

**Minutes of the High Level Committee Meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 at 6.30 p.m. in the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall**

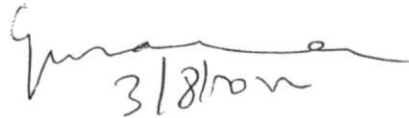
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The High Level Committee Meeting to discuss compassionate appointment under Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (RAS) and possible amendment to the OCS (RA) Rules, 1990 was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 31.07.2015 at 6.30 PM in the Chief Secretary's conference Hall. DC-cum-ACS, Principal Secretary, GA Department and representatives from Finance Department attended the meeting.

Initiating the discussion, Chief Secretary impressed upon all the members that the RA Scheme is aimed at providing immediate assistance to the distressed family of the deceased Government Servant and this Scheme should be implemented with all sincerity. The provisions of the existing OCS(RA) Rules were also discussed. Following decisions/recommendations were agreed to after discussion :-

1. A compilation of all the existing GAD circulars issued on the matter of RAS will be made within one week for information and guidance of all the Departments and Appointing Authorities.
2. A consolidated report on pending RA cases will be prepared by collecting information from all the Departments by 10.08.2015. RA cases where applications have been made after one year from the death of the Government Servant should be carefully scrutinized by the concerned Department as per Provision of Rule. A Committee with Principal Secretary, GAD as Chairman with representatives from Finance Department and the Administrative Department (A/D as members may be constituted to examine and make specific recommendations in such cases of delayed submission of application for RA. The A/D will scrutinize the application first and if these are found to be with merit, prima-facie, will bring them for decision in the Committee.
3. It was decided that while considering the RA applications, the appointing authority should strictly follow the 'order of preference' as mentioned in Rule 2 (b) (ii) of the OCS (RA) Rules, 1990.
4. The A/D may scrutinize all pending pre-1990 cases on a case to case basis. The cases where delay condonation is required, will be placed in the Committee (as suggested at para-2 above) for appropriate decision.
5. This has the approval of Chief Secretary.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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