

**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**REMINDER NO.4**

F.No.6/3/2021-CS-I(S)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions  
Department of Personnel & Training

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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, A Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market  
New Delhi, the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Audit Para No.13 of Transaction Audit of DOPT for the year 2014-15 in the matter of stepping up of pay - Directions of the Standing Audit Committee - regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM of even number dated 30.12.2021 and subsequent reminders dated 18.01.2022, 28.01.2022 and 03.03.2022 wherein all the Ministries/Departments concerned were requested to furnish the information as per the format attached with OM dated 30.12.2021 immediately clearly indicating the number and names of all the officers who have been granted stepping up of pay and whose case has been reviewed or qualify for review in terms of OM No.18/2/2007-CS.I dated 20.05.2014. However, the requisite information, **complete in all respect**, has not been received from any Ministry/Department.

3. In this connection attention of Ministries/Departments is invited to this Department's OMs No.18/2/2014-CS-I(S) dated 01.07.2019 & 01.06.2020 vide which instructions in compliance with the following directions of Hon'ble High Court in WP No.1225/2019 and similar other WPs filed in the matter, were issued:

"In the meantime, we direct that neither any recovery shall be made from the petitioners, nor the pay of the petitioners shall be downgraded on account of the impugned office memorandum dated 20.05.2014 and 07.10.2015 till disposal of the writ petition subject to the condition that each of the petitioners and all those who wish to take the benefit of this interim order should first file their respective affidavits of undertaking that in the event of the petition being dismissed, the respondents may recover the excess payment made to them from their pay/retiral dues, and that they shall not claim any equity in their favour".

4. In view of the above, all the Ministries/Departments participating in CSS are requested to **ensure that all the stepping up of pay cases that qualify for review as per OM dated 20.05.2014, have already been reviewed and the officers concerned are drawing the stepped up pay only if they have submitted the requisite affidavit of undertaking as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court.** In this connection, it is clarified that the Ministry/Department where the officer is presently working/from where he/she has proceeded on deputation/training etc will be responsible for review of the stepping up of pay, if any granted to him/her, as the service records of these officers are presently available with them. The records of officers due for retirement may also be scrutinized and ensured that if their case qualify for review in terms of OM dated 20.05.2014, the affidavit has been duly submitted and instructions contained in OM dated 01.06.2020 are complied with.

5. As the Standing Audit Committee is likely to meet shortly, the Ministries/Departments concerned are once again requested to furnish the requisite information as sought vide OM dated 30.12.2021, **complete in all respects, immediately but not later than 27.06.2022.**

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All Ministries/Departments/offices participating in CSS  
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