

No.F.3(1)-Pension Unit/85  
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Personnel and Training, Administrative  
Reforms and Public Grievances and Pension.  
(Deptt. of Personnel and Training)

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New Delhi, dated the 6th June 1985.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Exercising of fresh option by Central Government employees subscribing to Contributory Provident Fund, to come over to pensionable service.

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As the Ministry of Defence, etc. are aware as a measure of relief to Central Government employees retiring on or after 31st March 1985, the Government have decided to treat the entire Dearness Allowances sanctioned upto the consumer price index level of 568 points as pay for the purpose of retirement benefits. Simultaneously, the present ceiling of Rs.1500/- p.m. on pension has been removed. The ceiling on Death-cum-retirement Gratuity has also been raised from Rs.36,000/- to Rs.50,000/-. Necessary orders to this effect have since been issued by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) vide their office Memoranda No.F1(12)-EV/84, dated 29.4.1985 and 30.4.1985. In the light of these changes, the President is now pleased to decide that Central Government employees who have retained the Contributory Provident Fund benefits in terms of rule 38 of the Contributory Provident Fund Rules (India), 1962 or in terms of any other orders issued in this behalf, may be allowed another opportunity to opt for the pension scheme as laid down in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972. The option is open to those Government employees who were in service on the 31st March, 1985, and retiring from service on or after that date. The option should be exercised within a period of six months from the date of issue of this O.M.

Option once exercised shall be final.

2. In the case of Government servants who were in service on 31.3.1985 but who died before the issue of these orders, or die before exercising the option by the prescribed date, their families may be allowed the option as indicated in the preceding paragraph provided that a request for the same is specifically made by the persons validly nominated by the subscriber or in the absence of a nomination by all the members of the family of the deceased as defined in the Contributory Provident Fund Rules. If the family includes minor children, the request on their behalf can be made by their guardian. If in such cases the Government contribution together with interest thereon in the C.P.Fund has already been paid to the beneficiaries who make a specific request for benefits admissible under the Pension Scheme, the Government Contribution together with interest thereon already paid should be adjusted against death-cum-retirement gratuity or other gratuity and the excess, if any, should be recovered from them before acceding to their request.

3. An officer who does not exercise any option within the prescribed period or quits service without exercising an option or whose option is incomplete or ambiguous shall be deemed to have opted to retain the existing C.P.F. and benefits.
4. In the case of Government servant who in terms of para 1 of the O.M. elects to be governed by the Pension Scheme, the Government contribution with interest thereon standing to the credit in the Contributory Provident Fund shall be credited to the Central Revenue (Civil). The Government servant's subscription together with interest thereon in the Fund shall be transferred to his General Provident Fund account which he shall be asked to open and to which thereafter he shall subscribe in accordance with the rules of that Fund.
5. The past service rendered by such an officer shall be deemed to have been rendered ab initio in a pensionable establishment and shall count as service qualifying for pension in the manner and to the extent provided in the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, in force from time to time.
6. All Ministries/Departments etc. are requested to bring the contents of this O.M. to the notice of all concerned under their administrative control including those on leave or foreign service. These instructions may also be brought to the notice of all attached and subordinate offices under the Ministries/Departments for strict compliance on immediate basis.
7. In so far as persons serving in Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issued in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

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To

All Ministries/Departments of Government of India  
as per standard list.

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