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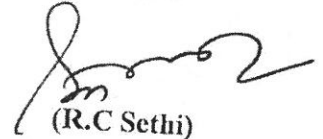
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Office Memorandum

Subject: Power to withhold or withdraw pension/gratuity in cases of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021.

The undersigned is directed to say that Rule 8 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 has been amended vide Notification No. GSR 770(E) dated 07.10.2022. As per earlier Rule 8 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, the President had the power, in all cases, to withhold/withdraw a pension/gratuity, if in any departmental or judicial proceedings, the pensioner was found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service, including service rendered upon re-employment after retirement.

2. As per the amended Rule 8, approval of President shall be required only for ordering withholding/withdrawing pension or gratuity in the case of a pensioner who retired from a post for which President is the appointing authority and, in other cases, Secretary of the Administrative Ministry or Department shall be competent to order withholding/withdrawing pension or gratuity, if the pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service in any departmental or judicial proceedings. Similarly, the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India shall be competent to order withholding/withdrawing pension or gratuity in the case of a pensioner who retired from the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, for which an authority subordinate to the President is the appointing authority. Consultation with UPSC will also not be necessary in cases where the President is not the appointing authority.
3. A provision for appeal against an order of an authority other than the President has also been made in the amended Rule 8(6A). Provisions for revision/review of the orders by the President have also been made in Rule 8(7) & Rule 8(8), respectively.
4. All Ministries/Departments are requested that the above amended provisions regarding power to withhold or withdraw pension/gratuity in case where the pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service may be brought to the notice of the personnel dealing with the pensionary benefits, for strict implementation.



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