

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

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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 Swamy, IAS (OD:2001);
- (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 Shailesh 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 Saxena;

(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 Preyashi, 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, IRS (IT) (2005)**, as **Incharge (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 up to 29/05/2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, *vice* Ms. Reeta Vasishta, 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

(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 Satishchandra Shah, IAS (GJ:2010)** as **Private 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

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Kishore Ram, IAS (MH:2008), by cancelling the appointment of Shri Shailesh Bagauli, IAS (UD:2002) as Joint Secretary, Department of Revenue *vice* 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 Suvasish Das, IFoS (AM:2005)**, 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 06/06/2026, 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