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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

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Dated: 29.10.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Intimation and recording of widowhood or divorce of a pensioner's daughter for future family pension claims – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Department has received references concerning the steps to be taken where a daughter of a retired Government servant becomes widow or divorcee during the lifetime of the pensioner or surviving spouse.

2. In this regard, attention is invited to Rule 50(15)(g) of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021. Where the daughter becomes widow during the lifetime of the pensioner, the pensioner may intimate the Head of Office and furnish the relevant documents establishing the death of her husband and her resulting marital status. If the pensioner has died, the surviving spouse or other family pensioner may communicate the change with supporting documents.

3. In the case of a divorced daughter, the pensioner, surviving spouse or other family pensioner may intimate the change of marital status to the Head of Office, along with the divorce decree and other relevant documents. Similarly, institution of divorce proceeding in a competent court of daughter may also be intimated to the Head of Office.

4. The Head of Office should acknowledge the intimation and update the relevant family particulars.

5. Recording of this information would facilitate payment of family pension to such a daughter at a later date, subject to fulfilment of the other conditions laid down in Rule 50. It is further clarified that such daughter is specifically excluded from inclusion/co-authorisation in the PPO as a family pensioner.

6. All Ministries/Departments are requested to accept and record such intimations and to decide eventual claims strictly in accordance with the governing rules, without treating a recorded entry as a prior sanction of family pension under CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021.

7. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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All Ministries/Departments/Organisations of the Government of India
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