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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 :- Sharing of family pension among widows and eligible children – reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that although family pension is ordinarily payable to one eligible member of the family at a time, Rule 50 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 provides specific exceptions under which more than one beneficiary may receive an admissible share simultaneously.

2. Rule 50(7)(a) stipulates the general restriction against simultaneous payment to more than one family member and identifies specified exceptions. The family pension to more than one surviving eligible widow, including equal shares and reallocation of a share when a widow dies or becomes ineligible, is to be dealt as per the provisions contained in Rule 50(8)(c) and (d).

3. Rule 50(8)(e) to (g) regulates the cases involving eligible children of another deceased wife, a divorced wife or from a void or voidable marriage alongside a surviving widow. Rule 50(9)(k) to (m) addresses eligible children from distinct family branches. The applicable shares and any subsequent redistribution are to be determined under the particular clause governing the facts.

4. Under Rule 50(9)(g), eligible twin children who are simultaneously entitled shall share family pension equally; when one ceases to be eligible, the share of that child would revert to the other, and after both cease to be eligible, the family pension passes to the next eligible family member.

5. All Ministries/Departments are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of the officials dealing with family pension.

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

(Deepak Gupta)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,
All Ministries/Departments/Organisations of the Government of India
(As per standard distribution list)