About Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

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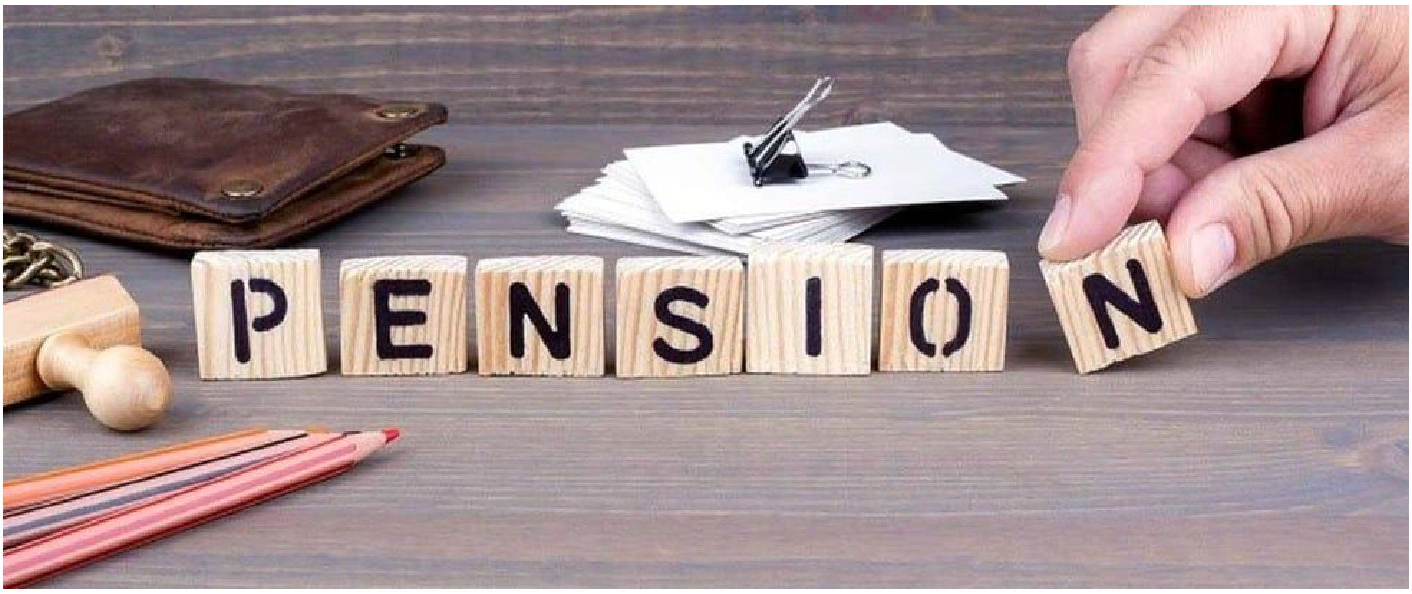

About Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA):

- It is a **statutory regulatory body set up under PFRDA Act** enacted in 2014.
- **Objective**: To **promote old age income security by establishing, developing, and regulating pension funds** and to **protect the interests of subscribers** to schemes of pension funds and related matters.
- It comes **under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance**.
- **Headquarters: New Delhi**
- **Composition**: It **consists of a Chairperson and not more than six members**, of whom at least three shall be Whole-Time Members, to be appointed by the Central Government.
- **Functions**:
  - **Regulate National Pension System (NPS) and other pension schemes** to which PFRDA Act applies;
  - **Establish, develop and regulate pension funds**;
  - **Protect the interest of pension fund subscribers**;
  - **Register and regulate intermediaries**;
  - **Laying down norms for management of corpus of pension funds**;
  - **Establish grievance redressal mechanism** for subscribers;
  - **Settle disputes among intermediaries** and also between **intermediaries and subscribers;**

    - **Train intermediaries and educate subscribers** and the general public with respect to pension, retirement savings, and related issues;
    - **Call for information, conduct inquiries, investigations**, and audit of intermediaries and other entities connected with pension funds;

Key Facts about National Pension System (NPS):

- It is a **government-sponsored pension scheme launched in January 2004 for government employees.**
- It was **opened to all sections in 2009.**
- NPS is **mandatorily applicable to Central Government employees** (except Armed Forces) **recruited on or after 01.01.2004**.
- **Under NPS, a subscriber can contribute regularly to a pension account during her working life, withdraw a part of the corpus in a lumpsum and use the remaining corpus to buy an annuity to secure a regular incom**e after retirement.

Q1) What is the National Pension System (NPS)?

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Source: Pension scheme with minimum assured returns in the works: PFRDA