

## Media Release

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### Pensioners' Associations Appeal for Withdrawal of Recent CCS Pension Rule Amendments

Leading organizations representing Central Civil Services pensioners have expressed **deep concern** over the recent amendment to the **CCS (Pension) Rules**, introduced as part of the **Finance Bill, 2025**. The amendment, which **retrospectively alters pension provisions** dating back to **1st June 1972**, has alarmed the pensioner community due to its **discriminatory implications**.

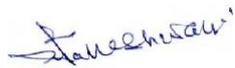
The representatives believe that the change **violates the spirit of the Supreme Court's Constitution Bench judgment** in *D.S. Nakara & Others v. Union of India (1982)*, which **prohibits classification among pensioners** based on the **date of retirement**. They have also expressed disappointment that the amendment was introduced through the **Finance Bill**, thereby **bypassing standard consultative and legislative processes**.

A **peaceful and widespread demonstration** by pensioners on **3rd April 2025** across the country reflected the **growing unease** among retired employees who devoted their careers to **national service**. There is apprehension that such a policy could **influence similar measures by State Governments**, adversely affecting **lakhs of pensioners**.

The undersigned associations **urge the Government of India** to **reconsider the decision** and **repeal the amendment** in the interest of **justice, constitutional propriety**, and the **welfare of senior citizens**.

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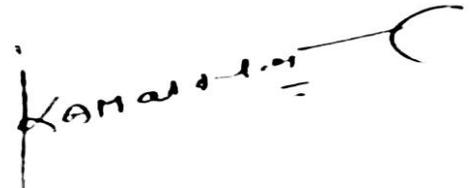
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