

**F. No. 02-17/2022 – PAP (Part-1)**  
**Ministry of Communications**  
**Department of Posts**  
**[Establishment Division/P.A.P. Section]**

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110001

Dated: 20.05.2024

To,

1. All Chief Postmasters General/ Director RAKNPA/Postmasters General
2. CGM, BD Directorate/Parcel Directorate/PLI Directorate.
3. Addl. Director General, Army Postal Service, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
4. All General Managers (Finance)/Directors Postal Accounts/DDAP/GM,  
CEPT
5. All Directors, Postal Training Centres

**Sub: Applicability of Rule 5 of the Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016 - clarification.**

Madam/Sir,

Attention of all concerned is drawn to this office letters No. 02-17/2022-PAP dated 07.10.2022 and 31.01.2023 regarding applicability of Rule 5 of the CCS (RP) Rules, 2016 and DoE OM 4-13/17-IC/E-II A dated 12.12.2018 for revision of option to come over to revised pay structure of 7th CPC.

2. The matter was taken up with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. DoE vide their ID Note No. 03-03/2018-E.III.A dated 16.04.2024 have, inter-alia, clarified that:

***"...the option for fixation of pay in the revised pay structure after the date of notification of the CCS(RP) Rules,2016 i.e. 25.07.2016 on account of promotion/financial up-gradation beyond 25.07.2016 is not in consonance with the provisions of the CCS(RP) Rules 2016, as Rule 5 of the said Rules provides for option only for promotion/upgradation taking place up to 25.07.2016 (date of notification of said rules)."***

3. I am, therefore, directed to request you to decide the similar cases in the Circles in accordance with the clarification of the Department of Expenditure referred to above.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in suppression of previous letters No. 02-17/2022-PAP dated 07.10.2022 and 31.01.2023 on the subject. The benefit granted on the basis of the aforementioned letters, if any, may, accordingly, be withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by  
Ravi Pahwa

Date: 20-05-2024 13:06:12  
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4. PPS to Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser.
5. Sr. Deputy Director General (Vigilance) & CVO/ Sr. DDG (PAF)
6. Director General P&T (Audit), Civil Lines, New Delhi.
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