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**NOTIFICATION**

S.R.O.- (I)/2021. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2019, the Federal Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Federal Treasury Rules, namely:-

In the aforesaid Rules,-

(a) **in rule 349**, for sub-rule (8), the following shall be substituted, namely:

'(8) A pensioner drawing pension under clause (iii) of sub-rule (6) shall be bound to undergo biometric verification on National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) system from any branch of a bank maintaining his pension account, every year in the months of March and October or provide a life certificate signed by a person authorized under rule 343, if he is unable to undergo biometric verification due to incapacitation by bodily illness, infirmity or if his fingerprints do not exist due to old age or a genetic condition';

(b) **for rule 353**, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

'353. A declaration in revised Form T.R. 40 shall be obtained yearly from pensioners whose pension is terminable by their marriage or re-marriage and shall be attached to the bills for pension paid for September, however, this requirement shall be dispensed with after attaining by the pensioner the age of sixty years';

(c) **for rule 368**, the following shall be substituted, namely :-

'368. In all cases referred to in rules 342, 343 and 348, the **disbursing officer** must take special precautions to prevent impositions and must, at least once a year, receive proof of life or proof of continued existence of the pensioner, through NADRA's biometric verification at any branch of a bank maintaining his pension account, which shall be conclusive proof of the continued existence of the pensioner. Any pensioner who is incapacitated by bodily illness or infirmity from so going to any branch of a bank for biometric verification or whose finger prints no longer exist due to old age or infirmity or a genetic condition, that pensioner shall give written request for exemption and for that pensioner, the disbursing officer shall allow proof of life through life certificate as conclusive proof of his continued existence. The disbursing officer shall be responsible for any payment wrongly made and in all cases of doubt, he must consult the Accountant General.

Note – A pensioner of rank may be privately identified by the disbursing officer and need not be required to appear at the disbursing office.

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