GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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No. FIN-NPS-SCHEME-0001-2019/ 34736 /F., **Date:** 15/12/2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Exercise of option for availing the benefits of family pension upon in-service death in respect of State Government employees covered under National Pension System (NPS)

State Government in Finance Department have prescribed procedural guidelines pertaining to exercise of option for availing the benefits of family pension upon in-service death in respect of State Government employees covered under National Pension System (NPS) vide FD OM No. 12587/F, dated 19.05.2022.

2. As per Paragraph-2(A)(I)(b) of the aforesaid O.M., existing State Government employees, covered under NPS, were initially given a period of one year from **19.05.2022,** i.e. from the date of issue of the OM, to exercise their option in Form-I. Subsequently, the timeline was extended up to 19.05.2024, vide FD OM No. 21877/F, dated 03.08.2023, read with FD Corrigendum No. 23885/F, dated 23.08.2023.

3. It has, however, been brought to the notice of the Government through representations from various State Government Offices that a number of employees covered under NPS could not exercise their option in Form-I within the revised timeline, i.e. by **19.05.2024.**

4. Therefore, after careful consideration, the Government have been pleased to allow the State Government employees covered under National Pension System, who were already in service at the time of issue of FDOM No. 12587/F, dated 19.05.2022, to exercise their option by **31.01.2026**.

15/12/2025

(Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra)
Principal Secretary to Government

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Memo No. 34737 **/F., Date:** 15/12/2025

Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ OSD to the Chief Secretary/ OSD to Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department for kind information of Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Finance Department.

PK Mishra 15/12/25

Joint Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government

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He is requested to hoist this Office Memorandum in the Official Website/ portal (https:finance.odisha.gov.in) of Finance Department for General Information.

PKMishra 15/12/25

Joint Secretary to Government