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Dak Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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To,

All Head of Circles,
Addl. Director General, APS, New Delhi

Subject:-Amendments to procedural rules relating to Savings Account and Appendix-III in POSB(CBS) Manual in the light of recent changes circulated vide SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to inform that MoF(DEA) has revised many statutory rules relating to different National Savings Schemes which were circulated vide SB order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019. The competent authority has now approved to change relevant procedural rules and issue corrections slips of POSB(CBS) Manual [circulated vide SB Order No.9/2018 dated 17.7.2018].

2. Accordingly, the corrections relating to Savings Account and Appendix-III are given below:-

Correction Slips for Savings Account and General in POSB(CBS) Manual

Rule 13:- Below this rule , add below note :-

Note:- From the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, Post Office Savings Account Scheme Rules 2019 shall apply to all Savings Accounts. Only below types of savings account can be opened:-

- (a) a single adult;
- (b) two adults jointly;
- (c) a guardian on behalf of a minor;
- (d) a guardian on behalf of a person of unsound mind;
- (e) a minor who has attained the age of ten years, in his own name:

Rule13(i)(a) :- add following text below this sub rule:-

Provided that from the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, there will not be any difference in Savings Account opened with cheque book or without cheque book. Also, joint account can be opened by two adults only. An individual can open only one single account. Minimum amount required for opening of Savings Account shall be Rs.500/- irrespective of if Cheque Book is required or not. An individual can open one joint savings account with any other adult individual. Provided that only one account can be opened by an individual as a single account.

Rule13(ii) :- add following text below this sub rule:-

Provide that from the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, minor account through guardian can not be opened if that minor has already opened a savings account in any post office in his/her own name.

Rule 13 (iii) :- Replace this sub rule with below text:-

Savings Account opened on behalf of persons of unsound mind through Guardian:-

Rule 13(iv) :- Replace this rule with below text:-

Pension Account:- From the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, there will be no separate Pension Account. If any Pensioner wants to get pension payment through Post Office savings Account, the pension Disbursing Authority has to ensure that Savings Account provided by pensioner is either a Single Savings Account opened in his/her name or a joint account opened with his/her spouse only. All other restrictions earlier mentioned for Pension Accounts shall not be applicable and the accounts shall be treated as normal savings accounts.

Rule 13(vi) :- Replace this rule with below text:-

(vi) Accounts not bearing interest:- From the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, this type of savings account should be treated as deleted.

Rule 13(vii):- Add following text below this rule:-

(vii) Basic Savings Account:- Provided that from the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, no new Basic Savings Account shall be opened under this category of savings account.

Rule 15 (12):- Add below sub rule after sub rule (12)

(13) From date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, registration of nomination is mandatory in all types of accounts including minor accounts opened through guardian. Nomination can be made only in the name of maximum 4 individuals. In the Account Opening Form or in the application form for registration on nomination, account holder has to give following details:-

(a) Name(s) of the nominee(s);

(b) Percentage share each nominee shall be entitled to;

(c) Whether the nominee shall receive the amount as a beneficiary with absolute and exclusive right of ownership, or as a trustee for the benefit of the legal heirs of depositor.

(i) In case of an account opened by a minor or on behalf of a minor or a person of unsound mind, as the case may be, the nomination shall be made by the guardian, who may nominate any individual, including himself in this regard:

Provided that in respect of such accounts opened before the 1st April 2018, in the event of the death of the depositor, the eligible amount shall be paid to the guardian.

Rule 16(a):- Add below note at the end of this sub rule:-

Note:- From that date of receipt of SB order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, Identification Proof and Address Proof should be taken from one of the below mentioned officially valid documents if the account holder has not mentioned his/her Aadhaar number details and provided copy of the same:-

(i) the passport, (ii) the driving licence, (iii) the Voter's Identity Card issued by the Election Commission of India, (iv) job card issued by Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act duly signed by an officer of the State Government, (v) letter issued by the National Population Register.

Post Office has to ensure that name and Address of the account holder mentioned in Account opening Form should match with identification and Address proof document given.

Rule 16(b)(iv):- Add following text below this sub rule:-

Provided that from the date of receipt of SB order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, 2 witnesses shall be taken at the time of registration, cancellation or variation of nomination in case account holder is illiterate and no witness shall be required in case of a literate depositor for the purpose.

Rule 17(2):- Add below note after end of this sub rule:-

Note:- From the date of receipt of SB Order 13/2019 dated 18.12.2019, age proof of minor should be taken as mandatory document while opening account either in the name of minor or on behalf of minor by the Guardian.

Rule 28(2)(a)(iii):- In this sub rule, word "Rs.5/-" shall be replaced with "Rs.50/-".

Rule 42(1) :- Replace this rule with below text:-

Rule 42(1):- Post Office Savings Account can be transferred from one post office to another on payment of prescribed fee except in the following case:-

(i) After death of the depositor