No. **33/17/2026**-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
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New Delhi, **10.10.2026**

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 Brijesh Panday, IAS (TR:2004)**, as Joint Secretary, **Department of Capital Development**, 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. Thara D, IAS (GJ:1995);

(2) Appointment of **Shri Nikhil Varma, IRS (IT) (2005)**, as **Addl. DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Delhi**, under the **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* Ms. Vrunda Manohar Desai, IRS (IT:2003);

(3) Appointment of **Ms. Tanvi Sundriyal, IAS (MP:2010),** as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 25/08/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Rahul Jain, IAS (MP:2005);

(4) Appointment of **Shri Inderjeet Singh, IAS (RJ:2010)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 26/08/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, IRAS (1993);

(5) Appointment of **Shri Prakash Rajpurohit, IAS (RJ:2010)**, as **Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 08/04/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2008);

(6) Appointment of **Shri Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai, IAS (CG:2009)**, as **Executive Director (JS level), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI),** under the **Department of Financial Services**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 20/03/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier;

(7) Appointment of **Shri Rajesh Malik, IRSME (1994)**, as **Executive Director, Food Corporation of India (FCI), New Delhi,** under the **Department of Food & Public Distribution**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 05/02/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Ashutosh Joshi, IA&AS (1994);

(8) Appointment of **Shri Mohammed Y Safirulla K, IAS (KL:2010)**, 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 27/08/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Nikhil Gajraj, IAS (HY:2008);

(9) Appointment of **Ms. Ritu Sharma, IRS (IT) (2005)**, 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* Ms. Vandana Jain, CSS;

(10) Appointment of **Ms. Varnali Deka, IAS (AM:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, National Health Authority (NHA)**,under the **Department of Health & Family Welfare**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 28/08/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Jyoti Yadav, IAS (UD:2009);

(11) Appointment of **Shri More Ashish Madhaorao, IAS (UT:2005)**, as **Addl. CEO (JS level), National Health Authority (NHA)**,under the **Department of Health & Family Welfare**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 15/06/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Madhu Rani Teotia, IAS (UT:2008);

(12) Appointment of **Shri Vivek Khare, ITS (1996)**, as **Joint Secretary, National Testing Agency (NTA)**,under the **Department of Higher Education**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post,for an overall tenure of five years up to 02/12/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by temporarily upgrading a newly created post of DS/Director to the level of JS in NTA, for an initial period of two years;

(13) Appointment of **Shri Ravi Shanakar, IAS (GJ:2007)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of charge of the post, for a combined tenure of five years upto 31/07/2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri M Ramachandrudu, IAS (BH:2009);

(14) Appointment of **Shri Chittaranjan Dash, IRS (IT) (1999)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 11/01/2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Praveen Kumar Rai, IDAS (2003);

(15) Appointment of **Shri P Manoj Kumar, ISS (1998),** as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,** from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 01/12/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Parthasarathi Gurrala, CSS;

(16) Appointment of **Shri Abhishek Bhagotia, IAS (AM:2007),** as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 03/04/2029, whichever is earlier or until further orders, *vice* Ms. Nishtha Tiwari, IRS (IT) (2005);

(17) Appointment of **Shri Navin Agarwal, IRPS (1997)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 14/03/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Ajay Gupta, IRSS (1993);

(18) Appointment of **Shri M Ramachandrudu, IAS (BH:2009)**, as **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 26/08/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Ram Singh, IAS (AM:2008);

(19) Appointment of **Ms. Sonia Pant, IES (2001)**, as **Adviser (JS level), NITI Aayog**, 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 Surender Mehra, IFoS (UD:1999);

(20) Appointment of **Shri Nitin Kumar, CSS**, as **Additional Secretary (JS level), Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**, under the **Department of Personnel & Training**, 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 Kumar Kanoujia, CSS;

(21) Appointment of **Shri C. Murugan, IAS (WB:2007)**, 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 15/09/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Kamlesh Chaturvedi, IFoS (MP:1988);

(22) Appointment of **Shri Rajneesh Kumar Tomar, IRSME (1998)**, as **CEO (JS level), National Highways Logistics Management Ltd (NHLML)**, under the **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 02/11/2030, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Rajesh Malik, IRSME (1994);

(23) Appointment of **Ms. Nishtha Tiwari, IRS (IT) (2005)**, as **CEO (JS level), Development & Welfare Board for Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNCs),** under the **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for a combined tenure of seven years upto 09/12/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Apparao Veerelli, IRSS (1993);

(24) Appointment of **Ms. Manisha Trighatia, IAS (UP:2002)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Urban Development**, 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. Roopa Mishra, IAS (OD:2004);

(25) Appointment of **Shri Avinash Jain, IRSE (Civil) (2001)**, as **Joint Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation,** from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of seven years up to 06/02/2029, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Shri Subodh Yadav, IAS (KN:1999);

(26) Appointment of **Shri Pawan Kumar, IRS (C&IT) (2005)**, as **Joint Secretary, National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD)**, 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 Anand Mohan, IFoS (RJ:1996);

(27) Appointment of **Ms. Anita Shah Akella, IA&AS (1996)**, as **Joint Secretary, National Commission for Women (NCW),** under the **Ministry of Women & Child Development**, from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, for an overall tenure of five years upto 25/05/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Radhika Chakravarthy B, IPoS (1996);

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