# कार्यालय रक्षा लेखा महानियंत्रक, उलान बतार रोड, दिल्ली छावनी-10 Office of the CGDA, Ulan Batar Road, Palam, Delhi Cantt - 110010

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समस्त र.ले.प्र.नि./प्र.ले.नि.(फै.)प्र.ए.वि.स. र.ले.नि./वि.एवं ले.नि.(फै.)/ए.वि.स./क्षे.प्र.के.

विषय:- Payment of Death Gratuity to a minor-regarding.

भारत सरकार, रक्षा मंत्रालय (वित) के आई.डी.स. A-10(3)/C/2014(2731) दिनांक 18.12.2014 के अतंर्गत प्राप्त कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय, पेंशन तथा पेंशनर कलयाण विभाग सं. 7/3/2013-P&PW (F) दिनांक 2, दिसम्बर 2014 की उपर्युक्त विषयक पत्र की प्रति सूचना एवं आवशयक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित है।

(एस जे बजाज) कृते र.ले.महानियंत्रक

प्रतिलिपि :

प्रशासन IV (स्थानीय)

सूचना एवं आवशयक कार्रवाई हेत्

ई. डी. पी. केन्द्र (स्थानीय)

र.ले.महा. की वैबसाइट पर अपलोड करने के अनुरोध के साथ ।

एस जे बेजाज) ले.अधि (प्रशा) Do Defence Finance

## No.7/3/2013-P&PW (F) Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Dated the, 2 December, 2014.

### **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject:

Payment of Death Gratuity to a minor - regarding

In accordance with the existing instructions, the payment of a portion of death gratuity could be made to the guardian, in the absence of a natural guardian, without production of a guardianship certificate. As per the existing orders, an amount of Rs.10,000/- (or the first Rs.10,000/- where amount exceeds Rs.10,000/-)in favour of a minor could be made to his/her guardian, in the absence of a natural guardian, without production of a formal guardianship certificate but subject to production of an indemnity bond.

- 2. The above issue has been examined and in modification of the above orders, it has been decided that the payment of death gratuity in respect of a minor to the extent of 20% or Rs.1.50 lakh, whichever is less may be paid to his/her guardian, in the absence of natural guardian, without the production of a formal guardianship certificate but subject to the production of an indemnity bond with suitable sureties. The balance in excess of 20% or Rs.1.50 lakhs, as the case may be, would become payable on the production of a certificate of guardianship.
- It is essential however, that there should be adequate prima facie grounds for making payment as in paragraph 2 above, to the person claiming it. Such ground can exist only if he is shown by a declaration to be a *de facto* guardian and his bona fides have been ascertained. Even if a guardian has not yet been appointed by the Court, if the minor and his property are in the custody of some person, such person is in law a *de facto* guardian. The authorities making the payment, should, therefore, require the person who comes forward to claim payment on behalf of the minor, to satisfy themselves by a form that he is in charge of the property of the minor and is looking after it or that, if the minor has no property other than the gratuity, the minor is in his custody and care. The form so to be produced is in addition to the indemnity bond with suitable sureties.
- 4. The indemnity bond which is required to be produced by a de-facto guardian of minor(s) for payment of retirement/death gratuity to the extent of Rs.1.50 lakh or 20% whichever is less should be executed in the form appended below.
- 5. It has been decided that the stamp duty payable on the indemnity bond will be borne by the Government. The indemnity bond, should, therefore, be executed on any durable plain paper.
- 6. The indemnity bond should be signed by the obligor and the surety/sureties or their respective attorneys appointed by power(s) of attorney. The indemnity bond on behalf of the President should be accepted by an officer duly authorized under Article 229(1) of the Constitution.

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- 7. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders have been issued after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- This issues is with the concurrence of Department of Expenditure vide their ID note No. 359/EV/2014 dated 04.07.2014.
- 9. Hindi version will follow.

(Tripti P Ghosh) Director Tel.No.24624802

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·To,

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

- 2. President Secretariat
- 3. UPSC
- 4. Office of C&AG, DDU Marg, New Delhi.

#### INDEMNITY BOND

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that we (a)
(hereinafter called "the Sureties") are held firmly bound to the President of India (hereinafter called "the Government") in the sum of Rs
Signed thisday oftwo thousand and
WHEREAS (c)was at the time of his death in the employment of the Government/receiving a pension at the rate of Rs(Rupees(Rupeesonly) per month from the Government.
AND WHEREAS the said (c)died on theday of
AND WHEREAS the Obligor claims to be entitled to the said sum as de facto guardian of the minor son/daughter of the said (c)but has not obtained till the date of these presents the certificate of guardianship from any competent Court of Law in respect of the said minor(s).
AND WHEREAS the Obligor has satisfied the (e)
AND WHEREAS the Government has no objection to the payment of the said sum to the Obligo

AND WHEREAS the Government has no objection to the payment of the said sum to the Obligor but under Government Rules and Orders, it is necessary for the Obligor to first execute a bond with one surety/two sureties to indemnify the Government against all claims to the amount so due as aforesaid to the said (c).....before the said sum can be paid to the Obligor.

AND WHEREAS the Obligor and at his/her request the surety/sureties have agreed to execute the bond in the terms and manner hereinafter contained.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is such that if after payment has been made to the Obligor, the Obligor and/or the surety/sureties shall in the event of a claim being made by any other person against the Government with respect to the aforesaid sum of Rs. refund to the Government the said sum of Rs.....and shall otherwise indemnify and keep the Government harmless and indemnified against and from all liabilities in respect of the aforesaid sum and all costs incurred in consequence of the claim thereto THEN the above written bond or obligation shall be void and of no effect but otherwise it shall remain in full force, effect and virtue.

AND THESE PRESENTS ALSO WITNESS that the liability of the sureties hereunder shall in be impaired or discharged by reason of time being granted by or any forbearance act or omission of the Government whether with or without the knowledge or consent of the surety/sureties in respect of or in relation to the obligations or conditions to be performed or discharged by the Obligor or by any other method or thing whatsoever which under the law relating to sureties, shall but for this provision have the effect of so relating the surety/sureties from such liability nor shall it be necessary for the Government to sue the Obligor before suing the surety/sureties or either of them for the amount due hereunder, and the Government agrees to bear the stamp duty, if any, chargeable on these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Obligor and the surety/sureties hereto have set and subscribed their respective hands hereunto on the day, month and year above written.

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(b) State relationship of the Obligor to the deceased.		State relationship of the Obligor to the deceased.
	(c)	Name of the deceased Government Officer.
	(d)	Full name or names of the sureties with name or names of the father(s)/husband(s) and place of residence.
	(e)	Designation of the officer responsible for payment.
NOTE II The Obligor as well as the sureties should have attained mathe bond may have legal effect or force.		

Full name of the claimant referred to as the 'Obligor'.