CIRCULAR

Sub: Alteration of date of birth of a Govt. servant – reiteration of the instructions of Govt. of India - reg.

With reference to the above subject, it is brought to the notice of the Employees of Central Silk Board that in case the Date of Birth of an employee requires any alteration / change, the instructions of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions vide F.No.19017/1/2014-Estt.(A-IV) dated 16th December 2014 (Copy enclosed) is to be followed and the important checkpoints are reproduced below :-

(a) A request in this regard is made within five years of his entry in Government service;

(b) It is clearly established that a genuine bona fide mistake has occurred; and

(c) the date of birth so altered would not make him ineligible to appear in any School or University of Union Public Service Commission in which he had appeared, or for entry into Government service on the date on which he first appeared at such examination or on the date on which he entered Government service.

In one case it is brought to the notice of all concerned that one of the employee who joined in CSB during the year 1980 had requested for change of his date of birth in his service register on 10/04/2015 i.e., after completing almost 35 years of service, which was rejected by Central Office. The Scientist-D of the Station where the said official was working has modified the date of birth in the service register to suit the request of the said official without any approval from the Central Office and the officer has not bothered to affix the date and designation and put only the seal as Scientist-D. Moreover, the said applicant official was the Administrative Head / custodian of the station where he was working at the time the date of birth was corrected unauthorisedly. This shows clear violation and tampering of official records. The matter is being investigated separately.

Accordingly, all the Heads of Institutes/Units are advised not to make any change in the Date of Birth in service records of the officials without approval of the Head Office and if any such unauthorized modification is noticed, the same should be taken up for remedial action immediately.
On account of this tampering the Central Office has published in the seniority list the date of birth erroneously based on the inputs from the concerned institute.

The In-charges of the Main Institutes and Independent / Delegated Units of Central Silk may strictly follow the DoPT instructions before making any such alteration and with prior approval of Central Office.

\[\text{[JULIAN TOBIAS]}
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To

All the Main Institutes and
Other Independent / Delegated Units
of Central Silk Board
F.No.19017/1/2014-Estt (A-IV)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi-110 001
Dated : 16th December, 2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Alteration of date of birth of a Government Servant – reiteration of the instructions.

Rule 56 of Fundamental Rules states that except as otherwise provided in the rule, every Government servant will retire from service on the afternoon of the last day of the month in which he attains the age of sixty years.

Provided that a Government servant whose date of birth is the first of a month shall retire from service on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month on attaining the age of sixty years.

2. As per Note 6 below the aforesaid Rule, the date of on which a Government servant attains the age of fifty-eight years or sixty years, as the case may be, shall be determined with reference to the date of birth declared by the Government servant at the time of appointment and accepted by the Appropriate Authority on production, as far as possible, of confirmatory documentary evidence such as High School or Higher Secondary or Secondary School Certificate or extracts from Birth Register. The date of birth so declared by the Government servant and accepted by the Appropriate Authority shall not be subject to any alteration except as specified in this note. An alteration of date of birth of a Government servant can be made, with the sanction of a Ministry or Department of the Central Government, or the Comptroller and Auditor-General in regard to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, or an Administrator of a Union Territory under which the Government servant is serving, if –

(a) a request in this regard is made within five years of his entry into Government service;

(b) it is clearly established that a genuine bona fide mistake has occurred; and

(c) the date of birth so altered would not make him ineligible to appear in any School or University of Union Public Service Commission examination in which he had appeared, or for entry into Government service on the date on which he first appeared at such examination or on the date on which he entered Government service.
3. The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.502 of 1993 – Union of India Vs. Harnam Singh – Judgement dated 9th February, 1993 had observed that:

"Inordinate and unexplained delay or laches on the part of the respondent to seek the necessary correction would in any case have justified the refusal of relief to him. His inaction for all this period of about thirty five years from the date of joining service, therefore precludes him from showing that the entry of his date of birth in service record was not correct".

The observations of the Apex Court was also circulated to all Ministries and Departments of the Government of India vide OM No.19017/2/92-Estt.(A) dated 19-5-1993.

4. All the Ministries and Departments are requested to keep the above in view while processing cases of requests for changes of date of birth.

5. Hindi version follows.

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All Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India.

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2. Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
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