The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the following appointments of officers at Joint Secretary / Joint Secretary equivalent level with pay at Level 14 (₹ 1,44,200 - 2,18,200/-) of the Pay Matrix:

(1) Appointment of Shri Bharat H. Khera, IAS (HP: 1995), as Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years i.e. upto 17.11.2021 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Chandra Shekhar Kumar, IAS (OD: 92);

(2) Appointment of Shri Vimalendra Anand Patwardhan, IA&AS (1996), as Joint Secretary & FA, Ministry of Civil Aviation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years i.e. upto 25.10.2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Arun Kumar, IAS (HY: 89);

(3) Appointment of Shri Nagaraju Maddirala, IAS (TR: 1993), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Ashish Upadhyay, IAS (MP: 89);

(4) Appointment of Shri S. Suresh Kumar, IAS (AP: 2000), as Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years i.e. upto 23.07.2021 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Rajneesh, IAS (HP: 1997);

(5) Appointment of Shri Vineet Mathur, IPoS(1994), as Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by upgrading a vacant post of Director and to be adjusted against the next likely vacancy of JS in the department;

(6) Appointment of Ms. Sanjukta Mudgal, IFoS (MP: 1990), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto her superannuation on 31.03.2024 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Pranav Khullar, IP&TAFS(1993);

(7) Appointment of Shri Puneet Agarwal, IAS (TR: 1998), as Joint Secretary, Department of Defence Production, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years i.e. upto 24.10.2021 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Shantanu, IAS (TR: 97);

(8) Appointment of Shri Vishal Gagan, IAS (OD: 1998), as Joint Secretary, Department of Defence, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Bharat H. Khera, IAS (HP: 95);

(9) Appointment of Shri Subodh Kumar Singh, IAS (CG: 1997), as Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Suresh Kumar Vashist, IAS (OD: 1998);

(10) Appointment of Shri Nipun Vinayak, IAS (MH: 2001), as Joint Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS (RJ: 1991);

(11) Appointment of Ms. Padmaja Singh, CSS, as Joint Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto her superannuation on 31.10.2024 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Ms. Vandana Gurnani, IAS (KN: 1991);
(12) Appointment of Shri Chandra Shekhar Kumar, IAS (OD:1992), as Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years i.e. upto 29.01.2024 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by upgrading a vacant post of Director in the Department and to be adjusted against the next likely vacancy of JS in the department;

(13) Appointment of Shri Ashok Kumar Parmar, IAS (JK:1992), as Advisor (JS level), Inter State Council Secretariat under the Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years i.e. upto 22.03.2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by downgrading a vacant post of Advisor, vice Shri R. Rajagopal, IAS (TN:84);

(14) Appointment of Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, IAS (AM:1999), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri SCL Das, IAS (AGMUT:92);

(15) Appointment of Shri Pravash Prashun Pandey, IRPS (1992), as Joint Secretary, Department of Justice, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Sadanand V. Date, IPS (MH:90);

(16) Appointment of Shri Shantanu, IAS (TR:1997), as Joint Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years i.e. upto 27.03.2024 or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(17) Appointment of Shri Rajeev Singh Thakur, IAS (RJ:1995), as Joint Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years i.e. upto 03.12.2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(18) Appointment of Shri R.K. Khandelwal, IAS (BH:1989), as Joint Secretary, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years i.e. upto 20.09.2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Dilip Kumar, IAS (PB:95);

(19) Appointment of Ms. Meenakshi Jolly, CSS, as Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri JP Agrawal, CSS;

(20) Appointment of Ms. Meena Balimane Sharma, IDES(1992), as Additional Secretary (JS level), Central Information Commission under the Department of Personnel & Training, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Shanti Priye Beck, IRSSE (1992);

(21) Appointment of Shri Tanmay Kumar, IAS (RJ:1993), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Arun Kumar Verma, IFoS (GJ:1986);

(22) Appointment of Shri Manoj Sahay, IA&AS (1994), as Director(A&F), NHIDCL (JS level), under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Satya Brata Sahu, IAS (OD:91);

(23) Appointment of Shri Ashish Kumar Goel, IAS (UP:1995), as Joint Secretary, Department of Rural Development, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Kamran Rizvi, IAS (UP:91);

(24) Appointment of Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav, IAS (UP:1995), as Joint Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS (NL:92)

(25) Appointment of Shri Balachandra Subramoney Iyer, IRPS (1994), as Deputy Director General (JS level), Department of Telecommunications, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri RK Khandelwal, IAS (BH:89);
(26) Appointment of Shri Hari Ranjan Rao, IAS (MP:1994), as Joint Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Amit Yadav, IAS (AGMUT 91);

(27) Appointment of Shri Rakesh Kumar Verma, IAS (PB :1993), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri B. Suman, IAS (KL:1996);

(28) Appointment of Shri Subodh Yadav, IAS (KN:1999), as Joint Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Akhil Kumar, IPS (UP:94);

(29) Appointment of Shri Vinayan J., IRTS (1994), as ED(Admin), National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) (JS level), Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Rajiv Kishore, IRPS (1988);

(30) Appointment of Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IAS (KL:1999), as ED(Projects), National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) (JS level), Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years i.e. upto 21.01.2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, presently under additional charge with Shri G Asok Kumar, IAS(TG:91);

(31) Appointment of Shri Manoj Sethi, ICAS (1993), as Joint Secretary & FA, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Ms.Kiran Soni Gupta, IAS (RJ:85);

To

All Secretaries to the Government of India.

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