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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions**  
**Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare**

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Khan Market, New Delhi  
the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

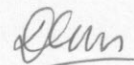
**Sub: Competent Medical Officer/Board for issuing certificate of disability for the purpose of family pension under rule 54 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 – reg.**

The undersigned is directed to state that rule 54 (6) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 had been amended vide this department's Notification of even number, dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 to change the competent authority to issue a disability certificate from "a Medical Officer not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon" to "a Medical Board comprising of a Medical Superintendent or a Principal or a Director or Head of the Institution or his nominee as Chairman and two other members, out of which at least one shall be a Specialist in the particular area of mental or physical disability including mental retardation".

2. The above amendment was made in order to comply with the guidelines, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2002, issued by the M/o Social Justice and Empowerment in pursuance of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Rules, 1996.

3. Subsequently, the guidelines, issued vide Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Notification No.S.13020/1/2010, dated 18.6.2010, in pursuance of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Rules, 1996, do away with the Medical Board in cases other than those of Multiple Disabilities.

4. It has been decided in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment that for grant of family pension under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the authority competent to issue disability certificate would be as specified in the guidelines issued by the M/o Health & Family Welfare referred to in para 3 above. It has also been decided that for the past cases, the disability certificate issued either in pursuance of the guidelines, dated 18.06.2010 or in pursuance of rule 54 (6) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 shall be acceptable.



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