

No. 33/07/2026-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, 13.04.2026

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 Kapil Meena, IAS (SK:2010)**, as **MD, National Horticulture Board (NHB), Department of Agriculture & FW**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 17/01/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri B. Srinivas, IAS (KL:1991), by cancelling the appointment of Shri Satyendra Singh, IFoS (AM:1996) as MD, National Horticulture Board (NHB) vide ACC order No. 33/03/2022-EO(SM-I) dated 23.02.2022;
- (2) Appointment of **Shri G Venkatesh, ICoAS (1997)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals**, 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 Deepak Mishra, IFoS (KL:1996);
- (3) Appointment of **Ms. Priyanka Das, IAS (MP:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 05/03/2030, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Shobhit Gupta, IRSEE (2000);
- (4) Appointment of **Shri Jawahar Packirisamy, IAS (UT:2007)**, as **Chairman (JS level), Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA), 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 Dodda Venkata Suresh, IAS (OD:2000);
- (5) Appointment of **Ms. Preeti Meena, IAS (TG:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Defence**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 15/02/2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Mayank Tewari, IRSME (1993);
- (6) Appointment of **Shri Shallesh Kumar Chourasia, IAS (MN:2007)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department 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 Rakesh Mittal, IDES (1995);
- (7) Appointment of **Shri Vinod Kumar, IRSME (1998)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department 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 Dharmendra Kumar Singh, IA&AS (2000);
- (8) Appointment of **Shri Ajeet Kumar Srivastava, IRAS (1999)**, as **Additional FA & Joint Secretary, Department of Defence**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 04/04/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Vedveer Arya, IDAS (1997);
- (9) Appointment of **Shri Vipul Aggarwal, IPS (GJ:2001)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post,

for an overall tenure of seven years upto 15/03/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Shantanu, IAS (TR:1997);

(10) Appointment of **Ms. Sakshi Mittal, IAS (UT:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 19/05/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Rajeev Saksena;

(11) Appointment of **Ms. Laya Madduri, IAS (AM:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 03/04/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from DS/Dir level to JS level in the Department for an initial period of two years;

(12) Appointment of **Shri Vikas Singh, IAS (TR:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 27/04/2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from DS/Director level in the Department to JS level;

(13) Appointment of **Shri Girish Chandrashekhar Hosur, IFoS (HP:1996)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**, from the date of assumption of charge of the post beyond 27/04/2026 i.e. after the tenure of the present incumbent, for a tenure upto the date of superannuation on 31/10/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of DS/Director level in the Department to JS level;

(14) Appointment of **Shri Chaudhari Uday Gaurishankar, IAS (MH:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**, from the date of assumption of charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 23/06/2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily downgrading a vacant post of AS in the Ministry to JS level;

(15) Appointment of **Ms. Bandana Freyashi, IAS (BH:2003)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Fertilizers**, 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. Aneeta C Meshram, IAS (UP:1996);

(16) Appointment of **Shri Venkata Nagi Reddy Kovvuri, IDES (1998)**, as **Executive Director (General), Food Corporation of India (FCI)**, under the **Department of Food & PD**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a tenure upto the date of superannuation on 30/09/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Sachindra Kumar Patnaik, IRSS (1997);

(17) Appointment of **Shri Muthukumar Alagumuthu, IAS (JH:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 04/12/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Ms. Ankita Mishra Bundela, IAS (AGMUT:2001);

(18) Appointment of **Shri Prabhakar, IAS (SK:2007)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department 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 Vijay Nehra, IAS (GJ:2001);

(19) Appointment of **Shri Mahatme Sandeep Namdeo, IAS (TR:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined

tenure of five years upto 09/05/2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Lokhande Prashant Sitaram, IAS (AGMUT:2001);

(20) Appointment of **Shri Rakesh Rathi, IPS (BH:2002)**, as **Joint Secretary, 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 Anant Kishore Saran, CSS;

(21) Appointment of **Shri Karma R Bonpo, IAS (SK:2010)**, as **Director of Census Operations (DCO)/ Director of Citizen Registration (DCR) (JS level), Sikkim, O/o Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined period upto 25/11/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by the officer from DS/Director level to JS level;

(22) Appointment of **Shri S Tejaswi Naik, IAS (MP:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined period of five years upto 14/12/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(23) Appointment of **Shri Shakil Alam, IES (2001)**, as **Addl. CPFC (Hq), Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**, under the **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 Bhaskar Choradia, IRAS (2000);

(24) Appointment of **Shri Parikipandla Narahari, IAS (MP:2001)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Land Resources**, 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 Kunal Satyarthi, IFoS (HP:1997);

(25) Appointment of **Shri Ramesha G IAS (IT) (2005)**, as **In-charge (JS level), Central Agency Section, Department of Legal Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 29/05/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Reeta Vasishtha, ILS;

(26) Appointment of **Shri Kulveer Singh Yadav, IOFS (2002)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines**, 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 Dinesh Mahur, ITS (1992);

(27) Appointment of **Shri Mohammad Afzal, CPES (1995)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 03/10/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Shersha, CSS;

(28) Appointment of **Shri Anupam Kumar, IAS (BH:2003)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable 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, *vice* Shri Sanjay Chilwarwar, IRSSE(1997);

(29) Appointment of **Shri Pradeep Singh, IFoS (GJ:2005)**, as **Adviser (JS level), NITI Aayog**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 09/02/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Jayant Singh, IRTS (1993);

(30) Appointment of **Ms. Shanmuga Priya Mishra, IAS (MP:2010)**, as **Joint Director (JS level), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)**, under the

Department of Personnel & Training, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined period of five years upto 26/02/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by officer from DS/Dir level to JS level in LBSNAA for an initial period of two years;

(31) Appointment of **Shri Ganesh Shankar Mishra, IAS (MP:2010)**, as **Joint Director (JS level), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)**, under the **Department of Personnel & Training**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 26/02/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Udit Agrawal, IAS (GJ:2008);

(32) Appointment of **Shri Harmit Singh Pahuja, IAS (MN:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 17/11/2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading the post held by officer from DS/Dir level to JS level;

(33) Appointment of **Shri Venkatesapathy S, IAS (KL:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 01/05/2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(34) Appointment of **Shri Praveen P Nair, IAS (TN:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 10/07/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri R Lakshmanan, IAS (BH:2004);

(35) Appointment of **Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS (UP:2002)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power**, 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 Mohammad Afzal, CPES (1995);

(36) Appointment of **Shri Hardik Satish Chandra Shah, IAS (GJ:2010)** as **Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister (Joint Secretary Level), Prime Minister's Office**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, on co-terminus basis, or until further orders whichever is earlier;

(37) Appointment of **Ms. Kajal, IAS (UP:2008)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade**, 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, vice Ms. Sandhya Bhullar, IAS (GJ:2003);

(38) Appointment of **Shri Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, IAS (PB:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 02/04/2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Sanjiv, IRS (IT:1993);

(39) Appointment of **Shri Rohan Chand Thakur, IAS (HP:2009)**, as **CEO (JS level), National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)**, under the **Department of Public Enterprises**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 27/02/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Vikas Anand, IAS (UT:2002);

(40) Appointment of **Shri Shankar Lal Kumawat, IAS (TN:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Revenue**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 02/03/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, vice Shri Naval

Kishore Ram, IAS (MH:2008), by cancelling the appointment of Shri Shailesh Bagauli, IAS (UD:2002) as Joint Secretary, Department of Revenue vide ACC order No. 33/12/2025-EO(SM-I) dated 31.12.2025;

(41) Appointment of **Shri Udit Agrawal, IAS (GJ:2008)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 31/01/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Vinay Kumar, IAS (BH:1999);

(42) Appointment of **Shri Sanjay Chilwarwar, IRSSE (1997)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure upto the date of his superannuation on 31/08/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Latha Ganapathy, IAS (TN:2007);

(43) Appointment of **Shri Saravanan M, IAS (BH:2002)**, 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, by temporarily downgrading a vacant post of AS level in the Department to JS level;


(44) Appointment of **Shri K Balaji, IAS (UP:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Telecommunications**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 27/04/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Sunil Kumar Verma, IRSSE (1995);

(45) Appointment of **Ms. Alaknanda Dayal, IAS (PB:2000)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles**, 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 Ajay Gupta, IRSS (1993), by utilising the sanctioned post of Commissioner of Payments at the level of Joint Secretary under the Ministry;

(46) Appointment of **Shri Suvasis Das, IAS (AM:2002)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 06/08/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Mebanshailang R Synrem, IAS (AM:2002);

(47) Appointment of **Ms. Pratima Satish Kumar Verma, IAS (BH:2002)**, as **Commissioner (JS level), National Education Society for Tribal Affairs (NESTS)**, under the **Ministry of Tribal 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;

(48) Appointment of **Ms. Rashi Sharma, IPoS (2003)**, as **Executive Director (Admin) (JS level), National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCg)**, under the **Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation**, 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 Satya Prakash Vashishth, IFoS (AM:1994).


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