GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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No.FIN-CS3-PEN-0015-2026/ 19634 /F; **Date:** 27.07-2026

From

Sri Ashok Kumar Dixit,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

All Departments/

All Heads of Department/

All Collectors.

Sub: Timely finalization of pension cases under Rule 65 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992.

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Rule 65 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992, as amended vide Finance Department Notification No. 26635/F dated 22.09.2023.

2. The amended Rule prescribes that pension cases shall ordinarily be finalized within six months from the date of retirement of the Government servant or from the date of submission of the online pension application, whichever is later.

3. Rule 65(6) (d) further provides that where the final pension or gratuity is not determined within the prescribed period for reasons other than pendency of departmental or judicial proceedings under Rule 66, the Pension Sanctioning Authority shall immediately treat the provisional pension or gratuity as final and forward the case to the Accountant General, Odisha for issue of the Pension Payment Order/Gratuity Payment Order. Failure to do so renders the Pension Sanctioning Authority/Head of Office liable for disciplinary action under the said Rule.

4. It has, however, come to the notice of Government that in several cases

pension proposals are not being finalized within the prescribed timeline, resulting in avoidable delay in issue of Pension Payment Orders and consequent hardship to retired Government servants. Further, it is observed that, Pension Disbursing Authorities are discontinuing the provisional pension on expiry of six months from date of its sanction by the Head of Office or the from the date of retirement of Government employees although the pension has not been finalized, making it worse for the retired employee financially.

5. All Administrative Departments, Heads of Departments and Collectors are, therefore, requested to ensure that all Pension Sanctioning Authorities and Heads of Offices under their administrative control strictly comply with the provisions of Rule 65 of the OCS (Pension) Rules, 1992. Pension cases should be processed well in advance so that final pension proposals are submitted within the prescribed period.

6. It may also be ensured that responsibility is fixed in cases of avoidable delay. Wherever delay beyond the prescribed period is attributable to the Pension Sanctioning Authority or the Head of Office, action shall be taken in accordance with Rule 62(2) (ii) read with rule 65(6) (d) of the OCS (Pension) Rules, 1992. Any financial liability arising due to such delay, including payment of interest on delayed settlement of pensionary benefits, wherever admissible under the Rules or Government instructions, may also be recovered from the officers responsible after following the prescribed procedure.

7. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs) and Heads of Offices under your administrative control for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 19635 /F;   Date: 27-07-2026

Copy forwarded to the Director of Treasuries & Inspection, Odisha for information and necessary action.

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 19636 /F; Date: 27-07-2026

Copy forwarded to the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Odisha/ Controller of Accounts, Odisha for information.

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 19637 /F; Date: 27-07-2026

Copy forwarded to all Establishment Sections of Finance Department for information and necessary action.

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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No. FIN-CS3-PEN-0015-2026/ 19631 **/F;** **Date:** 27-07-2026

From

Sri Ashok Kumar Dixit,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Treasuries and Inspection, Odisha.

Sub: Continuation of provisional pension beyond six months in accordance with Rule 65 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992.

Madam,

In inviting reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that, it has come to the notice of Government that in certain cases, provisional pension is being discontinued by some Treasuries immediately after expiry of six months from the date of retirement or submission of online pension application citing Rule 65 of the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1992, as amended vide Finance Department Notification No. 26635/F dated 22.09.2023.

2. The above practice is not in consonance with the provisions of Rule 65 of the OCS (Pension) Rules, 1992. While the amendment prescribes a timeline of six months for finalization of pension cases by the Pension Sanctioning Authority, the proviso to Rule 65(6) (a) specifically provides that **provisional pension shall not be discontinued if, for any reason, the Pension Payment Order (PPO) for regular pension could not be issued by the Accounts Officer after expiry of the said period of six months.**

3. The intent of the amendment is to ensure timely finalization of pension cases without causing hardship to retired Government servants. Therefore, discontinuance of provisional pension solely on the ground of expiry of six months, in cases where the PPO has not yet been issued by the Accountant General (A&E), Odisha or the Controller of Accounts,

is contrary to the Rules.

4. You are, therefore, requested to issue suitable instructions to all Treasury Officers to strictly adhere to the above provisions of the OCS (Pension) Rules, 1992 and to ensure that provisional pension is not discontinued merely because six months have elapsed, where the PPO has not been issued by the Pension Issuing Authority. Such payments shall continue until issue of the PPO in accordance with the Rules.

5. Further, it is relevant to mention here that, provisional pension sanctioned under rule 66 of the OCS (Pension) Rules, 1992 should continue till conclusion of departmental or judicial proceedings and final orders are passed by the competent authority.

6. Any deviation from the above instructions shall be viewed seriously and the concerned Treasury Officer shall be liable for disciplinary action.

7. It is also requested to call for explanation from the concerned Treasury Officers who have discontinued provisional pension in violation of the existing statutory rules.

Yours faithfully,

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 19632 /F; Date: 27-07-2026

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary to Government, Treasury Branch, Finance Department for information and necessary action.

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 19633 /F; Date: 27-07-2026

Copy forwarded to the all-District Treasuries/ Sub-Treasuries/ Special Treasuries for information and necessary action.

27.7.2026

Deputy Secretary to Government