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प्रेषक From

> मुख्य सतर्कता अधिकारी Chief Vigilance Officer

То

सीएसआईआर की सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं/संस्थानों के निदेशक/प्रधान The Directors/Heads of all National Labs./Instts. of CSIR

Sub: Withdrawal/withholding/recovery of pension/gratuity in the case of minor penalty proceedings.

महोदय,

में आपकी सूचना, मार्गदर्शन एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु उपरोक्त विषय पर भारत सरकार, कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय (कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग) द्वारा दिनांक 13 अप्रैल, 2009 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन सं. 110/9/2003-AVD-I को अग्रेषित कर रही हूं। कृपया इसकी प्रति सभी सम्बन्धित अधिकारियों को प्रदान की जाए।

I am to forward herewith a copy of the Office Memorandum No. 110/9/2003-AVD-I of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Deptt. of Personnel and Training) dated 13th April, 2009 on the subject cited above for your information, guidance and necessary action, with a request that the copies of the same may kindly be provided to all concerned.

भवदीया.

्रीन /०५ (अंजिल तिवारी)

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No.110/9/2003- AVD-I Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Greivances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training)

New Delhi Dated the 13th April, 2009

Office Memorandum

<u>Subject</u>: Withdrawal/withholding/recovery of pension/gratuity in the case of minor penalty proceedings.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM no 134/9/86-AVD-! dated 31st July 1987 wherein it was clarified that the Central Government has the power to withhold or withdraw pension even as a result of minor penalty proceedings—instituted against a charged officer during his service and which had continued after his retirement provided grave misconduct or negligence is established. The underlying basis for this OM was that there can be circumstances wherein proceedings initiated for minor penalty could result in establishment of grave misconduct or negligence on conclusion of the proceedings warranting a cut or withholding of pension or recovery of pecuniary loss. The CM of 31st July 1987 was issued in cancellation of the earlier OM'no 134/10/80 -AVD-1 dated 28th Feb 1981 which interalia, stated—that 'grave misconduct or negligence' cannot be established as a result of minor penalty proceedings.

2. The OM of 31.7.1987 came for scruticy before the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Principal Bench, De bi in OA no 2068 of 2002 (R.S. Sagar, NOIDA, UP Vs. Union of India), pertaining to the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. The Hon'ble Tribunal was considering an application against the order of withholding of gratuity of a charged officer who had retired from service. The Tribunal , while considering the said case set aside the said OM of 31th July 1987 of this Department holding it ultra vires the CCS(Pension) Rules 1972. The ratio of the decision in this OA was applied to CA no 1.12 of 2003 (I.K. Rastogi Vs. Union of India) by Principal Bench, Delhi. This Department was neither a party nor impleaded in the said OAs at any stage.

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- 3. The implication of the judgement of Hon'ble CAT on this Division's O.M. of 31.7.87 was considered in consultation with Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare and Department of Legal Affairs and it was noted that the matter has attained legal finality.
 - 4. In view of the above and in the light of soid order of Hon'ble CAT Principal Bench setting aside the OM of 31st July 1987—this Department's OM no 134/10/80—AVD-1 dated 28th Feb 1981 stands restored and the OM of 31st July 1987 stands withdrawn.

Hindi version will follow.

Dr David

(P.K Ravi)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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All Ministries /Departments
(As per list attached)

No. 110/9/2003-AVD-L

Dated the 13th April, 2009

Copy forwarded to:-

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- The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Shahajahan Road, Dholpur House, New Delhi.
- All Sections/Desk of DOPT.