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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION & IT
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
(POSTAL ACCOUNTS WING)
DAK BHAVAN: SANSAD MARG
NEW DELHI-110001

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Dated---11-2014

To,
All Heads of Circles

Sub: Implementation of Government decision to link Aadhaar Identification for submission of Life Certificate for payment of Pension in addition to existing provisions.

Sir/Madam,

This is regarding simplification of procedure for securing annual "Life Certificate" for the purpose of disbursement of Pension to all Pensioners by using digital medium.

2. At present a Pensioner is required to either personally present himself/herself before the Pension Disbursing Authority or have the Life Certificate issued by one of the authorities notified for the purpose and have the same delivered to the said Pension Disbursing Authority during the month of November every year. This causes hardship particularly to those who are aged and/or infirm Pensioners. Besides, the existing system is prone to misuse by way of fraudulent withdrawal/disbursement causing loss to the exchequer.

3. For this purpose, the Department of Electronics & IT, Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India has developed "Jeevan Pramaan – Digital Life Certificate" Portal (jeevanpramaan.gov.in), which was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 10th November, 2014. A copy of D.O. No.8 (30)/2014-GC dated 12.11.2014 received from Sh. R.K.Goyal Joint Secretary, Department of Electronics & IT along with its enclosures is enclosed for ready reference.

4. In order to implement the Government decision, the Controller General of Accounts has issued necessary instructions through Correction Slip in the

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Scheme for payment of Pensions, for accepting the Life Certificate issued online by a Government Agency as a result of Aadhaar Biometric Authentication as a valid certificate in respect of Central Government Pensioners.

5. To give the benefits available from the Portal, DoP&PW has asked DoP

- (i) To notify the amendments to the relevant Rules/Instructions on the lines issued by CGA, and
- (ii) Sensitize the concerned Pension Disbursing Agencies as well as the concerned Pensioners about the procedure for online submission of Digital Life Certificate and its retrieval from a Central Digital Repository in NIC.

6. As you are aware that in Department of Posts, Pension is disbursed through its Post Offices in addition to designated Nationalized Banks and is governed by P&T Financial Hand Book Volume II. Accordingly, the following Para may be added in Para 125 of P&T FHB Volume II (Identification of Pensioners):-

“A Life Certificate issued online by a Government Agency as a result of Aadhaar Biometric Authentication will also be accepted as a valid certificate. This document may be accessed through a Website (jeevanpramaan.gov.in) by the Pension Disbursing Agency without insisting either on personal appearance of the Pensioner or Life Certificate by the Competent Authority referred above.”


7. Further, for this purpose, the NIC has been mandated to arrange the facilitation and linking of the available Pensionery Platform with the new proposed Digital Life Certificate Portal, Jeevan Pramaan, developed by Department of Electronics and Information Technology.

8. This amendment may also be circulated to all concerned along with the procedure prescribed by Department of Pensions & Pensioners' welfare to be followed by all Pension Disbursing Authorities in the Department of Posts.

This issues with the approval of Secretary (Posts).

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


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