



# ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

## Central Headquarters

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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

To

Shri V. Srinivas,  
Secretary (Pension),  
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare,  
New Delhi 110003.

**Sub: Redundancy of Format 9 under CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, consequent to withdrawal of RBI Circular dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

- Ref: 1. RBI Circular No.** DGBA.GAD.No.2960/45.01.001/2015-16 dated 17.03.2016  
**2. RBI Circular No.** DGBA.GBD.No.SUO 546/45.01.001/2020-21 dated 21.01.2021  
**3. Our letter No.** AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2023/61 dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Sir,

We had drawn your kind attention vide our letter cited under reference to the Format 9 specified in CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, which is an undertaking to be furnished by a Pensioner to the pension drawing bank, agreeing to indemnify the bank against any loss due to excess payment and irrevocably authorizing the bank to recover the amount from said account or any other account/deposit in the possession of the bank, which has become redundant following withdrawal of RBI Circular DGBA.GAD.No.2960/45.01.001/2015-16 dated 17.03.2016 [Annexure-1]. We had requested that Format 9 be deleted from CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, as it has become redundant. But our request has remained unconsidered till now. We therefore would like to reiterate the justification for deleting it from CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021:

2. RBI vide its Circular No. DGBA.GBD.No.SUO 546/45.01.001/2020-21 dated 21.01.2021, [Annexure-2 has conveyed its decision that all the three circulars issued by Department of Government and Bank Accounts, Reserve Bank of India related to recovery of excess pension paid by agency banks stands withdrawn with effect from the date of circular – 21.01.2021. The three circulars include the Circular cited under Ref.1 above and two other circulars issued on 18.04.1991 and 06.05.1991, which had provisions for action to be taken as per the undertaking given by the pensioner.

3. The Department of Pension and Pensioners' welfare has also clarified vide its 38/18/2018-P&PW(A)5130 dated 08.02.2022 (Annexure-3] that the question of recovery or waiver of recovery of any excess payment on account of an error in initial authorization or revision of pension by the office is to be dealt with in accordance rule 66 (4) of the CCS (Pension) rules 2021, which is in the spirit of the Apex Court's judgement in Rafiqe Masih's case and DoP&T's OM dated 2.3.2016. Retaining the Format 9 will therefore be creating unnecessary confusion and problems for the pensioners.

4. It is therefore requested that Format 9 be deleted from CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, as it has become redundant, in order to ensure that the pensioners are not harassed unnecessarily by forcing them to furnish the undertaking in Format 9.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.R. Balasubramanian', with the date '23/12/24' written below it.

(R.R. Balasubramanian)  
General Secretary

Encl: As stated

Copy to: 1. Dr. Jitendra Singh,  
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2. Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey,  
Secretary, Personnel, DoP&T