No. 1/16/2011- P&PW(E) Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (Desk 'E')

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi, the 8th December, 2011.

Office Memorandum

Sub: Family pension - list of documents to be submitted by a claimant member of family (other than spouse) along with Form 14, PPO and death certificate in respect of the deceased pensioner/family pensioner - regarding.

The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has been receiving references for clarification by various Ministries/Departments of the Government regarding the documents for family pension, including certificate of income, required to be submitted by a claimant member of family (other than spouse) along with application form (Form 14), PPO and death certificate after the death of a pensioner/family pensioner. The matter was also discussed at length in the 20th meeting of SCOVA held on 21st September, 2011 (item No. 9 2 of the Minutes refers). It was agreed in the meeting that a list of such documents will be made available at the website of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. It was pointed out in the meeting that it is indicated in this Department's Office Memorandum No.45/51/97-P&PW(E), dated 21.7.1999 that a self certificate for the income of those who are self employed or are in receipt of income from sources other than employment may be accepted. It was decided to send a copy of this O.M. to all member associations of SCOVA.

This is informed that the claims submitted by a claimant member of family (other than spouse) for family pension after the death of a pensioner/family pensioner, in Form 14 and supported by the death certificate and PPO of the pensioner/family pensioner, may be processed in consultation with the Pay and Accounts Officer, who is the custodian of the pension file which contains all relevant Forms and information of the pensioner. In a very rare case where the name of the claimant member is not available in the records of the Head of Office as well as the Pay & Accounts Officer concerned and the claimant member also fails to submit a copy of PPO or Form 3 containing 'Details of Family' submitted earlier by the deceased employee/pensioner, the certificates prescribed at serial number 9(v) of Form 14 may be accepted. In addition to these certificates, PAN Card, Matriculation Certificate, Passport, CGHS Card, Driving License. Voter's ID Card and Aadhar Number may also be accepted. Acceptance of voter's ID card and Aadhar Number is subject to the condition that the pensioner/family pensioner certifies that he/she is not a matriculate and he/she does not have any of the documents mentioned in Form 14 or above. Apart from these documents, the Ministries/Departments may accept any other document submitted by the claimant, which may be relied upon and which establishes the relationship of the claimant with the pensioner and/or contains his/her date of birth.

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- The applicant has also to prove that no other surviving member in the family, who may have a prior entitlement for family pension, is eligible. For this purpose, the above and/or any other documents, such as marriage/death/income certificates of the other members, which may be essential in a given situation, may be used.
- As decided in the SCOVA meeting, a copy of O.M. No.45/51/97-P&PW(E), dated 21.7.1999 is enclosed for circulation to all Ministries/Departments/ Associations.

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All Ministries/Departments/Organisations as per list All Pensioners' Associations as per list available in the Department

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