

एफ. सं. 14-7/2011 - अकादिमक (विविध) (खंड 5) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक योजना एवं प्रशासन संस्थान 17-बी, श्री अरबिंदो मार्ग, नई दिल्ली - 110016

जुलाई 28, 2023

<u>अधिसूचना</u>

शिक्षा मंत्रालय के कार्यालय ज्ञापन संख्या 15-2/2022-टीसी दिनांक 16 दिसंबर, 2022 के अनुसरण में और 11 अप्रैल, 2023 को आयोजित 27वीं बैठक में प्रबंधन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों के साथ, सभी संबंधितों को यह स्चित किया जाता है कि भुगतान ग्रेच्युटी अधिनियम, 1972 शैक्षणिक संस्थानों के सभी कर्मचारियों पर लागू होता है, क्योंकि उक्त अधिनियम में कर्मचारियों के विभिन्न सेट/श्रेणी/वर्ग के लिए प्रावधान नहीं हैं और इसके अलावा नई पेंशन योजना के अंतर्गत आने वाले कर्मचारियों की ग्रेच्युटी के भुगतान/हस्तांतरण के लिए उक्त अधिनियम की प्रयोज्यता के लिए शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा कोई अलग अधिस्चना जारी करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

(डॉ संदीप चटर्जी) क्रुलसिवव

प्रति:

सभी संबद

प्रतिलिपि:

- 1. कुलपति की वरिष्ठ निजी सचिव कुलपति की जानकारी के लिए |
- 2. कुलसचिव की निजी सहायक रिकॉर्ड के लिए।
- 3. प्रशासनिक अधिकारी (प्रभारी)
- 4. वित अधिकारी
- र्ट. प्रणाली विश्लेषक वेबसाइट पर अधिसूचना अपलोड करने के अनुरोध के साथ।
 - 6. मास्टर फ़ाइल
 - 7. अनुभाग की गार्ड फाइल

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F. No. 15-2/2022-TC
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
Technical Coordination Section

Room No.535, C- Wing, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi, dated the 16th December, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Applicability of Payment of Gratuity Act 1972 to educational institutions under the Ministry of Education-reg.

The undersigned is directed to inform that the issue of payment of gratuity to the employees covered under New Pension Scheme (NPS) in the Autonomous Bodies/Organizations under the Ministry of Education (MoE) has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) and the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E).

- 2. The Department of Expenditure (DoE), vide OM No.1(16)/EV/2017 dated 02.12.2021 (copy enclosed), has advised this Ministry to instruct Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations to adopt Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 in consultation with MoL&E since CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 are strictly meant for Central Government employees only. Further, vide O.M. No.R-13011/02/2022-SS.II dated 23.11.2022 (copy enclosed), the MoL&E has clarified that the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is applicable to all employees of educational institutions, as the said Act does not have provisions for different set/category/class of employees and further that no separate notification is required to be issued by the Ministry of Education for applicability of the said Act (in case of NPS employees).
- 3. In view of the above, all Bureaus in both Departments of the Ministry of Education may like to direct the Autonomous Bodies / Organizations under their administrative control to take appropriate action accordingly.

Encl: As above.

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To

- 1. All BHs, D/o HE
- 2. All BHs, D/o SE&L in respect of the educational institutions under the administrative control of D/o SE&L

1124253/2022/TS II Section

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F. No.1(16)/EV/2017 Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure EV Branch

North Block, New Delhi Dated the 27 December 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification on employer's contribution under NPS, applicability of death and retirement gratuity and additional relief in case of death, disability and invalidation to the employees of autonomous bodies of M/o Education covered under NPS - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to M/o Education's OM No.19-1/2017-IFD, dated 26.08.2021 on the subject mentioned above and furnish the requisite clarification/comments on the issues noted as under:

- (i) Whether the employer's contribution is 10% or 14%. All the provisions of the notification dated 31.01.2019 of the DFS stands extended to the employees of CABs under MoE in terms of order dated 26.08.2021 and 21.10.2021 and not in terms of CCS (INPS) Rules, 2021.
- (ii) Extension of Retirement/Death Gratuity benefits to the NPS borne employees under approximately 174 autonomous bodies.

 MoE may consider issuing instructions to their autonomous bodies to adopt Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 administered by the MoLE as Gratuity under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 may not be extended to the employees of autonomous bodies as these are strictly meant for Central Government employees. The issues relating to implementation of Payment of Gratuity Act in the autonomous bodies may be taken up directly with MoLE either by the concerned AB or through MoE.
- (iii) Option to avail benefits on death or invalidation or disability of subscriber during service.

The CCS (NPS) Rules, 2021 are applicable only to the employees of Central government, the provisions contained therein are not directly applicable to the employees of CABs. The issue relating to applicability of these provisions to the employees of CABs is under consideration in this Department in consultation with DoP&PW. As such, MoE may await final decision of this Ministry in this regard.

-2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Gulveena Badhan) Under Secretary to the Government of India Tele: 023095680

Ministry of Education [Kind Attn: Ms. Kiran Arora, Under Secretary (IFD)] Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001

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No. R-13011/02/2022-SS.II Government of India (भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Labour and Employment (श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय)

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, dated: 23rd November, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Applicability of the provisions of the P.G. Act, 1972 to 137 Autonomous Bodies/Organisations under the Ministry of Education for the employees covered under NPS – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Education's O.M. No F.No.- 15-2/2022-TC dated 15.09.2022 on the subject cited above.

- 2. The matter has been examined in the Ministry of Labour and Employment in consultation with the office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). The requirement for applicability of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, under section 1(3)(c), is being fulfilled by gazette notification No. S.O. 1080 dated 03.04.1997 to be read with Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Act, 2009 (Copies enclosed for ready reference) in educational institutions and therefore, is applicable to all OPS and NPS employees of institutions, as the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 does not have provisions for different set/category/class of employees (in instant case OPS and NPS employees). Hence, there is no need to issue a separate notification.
- 3. Further, the section 4(5) of the PG Act reads as "Nothing in this section shall affect the right of an employee to receive better terms of gratuity under any award or agreement or contract with the employer."

Encl: As above.

(B.K. Biswas)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel.:- 23769603

To,

Department of Higher Education [Kind Attn.: Ms. Kirti, Deputy Director, Ministry of Education Technical Coordination Section Shastri Bhavan, Room No. 535, C Wing, R.P. Road, New Delhii-110001.



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NEW DELHI, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1997/CHAITRA 29, 1919

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HIT II—QUE 3—34-QUE (II)
PART II—Section 3—Sub-Section (II)

मारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों (रक्षा मंत्रालय को छोड़कर) द्वारा जारी किए गए सांविधिक आयेश बीर अधिसूचनाएं Statutory Orders and Notifications Issued by the Ministries of the Government of India (Other than the Ministry of Defence)

विधि भौर न्याय मैदालय (विधि कार्य विभाग) (न्यायिक धनुभाग)

सूचना

नई दिल्ली, 22 मार्च, 1997

का. था. 1015.—नोटरीज नियम, 1956 के नियम 6 के अनुसरण में सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा यह सूचना दी जाती है कि श्री एम. के. कौणिश, एडवोकेट ने उनत प्राधिकारी को उनत नियम के नियम 4 के अधीन एक आवेवन इस बात के लिए विया है कि उसे मरोजिनी नगर, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी दिल्ली में व्यवसाय करने के लिए नोटरी के रूप में नियुक्ति पर किसी भी प्रकार का आपेक्ष इस सूचना के प्रकारन के चौवह दिन के भीतर लिखित रूप से मेरे पास भेजा जाए।

[सं. 5(69)/97-त्यायिक] एन सी. जैन, सक्षम प्राधिकारी एवं प्रपर विधि सलाहकार MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (Department of Legal Affairs)

(Judicial Section)

NOTICE

New Delhi, the 22nd March, 1997

S.O. 1015.—Notice is hereby given by the Competent Authority in pursuance of Rule 6 of the Notaries Act, 1956 that application has been made to the said Authority, under Rule 4 of the said Rules, by Shri S. K. Kaushik, Advocate for appointment as a Notary to practise in Sarojini Nagar, N.C.T of Delhi.

2. Any objection to the appointment of the said person as a Notary may be submitted in writing to the undersigned within fourteen days of the publication of this notice.

[No. F. 5(69)/97-Judl.]

N. C. JAIN, Competent Authority & Addl. Legal Adviser

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ANNEXURE

BEFORE SHRI P. R. DAVE, PRESIDING OFFI-CER, INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL CENTRAL, AHMEDABAD

Reference (ITC) No. 11 of 1990

ADJUDICATION

BETWEEN

Assistant Engineer,

Post & Telegraph, Mehsana ... First party.

AND

The workmen employed under it. ... Second party

In the matter of reinstating Shri Narotam Jeenabhai Parmar, a casual labour of Asstt. Engg. P&T Satellite Project, Mehsana with full back wages.

APPEARANCES:

Shri B. N. Joshi, learned Advocate—for the first party.

Kum. Ashaben Gupta, learned Advocate—for the second party.

AWARD

By an Order No. L-40012|91|89-D-2(B) dated 31st January, 1990, the Desk Officer, Labour Ministry, Government of India, New Delhi has referred an industrial dispute as stated in the Schedule of above order between the above parties u|s. 10(1) of the I.D. Act, 1947, initially to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri V. H. Thakore and subsequently to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri Bhatt and finally, it was transferred to this Tribunal by an appropriate order of the Government.

Before this matter can be heard and finally disposed of, Shri N. J. Parmar, the concerned workman has filed a Purshis Ex. stating that the Telecommunication is not an "industry" according to Supreme Court's order dated 2nd February. 1996 and, therefore, the second party may be granted permission to withdraw the reference with leave to approach proper forum for his dispute as prayed for in the interest of justice in view of above, I pass the following order:—

ORDER

Permission is granted to withdraw the reference to second party with leave to approach proper forum for his dispute as prayed for in the interest of justice and the reference is disposed of accordingly with no order as to costs.

Ahmedabad, 27th February, 1997.

P. R. DAVE, Presiding Officer

नई दिल्ली, 3 मप्रैन, 1997

का. प्रा. 1080:—उपदान संदाय प्रधिनियम, 1972 (1972 का 39) को धारा 1 को उपधारा (3) के खंड (ग) द्वारा प्रदत्त सितायों का प्रयोग करते हुए, केन्द्रीय सरकार एतद्द्वारा उन सभी मौक्षिक संस्थाओं का, जिनमें दम या श्रधिक व्यक्ति नियोजित हैं या पिछले 12 महीनों के दौरान किसी दिन नियोजित रहे, ऐसे प्रति-धानों के वर्ग के रूप में विनिद्धिद करती है जिन पर उक्त श्रधिनियम इस ग्रधिसुवना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से प्रभावी होगा:

परन्तु यह कि इस प्रधिसूचना में कही गई कोई बात श्रम मंत्रालय की प्रधिसूचना का. प्रा.सं. 239 दिनांक 8 जनवरी, 1982 के प्रचालन को प्रभावित नहीं करेगी।

> [का. सं. एस-42013/1/95-एस एस-II] जे. थी. शुक्ता, ध्रवर सचिव

New Delhi, the 3rd April, 1997

S.O. 1080.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 (39 of 1972), the Central Government hereby specified the educational institutions in which ten or more persons are employed or were employed on any day preceding 12 months as a class of establishments to which the said Act shall apply with effect from the date of publication of this notification:

Provided that nothing contained in this notification shall affect the operation of the notification of the Ministry of Labour S.O. No. 239 dated the 8th January, 1982.

[F. No. S-42013]1]95-SS.IIIJ. P. SHUKLA, Under Secy.

र्गांबर्ड़ी संन की एला--(एन)०४/0007/2003-

REGISTERED NO. DL-(N)04/0007/2003-09



EXTRAORDINARY

भाग II — खण्ड 1

PART II - Section 1

प्राधिकार से प्रकाशिव

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नई दिल्ली, बृहस्पविवार, दिसम्बर 31, 2009/पौष 10, 1931

No. 54]

NEW DELHI, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009 / PAUSA 10, 1931

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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 31st December, 2009/Pausa 10, 1931 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 31st December, 2009, and is hereby published for general information:—

THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2009

(No. 47 of 2009)

[31st December, 2009.]

An Act further to amend the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixtieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Act, 2009.
- (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd day of April, 1997.

2. In the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2, for clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

'(e) "employee" means any person (other than an apprentice) who is employed for wages, whether the terms of such employment are express or implied, in any kind of work, manual or otherwise, in or in connection with the work of a factory, mine, oilfield, plantation, port, railway company, shop or other establishment to which this Act applies, but does not include any such person who holds a post under the Central Government or a State Government and is governed by any other Act or by any rules providing for payment of gratuity;".

Short title and commencement.

Amendment of section, 2

39 of 1972.

THE GAZETTE OF INDIA EXTRAORDINARY

[PART II-SEC. 1]

Inschool of new section LIA 3. After section 13 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:

Validation of payment of gratuity

"13 A. Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, for the period commencing on and from the 3rd day of April, 1997 and ending on the day on which the Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Act, 2009, receives the assent of the President, the gratuity shall be payable to an employee in pursuance of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Labour and Employment vide number S.O. 1080, dated the 3rd day of April, 1997 and the said notification shall be valid and shall be deemed always to have been valid as if the Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Act, 2009 had been in force at all material times and the gratuity shall be payable accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this section shall extend, or be construed to extend, to affect any person with any punishment or penalty whatsoever by reason of the non-payment by him of the gratuity during the period specified in this section which shall become due in pursuance of the said notification."

V. K. BHASIN, Secy. to the Govt, of India.



प्रापिकार के प्रकाशित PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

#. 36j No. 361 नई दिल्ली, मनियार, सितम्बर 6, 1997/म 2 15, 1919

NEW DELHI, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1997/BHADRA 15, 1919

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कामिक, लोक-जिकायन नथा पेंगन पंचालय (कामिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग) नई दिल्ली, 7 धगस्त, 1997

का. आ. .2149—केन्द्रीय सरकार, दंड अकिया संहिता, 1973 (1974 का अधिनियम सं. 2) की धारा 24 की उपधारा (8) द्वारा प्रदत्त मिनत्यों का प्रयोग करते हुए एतद्शरा थीं एम. के. सन्येना, अधिवन्ता, निवासी मकान मं. एफ-263 (द्वितीय तन्य) धिकासपुरी, नई दिल्ली, को मुणील कुमार की हत्या में संबंधित मामला आर. मी. 7 (एम.)/96-एस.आई. सी.-11 नई दिल्ली (मामला, प्रथम मुचना (खोट मं.-111 दिलांक 22-4-96, धाना समानन्या, जिला पानीपत) नथा इस विषय में जुड़े कोई श्रन्य रामले अथवा किमी अन्य मामले में चल रहे प्रामंगिक माएलों के मंद्रालन के लिए मज न्यायान्य में विशेष लोक अभियोजक नियमन करती है।

[संख्या 225 28/97-ए.वी.डी -1] हरि सिंह, अधर मचिव MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(Cenartment of Personnel & Training)

New Delhi, the 7th August, 1997

S.O. 2149.—In exercise of the pwers conferred under subsection (8) of section 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 (Act No 2 of 1974, the Central Government hereby appoints Shri S. K. Saxena, Advocate r/o House No. F-263 (II Floor), Vikaspuri, New Delhi as Special Public Prosecutor for conducting RC 7(S)/96-SIU.V SIC.II New Delhi (case FIR No. 111 dt. 22-4-96 PS Smalkha, Distt. Panipat) telating to the murder of Sushil Kumar in the Session's Court and any other matter connected therewith or incidental thereto in any other courts

[No. 225/28/97/AVD.II] HARI SINGH, Under Secy. THE GAZETTE OF INDIA: SEPTEMBER 6, 1997/BHADRA 15, 1919

[PART II-SEC. 3(ii)]

AWARD

By Order No. L-12012 25 90 I.R. (B-2) dated 1-8-1990 the Central Government in the Ministry of Labour has, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, referred the following dispute for adjudication to this Tribunal

"Whether the action of the management of Bank of Baroda in terminating the services of Shri Pradip Kumar Singh is justified? If not, to what relief is the workman entitled?"

- 2. The Order of reference was received in this Tribunal on 7-8-1990. After notice to th parties, they filed their respective written statements, rejoinder and documents. Thereafter the workman stopped appearing to take further step in the case, despite several adjournments.
- 3. On 9-6-97 Sri S. K. Pauwar, Manager (P) appearing on behalf of the management filed a petition stating therein that the workman is not interested to contest the case further. Thereafter, registered notice was issued to the wtrkman. But neither the workman nor his authorised representative appeared. It appears that neither the workman nor his representative is interested in prosecuting the case.
- 4. Under the above circumstances, I render a 'No Dispute' award in the reference.

TARKESHWAR PRASAD. Presiding Officer

नई दिल्ली, 20 प्रगस्त, 1997

का.भा. 2217:—जबिक भारत सरकार के उद्यम मैसर्स नाभिकीय कर्जा निगम लि., मुंबई, जो कि केन्द्रीय सरकार का प्रतिष्ठान हैं, ने उपदान संदाय श्रीधिनयम, 1972 (1972 का 39) (जिसे इसके पश्चात उक्त श्रीधिनयम कहा गया है) की धारा 5 की उपधारा (I) के श्रधीन छूट के लिए श्रावेदन किया है,

शौर जबकि केन्द्रीय सरकार की राय में उक्त प्रतिष्ठान के कर्मचारियों को जिलने वाले उपदान उक्त प्रधिनियम के अधीन प्रदत्त लाओं से कम नहीं है.

श्रतः श्रव उपत संधिनियम की धारा 5 की उपधारा (1) द्वारा प्रदक्त सक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, केन्द्रीय सरकार, नाभिकीय ऊर्जा निगम लि. मुक्द को इस श्रधि-सूचना के सरकारी राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख से उक्त श्रधिनियम के उपवंधों के प्रचालन में छूट प्रदान करती है।

> [सं. एस-42014/2/96-एस एस-II] जे. पी. गुक्सा, प्रवर सन्विव

New Delhi, the 20th August, 1997

S.O. 2217.—Whereas the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, Mumbai, an establishment of the Central Government, has applied for exemption under sub-section (1) of the Section 5 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 (39 of 1972), (herein after referred to as the said Act);

And whereas in the opinion of the Central Government the gratuity benefit receivable by the employees of the establishment are not less favourable than the benefits conferred under the said Act:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act the Central Government hereby exempts the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, from the operation of the provisions of the said Act from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

[No. S-42014|2|96-SS. II] J. P. SHUKLA, Under Secy.

नई दिल्ली, 20 अगस्त, 1997

का. घा. 2218:-- उपदान गंदाय धिंतियम, 1972 (1972 का 39) जी धारा 1 की उपधारा (3) के खंड (ग) हारा प्रदत्त पित्रयों का प्रयोग करते हुए. केन्द्रीय सरकार एतवृहारा ऐसे न्यासों धवा सोमाइटिशें. जो मोनाइटी गंजीकरण धांधिनयम, 1860 (1880 का 21) या किसी राज्य में सोमाइटिशों से संबंधित किसी कानून जो इस समय प्रभाव में हो. के धन्तर्गत पंजीकृत हैं, जिनमें दस या धांधक व्यक्ति नियोजित हैं या पिछले बारह महीने में किसी भी दिन मजदूरी के लिए नियोजित थे, को प्रतिष्टानों की ऐसी श्रेणी के सप में विनिद्दिष्ट करती है जिन पर कथित धांधिनयम सरकारी राजपत में इस प्रधिमुचना के प्रकाणन की नियम सरकारी राजपत में इस प्रधिमुचना के प्रकाणन की नियम सरकारी राजपत में इस प्रधिमुचना के प्रकाणन की

[पा. मं. एस-42011/3/95-एस. एस. II] वे.पी. मुक्ता, श्रवर सचिव

New Delhi, the 20th August, 1997

S.O. 2218.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section 3 of section 1 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 (39 of 1972), the Central Government hereby specifies the trusts or societies, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860), or under any other law with respect to societies for the time being in force in any State, in which ten or more persons are employed or were employed for wages on any day of the preceding 12 months as a class of establishments to which the said Act shall apply with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

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