

F.No. 25013/01/2024-Pers. Policy A-IV  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
Department of Personnel & Training  
(Personnel Policy A-IV Section)

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North Block, New Delhi

Dated : 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**


**Subject:- Periodic Review of Central Government Employees for strengthening of administration under Fundamental Rule (FR) 56(j)/(l) and rule 48 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 [now, revised as Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021] – reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to DoPT's OM No. 25013/01/2024-Pers.Policy A-IV dated 27.06.2024 (copy enclosed) on the above mentioned subject whereby all the Ministries/Departments were requested to take immediate action to identify the employees due for review under relevant provisions of Fundamental/Pension Rules and ensure that their cases are expeditiously submitted for consideration before the duly constituted Review Committee as per extant instructions. Further, all Ministries/Departments were also requested to direct the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)/Banks, Autonomous Institutions and Statutory bodies under their administrative control to undertake the exercise of periodic review of employees under the relevant provisions.

2. Apart from the above, all the Ministries/Departments/Organisations were also requested to strictly adhere to the timeline mentioned in DoPT's OM No. 25013/03/2019-Estt.A-IV dated 28.08.2020 for undertaking the exercise of review of performance of the Government servants and for the employees of PSUs/Banks/autonomous institutions/statutory organisations under their administrative control to ensure that the employees with doubtful integrity or found to be ineffective are not allowed to continue in Government and to furnish a report to DoPT in prescribed format by 15th day of each month starting from July, 2024. However, despite clear instructions, most of the Ministries/Departments/Organizations have not furnished the requisite report to DoPT as of now.

3. In view of the above, all Ministries/ Department/ Organizations are again requested to ensure that the instructions/guidelines in the subject matter contained in DOPT's OM No. 25013/01/2024-Pers. Policy A-IV dated 27.06.2024 are adhered to both in letter and spirit and the requisite report in the prescribed format is furnished to DoPT within the timelines.

4. This may kindly be accorded "Top Priority".

  
26/7/24  
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The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that instructions have been issued from time to time for undertaking periodic review of performance of Government servants with a view to ascertain whether the Government servant should be retained in service or retired from service prematurely, in public interest, as per relevant provisions of Fundamental/ Pension Rules referred to in the subject cited above. In addition to the various instructions/guidelines issued in the subject matter, the DoPT vide its OM No. 25013/03/2019-Estt.A-IV dated 28.08.2020 (copy enclosed) has issued a comprehensive and consolidated guidelines detailing the procedures to be followed in identifying the cases of premature retirement under FR 56 (j)/(l) and Rule 48 of CCS (Pension) Rules directing all the Ministries/Departments to follow the content of the said OM strictly and ensure its wide circulation amongst all concerned. The detailed guidelines on the above subject are already available in public domain at <https://dopt.gov.in> → Archives → Orders → Establishment → Premature retirement.

2. Similarly, in so far as strengthening of administration by periodical review under FR 56(j) in respect of Autonomous Institutions and Statutory bodies is concerned, the DoPT's OM No. 26012/8/2022-Estt.A-IV dated 20.12.2022 and OM No.25013/1/2016-Estt.A-IV dated 11.03.2016 (copies enclosed) respectively may be referred to.

3. It may be noted that the objective of Fundamental Rule (FR) 56 (j)/(l) and Rule 48 of CCS (Pension) Rules [now, revised as Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021] is to strengthen the administrative machinery by developing responsible and efficient administration at all levels and to achieve efficiency, economy and speed in the disposal of Government functions.

4. The Administrative Ministries/Departments have repeatedly been requested to adhere to guidelines issued in this regard and furnish a report to this effect to the Department of Personnel and Training. However, it has come to notice that various Ministries/Departments are not adhering to the said guidelines resulting in delay in identifying the Government employees due for review under relevant provisions of FR- 56 (j)/(l) and Rule 48 of CCS (Pension) Rules [now, revised as Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021].

5. In view of the above, the Ministries/Departments are requested to take immediate action to identify the employees due for review under relevant provisions of Fundamental/Pension Rules and ensure that their cases are expeditiously submitted for consideration before the duly constituted Review Committee as per extant instructions. Further, all Ministries/Departments are also requested to direct the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)/Banks, Autonomous Institutions and Statutory bodies under their

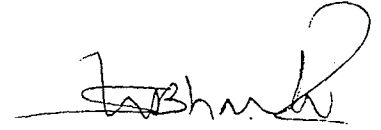
administrative control to undertake the exercise of periodic review of employees under the relevant provisions.

6. Further, all the Ministries/Departments/Organisations are also requested to strictly adhere to the timeline mentioned in DoPT's OM dated 28.08.2020 for undertaking the exercise of review of performance of the Government servants and for the employees of PSUs/Banks/autonomous institutions/statutory organisations under their administrative control to ensure that the employees with doubtful integrity or found to be ineffective are not allowed to continue in Government and to furnish a report to DoPT in format given below by 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month starting from July, 2024:

Number of employees to be reviewed under FR-56 (j)/(l)/Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, group-wise (A/B/C)	Number of employees reviewed under provisions of FR- 56 (j)/(l)/Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 group-wise (A/B/C)	Number of employees reviewed and against whom the provisions of FR- 56 (j)/(l)/Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 invoked/ recommended group-wise (A/B/C)	Number of employees retired prematurely invoking FR- 56 (j)/(l)/Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 group-wise (A/B/C)
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7. Hindi version will follow.

Encls: as above.



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