

No. **33/04/2025-EO(SM-I)**  
Government of India  
Secretariat of the  
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training

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New Delhi, **21.03.2025**

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 of the Pay Matrix:

- (1) Appointment of **Shri Muktanand Agarwal, IAS (RJ:2008)**, as **CEO (JS level), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 06.11.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Ritesh Chauhan, IAS(HP:2005);
- (2) Appointment of **Ms. Prajakta L Verma, IAS (MH:2001)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 23.03.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Ajay Ramesh Sule, IDAS (1993);
- (3) Appointment of **Shri Lakhpat Singh Choudhary, IRSS (1997)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.12.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Nagaraju Maddirala, IAS(TR:1993);
- (4) Appointment of **Shri Saket Kumar, IAS (BH:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of 7 years upto 16.08.2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of Director to Joint Secretary level;
- (5) Appointment of **Shri Satinder Kumar Bhalla, ITS (1992)**, as **Secretary, North Eastern Council Secretariat** under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.07.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri K. Moses Chalai, IAS (MN:1990), by temporarily downgrading the post from AS level to Joint Secretary level;
- (6) Appointment of **Shri Madhup Vyas, IAS (UT:2000)**, as **Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC), Election Commission of India**, 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 Nitesh Kumar Vyas, IAS (MP:1996);
- (7) Appointment of **Shri Ajay Kumar, IP&TA&FS (1993)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.07.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Hariprasad Pudi, IRAS (1994);
- (8) Appointment of **Shri Devesh Deval, IAS (MN:2004)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries**, 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 post of DS/Director in the Ministry to JS level;
- (9) Appointment of **Shri Raghav Langer, IAS (UD:2009)**, as **Secretary, National Medical Commission (NMC) (JS level)**, under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of 7 years upto 03.10.2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Ms. Sandhya Bhullar, IAS (GJ:2003);



- (10) Appointment of **Ms. Jyoti Yadav, IAS (UD:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, National Health Authority (NHA)**, under the Department of Health & Family Welfare from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of 7 years upto 13.06.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier;
- (11) Appointment of **Shri Prem Chandra Maurya, IRS (IT:1995)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.01.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Ms. Mukta Shekhar, IRAS (1994);
- (12) Appointment of **Shri Armstrong Pame, IAS (MN:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 17.04.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Ms. Neeta Prasad, IInfoS (1991);
- (13) Appointment of **Shri Prasana R., IAS (CG:2004)**, 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 Ashutosh Agnihotri, IAS (AM:99);
- (14) Appointment of **Ms. Sushma Chauhan, IAS (UT:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 07.12.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri B C Joshi, IOFS (1992);
- (15) Appointment of **Shri Samir Kumar, IRTS (1999)**, 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 a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Ms. Anita Sinha, IRS (IT:1990);
- (16) Appointment of **Shri M Ramachandrudu, IAS (BH:2009)**, as **Director (Census Operations) (JS level)**, Bihar, O/o Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure upto 31.12.2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level;
- (17) Appointment of **Ms. T Mithra, IAS (KL:2009)**, as **Director (Census Operations) (JS level)**, Kerala, O/o Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure upto 31.12.2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level;
- (18) Appointment of **Shri Pradeep Kumar Jha, IAS (MN:2006)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban 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 Rahul Kapoor, IRAS (2002);
- (19) Appointment of **Ms. Isha, IAS (PB:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, an overall tenure of 5 years upto 30.07.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level;
- (20) Appointment of **Shri Ashish Kumar, IOFS (1996)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Investment & Public Asset Management**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.01.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Rahul Jain, IAS (MP:2005);



- (21) Appointment of **Shri Satya Pratap Singh, IDAS (2003)**, 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 Pravash Prashun Pandey, IRPS (1992);
- (22) Premature repatriation of **Shri Vatsalya Saxena, IRS, (IT:1994)**, **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (JS level)**, **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to his parent cadre;
- (23) Appointment of **Shri Javvadi V Naga Subramanyam, IAS (AM:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 7 years upto 25.09.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier against a vacant post of Lateral Entry;
- (24) Appointment of **Shri Rajesh Kulhari, IRSEE (1996)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of superannuation on 31.08.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Ajay Yadav, IAS(BH:2005), by upgrading a vacant post of DS/Director level;
- (25) Appointment of **Shri Kamala Kant Tripathy, IES (1999)**, as **Joint Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), NITI Aayog**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Pawan Kumar Sain, IAS (UT:2005);
- (26) Appointment of **Ms. Mukta Shekhar, IRAS (1994)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of her superannuation on 31.03.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Vikas Anand, IAS (UT:2002), in waiver of the mandatory cooling off period;
- (27) Appointment of **Shri Sushil Mansing Khopde, IPS (BH:1995)**, as **Add. DG (JS level), Directorate General of Shipping** under the Ministry Ports, Shipping & Waterways, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 30.09.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Kumar Sanjay Bariar IP&TA&FS (1993);
- (28) Appointment of **Shri Venkatesapathy S, IAS (KL:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary (Shipping) Ministry Ports, Shipping & Waterways**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 01.05.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level;
- (29) Appointment of **Ms. Aditi Singh, IAS (UP:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Rural Development**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 30.07.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Charanjit Singh, IFoS (MP:1990);
- (30) Appointment of **Shri Prabhat Tyagi, IFoS (UT:1995)**, as **CMD, National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC)** under the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.10.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Shri Rajnish Kumar Jenaw, IP&TA&FS (1992);
- (31) Appointment of **Shri H Kam Suanthang, CSS**, as **Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)** under the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, 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 Rajeev Kumar Tiwari, IFoS (JK:1993);

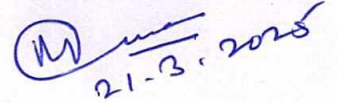


(32) Appointment of **Ms. Padmini Singla, IAS (UT:2002)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier *vice* Ms. Prajakta L Verma, IAS(MH:2001);

(33) Appointment of **Shri Anant Prakash Pandey, IFoS (HY:1999)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal 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 Naval Jit Kapoor, IRS (IT:1992);

(34) Appointment of **Shri Karan Singh, IRTS (1999)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of 5 years upto 01.08.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier by upgrading a post of DS/Director in the Ministry to JS level;

(35) Appointment of **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, ITS (1990)**, as **Member Secretary (JS level), National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31.08.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

  
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