

F.No. 7(1)/NPS/2020-EC-II(A) /185
Government of India
Directorate General
Central Public Works Department

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 20 March, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, in place of National Pension System, of those Central Government Employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment, on or before 22/12/2003.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare, OM No.57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03/03/23 on the subject mentioned above and to request all the eligible/willing Officers (SE & above) to submit their option, if they desire, before due date through their controlling officers.

2) All respective controlling officers are requested to forward options received with certified copies of following information/documents:-

1.	Date of notification of examination
2.	Date of examination held
3.	Date of interview
4.	Date of final result
5.	Vacancy year against which appointment has been done.
6.	Offer of appointment letter.
7.	Period of extension requested for joining, if any.
8.	Date of appointment of officer.



(V.K. Tuli)

Assistant Administrative Officer

To

1. All SDGs/ADGs, CPWD (through CPWD website).
2. The Engineer in Chief, PWD, MSO Building, I.P.Estate, New Delhi-110002.

No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, the 03rd March, 2023

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The undersigned is directed to say that consequent on introduction of National Pension System (NPS) vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003, all Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 to the posts in the Central Government service (except armed forces) are mandatorily covered under the said scheme. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 and other connected rules were also amended vide Notification dated 30.12.2003 and, after the said amendment, those rules are not applicable to the Government servants appointed to Government service after 31.12.2003.

2. Subsequently, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of Hon'ble Courts, issued instructions vide OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 giving one time option to Central Government employees who were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2003 against vacancies which occurred before 01.01.2004 and were covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021). There was fixed time schedule for different activities under the aforesaid OM dated 17.02.2020.

3. Representations have been received in this Department from the Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 requesting for extending the benefit of the pension scheme under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) on the ground that their appointment was made against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment prior to notification for National Pension System, referring to court judgments of various Hon'ble High Courts and Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunals allowing such benefits to applicants.

