

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 731

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022
22 AGRAHAYANA, 1944 (SAKA)

OPTION FOR FIXATION OF PAY AFTER PROMOTION

731: SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR
SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Department of Expenditure had issued OM dated 15.04.2021 allowing employees to exercise/re-exercise option for fixation of pay after promotion;
- (b) if so, whether Government is aware that a large number of employees could not submit their options, due to devastating Delta wave of COVID-19 pandemic and are drawing less pay than their juniors;
- (c) whether Government would provide another opportunity to the employees relaxing the limitation period for exercising/re-exercising the option in view of relaxation of limitation period from 15.03.2020 to 28.02.2022 by Hon'ble Supreme Court during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (e): Department of Expenditure issued the O.M. dated 15.04.2021 providing a window of three months period to the Government employees to exercise/re-exercise option for fixation of pay. After the time limit provided in the O.M. dated 15.04.2021, the references received from Ministry/Department are examined on merit on case to case basis.
