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PF & PENSION FUND DEPTT. CIRCULAR NO. 10/2020

Extension of period for submission of Life Certificate from October 2020 till December 2020 by Staff Pensioner.

As per extant guidelines the pensioners/family pensioners have to submit Life Certificate in November every year to continue pension payment from November onwards for which we have been issuing guidelines from time to time.

However, as a measure to enable additional dedicated time to very senior pensioners, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance & Pension vide its Office Memorandum No. 1/20/2018-P& PW (E), dated 18.07.2019, allowed the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above, to submit Life Certificate from 1st October onward instead of 1st November, every year. Accordingly, the related guidelines were issued by this Department vide Circular No.08/2019 dated 20.08.2019.

Now, Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare vide their Office Memorandum No.-18/1/2020-P&PW(C)-6681 dated 11.09.2020 have conveyed that in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and keeping in view of vulnerability of elderly population to Corona Virus, it has been decided to extend the existing timeline for submission of Life Certificate. This year, all Central Government pensioners may submit Life Certificate from 01st November, 2020 onwards, till 31st December 2020. However, the pensioner in the age of 80 years and above, can submit Life Certificate from 01st October, 2020 onwards, to 31st December, 2020. During this extended period, the pension will be continued to be paid by the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDAs) uninterrupted.

Pursuant to above instructions received from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, the issue has been examined to extend the timeline for submission of Life Certificate to Staff pensioners also.

Accordingly it has been decided that:

- This year, all staff-pensioners may submit Life Certificate from 1st November, 2020 onward, till 31st December 2020
- However, the pensioner in the age of 80 years and above, can submit Life Certificate from 1st October, 2020 onwards till 31st December, 2020
- During this extended period, the pension will be continued to be paid by the Bank uninterruptedly.

The above measures are expected to avoid rush at branches and maintain social distancing, while obtaining Life Certificates from the elderly staff-Pensioners this year. All the branches shall also ensure proper arrangements and social distancing measures at the branches and prevent overcrowding.

All the pension disbursing Branches shall therefore be advised to strictly comply with the above instructions and give wide publicity to the same amongst staff Pensioners including staff family pensioners.

A copy of the aforesaid Circular dated 11.09.2020 of Govt. Of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners' welfare is also annexed herewith for information.

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No.18/1/2020-P&PW(C)-6681
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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

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Dated: 11th September, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Extension of period for submission of Life Certificate from October 2020 till December 2020.

Every Central Government pensioner has to submit life certificate in the month of November for further continuation of his/her pension. It has been observed that a large number of Central Government pensioners physically visit bank branches for this purpose.

2. Earlier, as a measure to enable additional dedicated time to very senior pensioners, this department, vide its OM No. 1/20/2018-P&PW(E), dated 18.07.2019, allowed the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above, to submit Life Certificate from 1st October onward instead of 1st November, every year.

3. In view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and keeping in view of the vulnerability of elderly population to Corona Virus, it has now been decided to extend the existing timeline for submission of Life Certificate. This year, all Central Government pensioners may submit Life Certificate from 1st November, 2020 onward, till 31st December 2020. However, the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above, can submit Life Certificate from 1st October, 2020 onwards, to 31st December, 2020. During this extended period, the pension will be continued to be paid by the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDAs) uninterrupted.

4. Further, in the line of RBI notification no. RBI/2019-20/138, dated January 9, 2020, which permits Video based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP) as a consent based alternate method of establishing the customer's identity, PDAs may also explore the said methodology for obtaining a Life Certificate from the pensioner, to the extent permitted by RBI guidelines, in order to avoid rush at the branches.

5. The above measures are expected to avoid rush at branches and maintain social distancing, while obtaining Life Certificates from the elderly this year. PDAs shall also ensure proper arrangements and social distancing measures at the branches and prevent overcrowding.

6. All Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to take note of this OM for compliance and give wide publicity to the same amongst the pensioners.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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