No. 33/07/2025-EO(SM-I) Government of India Secretariat of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Personnel and Training

New Delhi, 28.05.2025

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the following appointments of officers at Joint Secretary/Joint Secretary equivalent level with pay at Level 14 of the Pay Matrix:

(1) Appointment of Shri Anbalagan P, IAS (CG:2004), as Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Yogita Rana, IAS (TG:2003);

(2) Appointment of Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, IAS (BH:2002), as Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Muktanand Agarwal, IAS (RJ:2008);

(3) Appointment of Shri Muthukumarasamy B, IAS (UP:2007), as Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Chauhan Sarita Chand, IAS (UT:1999);

(4) Appointment of Shri Sandeep Raj, IRS (IT) (1998), as Joint Secretary & FA, Department of Atomic Energy, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily downgrading the vacant post of AS & FA in the Department to Joint Secretary level, *vice* Shri Rajeev Kumar Mital, IAS (MH:1998);

(5) Appointment of **Ms. Alarmelmangai D, IAS (CG:2004)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Bhavna Saxena, IPS (AP:1996);

(6) Appointment of Ms. Nishtha Upadhyay, IDAS (1999), as Additional CEO, GeM (Government e Marketplace), SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle), Department of Commerce, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Prakash Mirani, IRSS (1989);

(7) Appointment of Ms. Vrunda Manohar Desai, IRS (IT) (2003), as Additional DGFT, DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade), Delhi, Department of Commerce, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 12.04.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Gangadhar Panda, IRS (IT:1993);

(8) Appointment of Shri Raman Kumar, IAS (BH:2009), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 28.11.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS (TN:97);

(9) Appointment of **Ms. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, IES (1999)**, as **Joint Secretary & Add. FA**, **Ministry of Defence**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Rajesh Sharma, IDAS (1992);

(10) Appointment of **Ms. Manisha Chandra, IAS (GJ:2004)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Defence Production**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Jayant Kumar, IRSME (1996);

(11) Appointment of **Ms. Meera Mohanty, IAS (HP:2005)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Defence Production**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Shalabh Tyagi, IRSEE (1997);

(12) Appointment of Shri Vyasan R, IAS (NL:2007), as Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Solomon Arokiaraj, IAS (AP:2000);

(13) Appointment of Shri Bhanu Prakash Yeturu, IAS (RJ:2003), as Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC), Election Commission of India, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Hirdesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:99);

(14) Appointment of Shri Ajit Kumar, IAS (KL:2006), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Amitesh Kumar Sinha, IRAS (1997);

(15) Appointment of Shri Amod Kumar, IAS (UP:1995), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 13.12.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Sanket S. Bondve, IAS (MP:2007);

(16) Appointment of Ms. Sumita Singh, CSS, as Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of DS/Director level to Joint Secretary level in the Department, initially for a period of two years;

(17) Appointment of Shri Chinmay Pundlikrao Gotmare, IAS (AM:2009), as Joint Secretary, **Department of Expenditure**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 12.04.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level, initially for a period of two years;

(18) Appointment of Shri More Ashish Madhaorao, IAS (UT:2005), as Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Mukesh Kumar Bansal, IAS (CG:2005);

(19) Appointment of Shri Anshul Mishra, IAS (TN:2004), as Additional Director (Administration) (JS level), AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences), Delhi, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Karan Singh, IRTS (1999);

(20) Appointment of Shri Umesh Balonda, IRSSE (1997), as Secretary, NCAHP (National Commission for Allied & Healthcare Profession), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Arvind Kumar, CSS;

(21) Appointment of **Ms. Smita Srivastava, IRSEE (1997)**, as **Joint Secretary**, **Department of Higher Education**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 29.07.2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level;

(22) Appointment of Shri S Rakesh Kumar, IFoS (UT:2003), as Advisor (JS level), NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority), Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Sumita Singh, CSS;

(23) Appointment of Shri Vinay Kumar Singh, IRS (C&IT) (1997), as Financial Advisor (JS level), BSF (Border Security Force), Ministry of Home Affairs, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years up to 16.12.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Sanjay Upreti, IRAS (1990);

(24) Appointment of **Ms. Saidingpuii Chhakchhuak, IAS (GJ:2008)**, as **Joint Secretary**, **NHRC** (National Human Rights Commission), **Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Devendra Kumar Nim, IP&TA&FS (1993);

(25) Appointment of Shri Krishna Kumar Nirala, IAS (GJ:2005), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Sanjiv Shankar, IRS (IT:93);

(26) Appointment of Shri Ashutosh A T Pednekar, IAS (RJ:2002), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Rupesh Kumar Thakur, IAS (UT:2006);

(27) Appointment of Shri Milind Dharmrao Ramteke, IAS (TR:2009), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure upto 07.01.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level;

(28) Appointment of Shri Bagadi Gautham, IAS (KN:2009), as Professor (Public Administration), (JS level), LBSNAA, Department of Personnel & Training, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 25.05.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, against a vacant post of Professor of Public Administration (Non-CSS post at JS level) in LBSNAA;

(29) Appointment of Shri Pemba Tshering Bhutia, CSS, as Additional Secretary (JS level), CIC (Central Information Commission), Department of Personnel & Training, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure up to the date of his Superannuation on 31.03.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Roop Avtar Kaur, IFoS (JK:2000);

(30) Appointment of Ms. Sai Ahlladini Panda, IA&AS (2000), as Member Secretary (JS level), NPPA (National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority), Department of Pharmaceuticals,

from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Vinod Kotwal, IP&TA&FS (1994);

(31) Appointment of Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, IAS (MN:2004), as Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 20.05.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri E. Srinivas, IRSSE (1995);

(32) Appointment of Shri Rajesh Malik, IRSME (1994), as CEO (JS level), NHLML (National Highway Logistics Management Limited), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years up to 05.02.2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(33) Appointment of **Ms. Swarnashree Rao Rajashekar, IDAS (1997)**, as **Joint Secretary**, **Department of Space**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Subramanyam Manchikanti, IRS (C&IT:1990);

(34) Appointment of Shri Vineel Krishna Ravella, IAS (OD:2005), as Joint Secretary, Department of Sports, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(35) Appointment of Shri Parveen Kumar Thind, IAS (PB:2007), as Joint Secretary, **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years up to 01.03.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from Director level to Joint Secretary level, initially for a period of two years;

(36) Appointment of **Ms. Latha Ganapathy, IAS (TN:2007)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department** of **Social Justice & Empowerment**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years up to 02.10.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh, IAS (UP:1994);

(37) Appointment of Shri Supreet Singh Gulati, IAS (GJ:2008), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Tanweer Qamar Mohammad, IPoS (1994);

(38) Appointment of Shri Daya Nidhan Pandey, IAS (BH:2006), as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Sanjay Roy, IInfoS (1997);

(39) Appointment of Shri Sunil Kumar Ranjan, CSS, as Deputy Director General (JS level), Department of Telecommunications, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure of five years, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Balachandra Subramoney Iyer, IRPS (1994);

(40) Appointment of Shri Gaurav Masaldan, IRS (C&IT) (1998), as Joint Secretary & FA, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 28.05.2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Richa Misra, IDAS (1996);

(41) Appointment of **Ms. Radhika Chakravarthy B, IPoS (1996)**, as **Joint Secretary, NCW** (National Commission for Women), **Ministry of Women & Child Development**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 21.08.2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri A. Asholi Chalai, CSS.

28.5.2026

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