political consideration or compassionate grounds, or in consideration of distinguished or meritorious services, or of the surrender of rights or emoluments, and includes assignments or compensations, when payable in the form of fixed allowances or grants.

"Service pension" means a pension payable to, or in respect of a person in consideration of past employment under the Government, and includes a gratuity so payable.

202. Pensions or any other sums payable in respect of contributions to a family pension fund or pension funds, by whatever name they are known, and any sums payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act are not subject to rules of this section.

Sub-section II - Place of payment

203. (a) Subject as hereinafter provided, service pensions payable in India may be drawn from any Treasury/public sector Bank in India.

(b) Under reciprocal arrangements with other State Governments, pensions sanctioned by them are payable in any Treasury in Bihar and pensions sanctioned by Government of Bihar at their respective treasuries.

(c) The political pension may be drawn from any Treasury in the State.

Transfers in India

204. (a) The State Government or the Accountant General may, on application and on sufficient cause being shown, permit transfer of payment from one Treasury in India to another.

(b)This Rule applies primarily to service pensions. It may, however, be held to apply also to political pensions, but in such cases the Accountant General should, before permitting transfer, obtain the concurrence of the authority empowered to permit change of residence on the part of the political pensioner.

(c)A copy of any order issued by the State Government or other executive authority under this Rule should be forwarded to the Accountant General. The Treasury from which the payment is to be transferred should be instructed to return to the Accountant General both halves of the Pension Payment Order.

(d) The Accountant General will then either issue a new payment order or enface the old payment order for payment at the new Treasury and forward it, through the Accountant General of that State, to the Treasury Officer who will pay the pension in future.

(e) In cases of such transfer the authority sanctioning the pension will send to the Accountant General, along with the pension papers, a certified copy of the pensioner's latest photograph in passport size which the latter will paste on the disburser's portion of Pension Payment Order. This procedure shall apply in case of transfers within the State also.

Transfers within the State

205. Treasury Officers are authorized to transfer the payment of pensions from one district to another within the state. The Treasury Officer should forward both halves of the Pension Payment Order to the Treasury Officer of the new district with information of the date up to which payment was made in the old district and forward simultaneously a copy of the communication to the Accountant General.

Sub-section III - Authority for payment

Pension Payment Order

206. Unless the Government orders otherwise in the case of any particular class of pensions, payment of pensions can be made only upon Pension Payment Orders issued by the Accountant General.

207. (a) In issuing a Pension Payment Order, the Accountant General will attach to the order a specimen signature of the pensioner if he can sign his name in English or Hindi, or else the thumb and finger impressions of pensioner's left hand. The specimen signature and thumb and finger impressions should be duly attested by the head of the office concerned or by some other responsible person. A certified copy of the pensioner’s and his spouse's photograph in passport size should be pasted on the disburser's portion of the Pension Payment Order.

(b) If any of the above documents are wanting a reference should be made to the Accountant General. On no account should these be obtained by the Treasury Officer from the pensioner, otherwise than for the purpose of comparison with the original in the disburser's portion of the Pension Payment Order.

(c) The date of receipt of the Pension Payment Order from the Accountant General and that of the issue of notice to the pensioner should be noted in the memo, in which the receipt of the Pension Payment Order is acknowledged.

208. (a) Disbursing officers are authorized to renew Pension Payment Orders without reference to the Accountant General in cases in which pensioner's portion is lost, worn or torn or the entries on the reverse of either the pensioner's or the disburser's portion are completely filled up. The renewed Pension Payment Orders shall bear the old number, date and facsimile of signature of the issuing officer. The old PPO, if available, shall be retained by the disbursing officer for three years and then destroyed. A note of the issue of the new Pension Payment Order shall be made in the remarks column of the Pension Payment Orders Register.

(b) On the renewal of a Pension Payment Order, the portion of the original order containing the facsimile of the pensioner's