Office Memorandum

Subject: Deputation of Central Government servants on foreign service with U.N. Bodies - participation in the U.N. Pension Fund Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to the Department of Expenditure O.M. No. 1(4)-E.III(B)/76 dated the 20th November, 1976 on the above subject. It has inter-alia been stated therein that under Article 31 of the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, a deferred retirement benefit shall be payable to a participant whose age on superannuation is less than 60 years and whose contributory service was five years or longer. Thus, a contributory service of five years or longer is a sine qua non for eligibility for retirement benefits under the aforesaid Regulations and Rules. Consequently, in terms of Rule 31 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 a Government servant deputed on foreign service for a period of five years or more to the United Nations Secretariat or other United Nations Bodies, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank of Reconstruction & Development or the Asian Development Bank or the Commonwealth Secretariat has the option to pay the pension contribution in respect of such foreign service and count that service as qualifying for pension under the C.C.S. (Pension) Rules, 1972 or avail of the retirement benefits admissible under the Rules of the aforesaid Organisations and not count such service as qualifying for pension under the C.C.S. (Pension) Rules, 1972.

2. The International Organisations like World Bank (IBRD) have since reduced the aforesaid period of five years to three years to become eligible for pension. The question of amending the instructions referred to in para 1 above has been considered by Government and it has
been decided in consultation with the Ministry of Finance that if a Government officer becomes entitled to pensionary benefits (as distinguished from withdrawal benefits) from any International Organisation and opts to avail of the retirement benefits under the rules of aforesaid Organisation, he will not be required to make pension contributions for that period and that period will not qualify for pension under Government. Pension Contribution, if any, made for such a period to Government of India by the officer, will be refunded to him.

3. The Department of Expenditure O.M. dated 20th November, 1976 may, therefore, be treated as amended accordingly. Other conditions therein will remain unchanged.

4. The provisions of Rule 31 of CCS (Pensions) Rules, 1972 will also be amended accordingly in due course.

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