regulations aim at providing an effective mechanism in the interest of subscribers, upon exit or withdrawal from the National Pension System, including the conditions, purpose, frequency and limits for withdrawals from individual pension account, as also the conditions, subject to which a subscriber shall exit from the National Pension System and purchase an annuity thereupon."

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Act" means the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (23 of 2013);

(b) "accumulated pension wealth" means the monetary value of the pension investments accumulated in the Permanent Retirement Account of a subscriber under the National Pension System;

(c) "aggregator" means an intermediary registered with the Authority under sub-section (3) of section 27 of the Act, to perform subscriber interface functions under the National Pension System-Swavalamban and have the functional relationship with a known customer base for delivery of some socio-economic goods or services;

(d) "annuity service provider" means a life insurance company registered and regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority and empanelled by the Authority for providing annuity services to the subscribers of the National Pension System;

(e) "citizen of India" means a person qualified to be a citizen of India under the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955);

(f) "compliance officer" means a person of responsibility from the National Pension System Trust or any other intermediary or entity entrusted with the responsibility of receiving, processing and settlement of withdrawal claims from the subscribers under the National Pension System and responsible for monitoring compliance, of the provisions of the Actor the rules or the regulations made or notifications, guidelines or instructions issued by the Authority from time to time;

(g) "government sector subscriber" means a subscriber enrolled in the National Pension System through the nodal offices of the Central Government or the State Governments and registered as such with the central recordkeeping agency;

(h) "National Pension System-Lite" means a feature of optimized group model of National Pension System for persons belonging to unorganized sector of which the National Pension System-Swavalamban is a component where Government of India co-contribution is admissible;

(i) "Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN)" means a unique identification number allotted to each subscriber by the central recordkeeping agency;

(j) "Swavalamban subscriber" means a subscriber who is registered as such with the central recordkeeping agency under the National Pension System and where Government of India co-contribution is admissible;

(2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these regulations but defined in the Act shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER II
EXIT FROM NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM

For the purpose of exit from the National Pension System, the subscribers are categorized and defined as, (1) Government sector, (2) All citizens including corporate sector and (3) NPS- Lite and Swavalamban subscribers. The exit regulations specified hereunder shall apply accordingly to the category to which the subscribers.

3. Exit from National Pension System for government sector subscribers.-A government sector subscriber shall exit from the National Pension System in the manners specified hereunder, namely:-

(a) Where the subscriber who, upon attaining the age of superannuation as prescribed by the service rules applicable to him or her, retires, then at least forty per cent. out of the accumulated pension wealth of such subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity providing for a monthly or any other periodical pension and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum:

Provided that,-

(i) the following shall be the default annuity contract that will be applicable and wherein the annuity contract shall provide for annuity for life of the subscriber and his or her spouse (if any) with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such subscriber, the annuity be re-issued to the family members in the order specified hereunder at a premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of such annuity by utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the annuity contract (until all the family members in the order specified below are covered) :

(a) living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber;

(b) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber

After the coverage of all the family members specified above, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in the absence of children, the legal heirs of the subscriber, as may be applicable;

the subscriber who wishes to opt out of the default option mentioned above and wishes to choose the annuity contract of his choice from the available annuity types or contraets with the annuity service providers, shall be required to specifically opt for such an option.

(ii) where the subscriber does not desire to withdraw the balance amount, after purchase of mandatory annuity, such subscriber shall have the option to defer the withdrawal of the lump sum amount until he or she attains the age of seventy years, provided the subscriber intimates his or her intention to do so in writing in the specified form at least fifteen days before the attainment of age of superannuation to the National Pension System Trust or an intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose;

(iii) where the subscriber desires to defer the purchase of annuity, he or she shall have the option to do so for a maximum period of three years from the date of attainment of age of superannuation, provided the subscriber intimates his or her intention to do so in writing in the specified form at least fifteen days before the attainment of age of superannuation to the National Pension System Trust or an intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose. It shall be a condition precedent to opt for such deferment of annuity purchase that in case if the death of the subscriber occurs before such due date of purchase of an annuity after the deferment, the annuity shall mandatorily be purchased by the spouse (if any) providing for annuity for life of the spouse with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such spouse be re-issued to the family members in the order of preference provided hereunder at a premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of the annuity, utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the contract (until all the members given below are covered):-

(a) living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber ;

(b) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber.

After the coverage of all such members, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in absence of children legal heirs of the subscribers as applicable;

(iv) where the subscriber desires to defer the withdrawal of lump sum amount or, the purchase of annuity, the subscriber shall be allowed to do so, provided the subscriber agrees to bear the maintenance charges of the Permanent Retirement Account, including the charges payable to the central recordkeeping agency, pension fund, Trustee Bank or any other intermediary, as may be applicable from time to time;

(v) where the accumulated pension wealth in the Permanent Retirement Account of the subscriber is equal to or less than a sum of two lakh rupees, the subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing annuity and upon such exercise of this option, the right of such subscriber to receive any pension or other amount under the National Pension System or from the government shall extinguish;

(b) where the subscriber who, before attaining the age of superannuation prescribed by the service rules applicable to him or her, voluntarily retires or exits, then at least eighty per cent. out of the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall mandatorily be utilized for purchase of annuity and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum:

Provided that the annuity contract shall provide for annuity for life of the subscriber and his or her spouse (if any) with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such subscriber the annuity be re-issued to the family members in the order specified hereunder at a premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of the annuity, utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the annuity contract (until all the members given below are covered) :-

(i) living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber ;

(ii) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber.

After the coverage of all such members, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in absence of children, the legal heirs of the subscriber as may be applicable.

Provided that if the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is more than one lakh rupees but the age of the subscriber is less than the minimum age required for purchasing any annuity from any of the empanelled annuity service providers as chosen by such subscriber, such subscriber shall continue to subscribe to the National Pension System, until he or she attains the age of eligibility for purchase of any annuity:

Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is equal to or less than one lakh rupees, such subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing any annuity and upon such exercise of this option the right of the subscriber to receive any pension or other amounts under the National Pension System shall extinguish and any such exercise of this option by the subscriber, before the regulations are notified, shall be deemed to have been made in accordance with this regulation;

(c) where the subscriber who, before attaining the age of superannuation, dies, then at least eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity and balance pension wealth shall be paid as lump sum to the nominee or nominees or legal heirs, as the case may be, of such subscriber:

Provided that,-

(i) The annuity contract shall provide for annuity for life of the spouse of the subscriber (if any) with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such spouse be re-issued to the family members in the order specified hereunder at the premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of the annuity, utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the contract (until all the members given below are covered):-

(a). living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber ;

(b) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber .

After the coverage of all such members, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in absence of children, the legal heirs of the subscriber as applicable.

(ii) Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth in the permanent retirement account of the subscriber at the time of his death is equal to or less than two lakh rupees, the nominee or legal heirs as the case may be, shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without requiring to purchase any annuity and upon such exercise of this option the right of the family members to receive any pension or other amounts under the National Pension System shall extinguish;

4. Exit from National Pension System by citizens, including corporate sector subscribers.- Any subscriber, including a corporate sector subscriber, registered under the National Pension System, shall exit from the National Pension System in the manner specified hereunder, namely:-

(a) where a subscriber attains the age of sixty years or superannuates in accordance with the service rules applicable to such subscriber, at least forty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth of such subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity providing for a monthly or any other periodical pension and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum. In case, the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is equal to or less than a sum of two lakh rupees, the subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing any annuity:

Provided that,-

(i) the subscriber can continue to subscribe to the National Pension System beyond the age of sixty years or the age of superannuation, so specified, by intimating in writing, the age, not exceeding seventy years, until which he would like to contribute to his individual pension account.

Such intimation shall be given to the National Pension System Trust or any intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose. Notwithstanding such intimation, the subscriber may exit at any point of time, from the National Pension System by submitting a request in writing to the National Pension System Trust or any intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose ;

(ii) the subscriber shall have the option to defer the withdrawal of lump sum amount until he or she attains the age of seventy years, provided the subscriber intimates his or her intention to do so in writing in the specified form at least fifteen days before the attainment of age of sixty years or, the age of superannuation, as the case may be, to the National Pension System Trust or any intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose;

(iii) the subscriber shall have the option to defer the purchase of annuity for a maximum period of three years, from the date of attainment of sixty years of age or the age of superannuation, as the case may be. provided the subscriber intimates his or her intention to do so in writing in the specified form at least fifteen days before the attainment of age of sixty years or the age of superannuation, as the case may be, to the National Pension System Trust or any intermediary or other entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose;

(iv) the subscriber shall be allowed to continue to subscribe, defer the withdrawal of lump sum amount or the purchase of annuity, as the case may be, provided the subscriber agrees to bear the maintenance charges of the Permanent Retirement Account, including the charges payable to the central recordkeeping agency, pension fund, Trustee Bank or any other intermediary, as may be applicable from time to time;

(b) where the subscriber who, before attaining the age of sixty years or the age of superannuation as prescribed by service rules, voluntarily opts to exit from the national pension system, the option so exercised shall be allowed only upon such subscriber having subscribed to the national pension system for at least a minimum period of ten years. In case of such subscriber, at least eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum:

Provided that if the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is more than one lakh rupees but the age of the subscriber is less than the minimum age required for purchasing any annuity from any of the empanelled annuity service providers as chosen by such subscriber, such subscriber shall continue to subscribe to the National Pension System, until he or she attains the age of eligibility for purchase of any annuity:

Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth in the Permanent Retirement Account of the subscriber is equal to or less than one lakh rupees, such subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing any annuity;

(c) where the subscriber who, before attaining the age of sixty years or the age of superannuation as prescribed by the respective service rules applicable to him or her, dies, then the entire accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall be paid to the nominee or nominees or legal heirs, as the case may be, of such subscriber:

Provided that,-

(i) the nominee or family members of the deceased subscriber shall have the option to purchase any of the annuities being offered upon exit, if they so desire, while applying for withdrawal of benefits on account of deceased subscribers' Permanent Retirement Account;

(ii) in case, the nomination is not registered by the deceased subscriber before his death, the accumulated pension wealth shall be paid to the family members on the basis of the legal heir certificate issued by the Revenue authorities of the State concerned or the succession certificate issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

5. Exit from National Pension System by NPS-Lite and Swavalamban subscribers.-Any subscriber registered under National Pension System as NPS-Lite or Swavalamban subscriber, can exit from the National Pension System, in the manner specified hereunder, namely:-

(a) Upon a subscriber, attaining the age of sixty years, at least forty percent of the accumulated pension wealth of such subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity providing for a monthly or any other periodical pension and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after [illegible]

Provided that –

(i) for a Swavalamban subscriber the annuity purchased by utilizing the mandatory minimum of forty percent of the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall yield at least a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees, failing which the entire accumulated pension wealth shall be annuitised in such a manner so as to yield at least a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees and balance if any thereafter shall be paid in lump sum to the subscriber. However there shall be no implicit or explicit guarantee that the annuity purchased even with entire accumulated pension wealth would yield a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees;

(ii) if the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is equal to or less than a sum of one lakh rupees, such subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing any annuity and upon such exercise of this option, the right of the subscriber to receive any pension under the National Pension System shall extinguish and any such exercise of this option by the subscriber, before the regulations are notified, shall be deemed to have been made in accordance with this regulation;

(b) at any time, before attaining the age of sixty years, subject however that at least eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum:

Provided that for a Swavalamban subscriber the annuity purchased by utilizing the mandatory minimum of forty percent. Out of the accumulated pension wealth shall yield at least a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees per month, failing which the entire accumulated pension wealth shall be annuitised in such a manner so as to yield at least a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees and balance if any thereafter shall be paid as lump sum to the subscriber. However there shall be no implicit or explicit guarantee that the annuity purchased even with entire accumulated pension wealth would yield a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees:

Provided that subject to the provisions of this clause, where the accumulated pension wealth does not exceed one lakh rupees, the whole of the pension wealth shall be paid to the subscriber, without any annuitisation if the subscriber has continued in the scheme for a minimum period of twenty-five years;

Provided further that the migration of Swavalamban subscriber or subscribers to any other pension scheme of Government of India and as approved by the Authority shall not be deemed as an exit and withdrawal for the purposes of these regulations.

(c) where a subscriber who, before attaining the age of sixty years, dies, the entire accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall be paid to the nominee, or the legal heir of such subscriber and there shall not be any condition of mandatory purchase of annuity and provision of a monthly or periodical pension and there shall not be any requirement of the annuitisation of the accumulated pension wealth of such deceased subscriber. The nominee or family members of the deceased subscriber shall have the option to purchase any of the annuities being offered upon exit, if they so desire:

Provided that, where a nomination is not registered by the subscriber before his death, the accumulated pension wealth of such subscriber shall be paid to the family members on the basis of the legal heir certificate issued by the Revenue authorities of the State concerned or the succession certificate issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Conditions to apply for exit and withdrawal.- A subscriber registered under the National Pension System shall not exit therefrom, and no withdrawal from the accumulated pension wealth in the Tier-I of the Permanent Retirement Account of such subscriber shall be permitted, except as specified hereunder, namely:-

(a) no pension or accumulated pension wealth in Tier-I account of the Permanent Retirement Account of the subscriber under the National Pension System on account of past or present services, shall be liable to seizure, attachment or sequestration by process of any court at the instance of a creditor, for any demand against the subscriber, or in the satisfaction of a decree or order of any such Court except where the National Pension System Trust or its authorised representative has accorded prior sanction for assignment of the pension wealth accumulated in the pension account of the subscriber, which shall be restricted to such limit as prescribed in Regulation 8;

(b) any assignment, pledge, contract, order, sale or security of any kind made by any subscriber of the National Pension System, with respect to any benefit receivable by him or her under the National Pension System, or in respect of any money payable at or on account of any such benefit to such subscriber under the National Pension System, or for giving or assigning any future interest therein shall be null and void except where the National Pension System Trust or its authorized representative has accorded prior permission for such assignment of the pension wealth accumulated in the pension account of the subscriber and which shall be restricted to such limit as prescribed in Regulation 8 to which the assignment was agreed or approved by the National Pension System Trust or its authorised representative;

(c) the President of India or the Governor of a State, as the case may be, if so provided in the service rules, governing the employment of the subscriber, reserves the right of withholding the part of pension wealth, accumulated through co-contributions made by the Central Government or the State Government, as employer to the Tier-I account of the National Pension System account of the subscriber and the investment income accruing thereon, for the purpose of recovery of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the Central Government or the State Government, provided such loss is established, in any departmental or judicial proceedings, initiated against such subscriber by the employer concerned..

Such right of withholding shall have to be exercised prior to the date of superannuation of the subscriber, pursuant to a notice to be given to the National Pension System Trust or an entity to whom such authorization has been given, and seeking to withhold the said pension wealth of such subscriber. Upon such right of withholding being validly exercised:-

(i) the pension wealth which are payable under the National Pension System shall not be paid to such subscriber until the conclusion of the departmental or judicial proceedings, as the case may be and subject to the final orders, passed in such proceedings.;

(ii) the amount withheld as specified in sub-clause (i) shall remain subscribed to the scheme in the mode and manner in which it was held prior to resorting to such action by the concerned Government and the final settlement of the withheld amount shall be made by the National Pension System Trust, or any intermediary or other entity, authorized for this purpose by the Authority, normally within ninety days of the receipt of an appropriate order from the concerned Government;

(iii) the amount withheld becomes payable to the subscriber on the final settlement, as certified by the concerned Government department which has sought withholding of such benefits, and shall be paid to the subscriber as soon as possible and in no case beyond ninety days of receipt of the final order by the National Pension System Trust or any other entity or person, authorized for the purpose by the Authority;

(e) If the subscriber or the family members of the deceased subscriber, upon his death, avails the option of additional relief on death or disability provided by the Government, the Government shall have right to adjust or seek transfer of the entire accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber to itself. The subscriber or family members of the subscriber availing such benefit shall specifically and unconditionally agree and undertake to transfer the entire accumulated pension wealth to the Government, in lieu of enjoying or obtaining such additional reliefs like family pension or disability pension or any other pensionary benefit from such Government authority;

(g) all benefits receivable, including the purchase of annuity as specified under these regulations, shall be arranged to be paid by the National Pension System Trust or the central recordkeeping agency or any other entity authorized for the purpose by the Authority after processing the withdrawal applications in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, or any guidelines, order or notification, as may be issued by the Authority, from time to time;

(h) for a subscriber, exiting from Tier-I account under the National Pension System, the amounts lying in the Tier-II account shall also be monetized and closed simultaneously upon payment of the eligible benefit;

CHAPTER III

WITHDRAWALS, PURPOSE, FREQUENCY AND LIMITS UNDER NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM

7. Conditions of withdrawals under National Pension System.- The National Pension System Trust or the central recordkeeping agency acting on behalf of the National Pension System Trust or any other entity authorized by the Authority for the purpose , may on receipt of an application for withdrawal from a subscriber in the specified form and subject to fulfillment of conditions so specified may allow withdrawal from the National Pension System in the mode and manner permitted under these regulations, guidelines, circulars, orders or notifications issued by the Authority from time to time:

Provided that the subscriber shall be required to submit the application form for withdrawal, specified for the purpose, along with documents, so specified and comply with the requirements contained in the operational guidelines issued by the Authority with respect to the permissible withdrawals under the National Pension System.

8. The following withdrawals shall be permitted under National Pension System.- (1) A partial withdrawal of accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the contributions made by the subscriber and excluding contribution made by employer, if any, at any time before exit from National Pension System subject to the terms and conditions, purpose, frequency and limits specified below:-

(A) Purpose: A subscriber on the date of submission of the withdrawal form, shall be permitted to withdraw not exceeding twenty-five percent of the contributions made by such subscriber to his individual pension account, for any of the following purposes only:-

(a) for Higher education of his or her children including a legally adopted child

(b) for the marriage of his or her children, including a legally adopted child;

(c) for the purchase or construction of a residential house or flat in his or her own name or in a joint name with his or her legally wedded spouse.

In case, the subscriber already owns either individually or in the joint name a residential house or flat,other than ancestral property, no withdrawal under these regulations shall be permitted;

(d) for treatment of specified illnesses: if the subscriber, his legally wedded spouse, children, including a legally adopted child or dependent parents suffer from any specified illness, which shall comprise of hospitalization and treatment in respect of the following diseases:

(i) Cancer;
(ii) Kidney Failure (End Stage Renal Failure);
(iii) Primary Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension;
(iv) Multiple Sclerosis;
(v) Major Organ Transplant;
(vi) Coronary Artery Bypass Graft;
(vii) Aorta Graft Surgery;
(viii) Heart Valve Surgery;
(ix) Stroke;
(x) Myocardial Infarction
(xi) Coma;
(xii) Total blindness;
(xiii) Paralysis;
(xiv) Accident of serious/ life threatening nature.
(xv) any other critical illness of a life threatening nature as stipulated in the circulars, guidelines or notifications issued by the Authority from time to time.

(B) Limits: the permitted withdrawal shall be allowed only if the following eligibility criteria and limit for availing the benefit are complied with by the subscriber:-

(a) the subscriber shall have been in the National Pension System at least for a period of last ten years from the date of his or her joining;

(b) the subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw accumulations not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by him or her and standing to his or her credit in his or her individual pension account, as on the date of application for withdrawal;

(C) Frequency: the subscriber shall be allowed to withdraw only a maximum of three times during the entire tenure of subscription under the National Pension System and not less than a period of five years shall have elapsed from the last date of each of such withdrawal. The mandatory requirement of five years having elapsed between two withdrawals shall not apply in case of "treatment for specified illnesses or in case of withdrawal arising out of exit from National Pension System due to the death of the subscriber. The request for withdrawal in the specified form, shall be submitted by the subscriber, along with relevant documents to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust, as may be specified, for processing of such withdrawal claim. Provided that where a subscriber is suffering from any illness, specified in sub-clause (d), the request for withdrawal may be submitted, through any family member of such subscriber.

(2) A subscriber having a valid and active Tier-II account of the Permanent Retirement Account can withdraw the accumulated wealth either in full or part, at any time by applying for such withdrawal, on such application form and in such mode and manner, as may be specified by the Authority in this behalf. There shall be no limit on such withdrawals till the account has sufficient amount of accumulated pension wealth to take care of the applicable charges and the withdrawal amount:

Provided that the Tier-II account shall stand automatically closed at the time of exit of the subscriber from the National Pension System, even if an application so specified for the purpose has not been received from the subscriber, and the accumulated wealth in such account shall be transferred to the bank account provided by the subscriber, while submitting his application for exit from the National Pension System.

9. Withdrawal process.- (1) The National Pension System Trust or any other intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for the said purpose shall be responsible for processing and authorizing approving the withdrawal and exit claims lodged by the subscriber in accordance with the provisions of the Act, these regulations, directions, guidelines issued by the Authority and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (National Pension System Trust) Regulations, 2015, where applicable. The National Pension System Trust shall frame suitable operational processes or guidelines for facilitating withdrawals and Exit of subscribers from National Pension System.

CHAPTER IV
ANNUITY PURCHASE AND ANNUITY SERVICE PROVIDERS

10. Conditions of annuity purchase upon exit.- (1) The subscriber, at the time of exit, shall mandatorily purchase an annuity providing for a monthly or periodical annuity or pension as specified in these regulations. Such annuity shall be purchased from an annuity service provider who is empanelled by the Authority.

(2) The exercise of option of the annuity and the type thereof shall be made by the subscriber at the time of exit from the National Pension System, unless otherwise specified by the Authority through circulars, notifications or guidelines issued by it from time to time.

(3) Once an annuity is purchased, the option of cancellation and reinvestment with another annuity service provider or in another annuity scheme shall not be allowed unless the same is within the time limit specified

by the annuity service provider, for the free look period as provided in the terms of the annuity contract or as specifically provided by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority.

(4) The subscriber shall have an option to choose from various types of annuities, provided by the annuity service provider and the annuity so chosen shall be provided by the empanelled annuity service provider.

(5) There shall be a default annuity service provider and a default annuity scheme for the benefit of subscribers exiting from the National Pension System. The information on the default annuity service provider and default annuity scheme applicable shall be such as may be specified by the Authority and placed on its website, apart from communicating to the subscriber through circulars, guidelines or notification issued by it. Such default annuity scheme shall not be available or applicable in the case of Government subscribers covered under regulation 3.

11. Empanelment of annuity service providers.- (1) On and from the commencement of these regulations, an applicant, meeting the eligibility criteria as specified in these regulations for grant of an empanelment certificate to act as an empanelled annuity service provider, shall make an application in the specified form accompanied by a empanelment fee referred to in sub-regulation (2) and such documents in support thereon, as may be specified by the Authority.

(2) One time empanelment fee of rupees one lakh, shall be submitted along with the application, to the Authority. The empanelment fee shall be realized by the Authority within fifteen days from the date of sending intimation of grant of certificate of empanelment under regulation 17:

Provided that every empanelled annuity service provider shall, at the time of renewal of empanelment certificate pay such renewal fees, if any, as may be specified by the Authority, from time to time through a circular, order or notification issued by it.

(3) An application, not complete in all respects and not conforming to the instructions specified in the application form and these regulations shall be rejected. Provided that, before rejecting any such application, the applicant shall be given a reasonable opportunity to withdraw or complete the application in all respects and rectify the errors, if any. The Authority may seek such additional information for disposal of the application from the Applicant as may be deemed relevant.

(4) An annuity service provider empanelled by the Interim Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority prior to the commencement of these regulations , may continue to act as such, for a period of ninety days from the notification of these regulations or, if it makes an application for grant of empanelment till the disposal of its application by the Authority.

12. Eligibility criteria for grant of certificate.- (1) The following shall be the eligibility criteria for any applicant to act as an empanelled annuity service provider:-

(a) any Life Insurance Company registered and regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority and dealing with annuity products in the domestic market for the last three years;

(b) the applicant having a minimum net worth of rupees two hundred and fifty crores;