### **Protean eGov Technologies Limited**



### STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

# Initiation and Authorization of Death Exit request by Nodal Office/Aggregator

Version 1.3

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4	25.07.2025	1.3	-	Quality monitoring process added.



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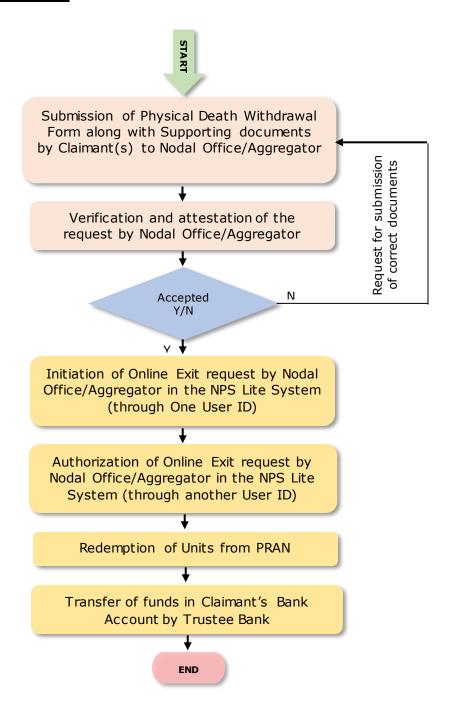
### 1. Abbreviations:

Abbreviation	Expansion		
ASP	Annuity Service Provider		
PFRDA	Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority		
PRAN	Permanent Retirement Account Number		
Nodal Office/Aggregator	NLOO/NLAO/NLCC registered under NPS Lite		
NPS	National Pension Scheme		



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# 2. <u>Process Flow – Processing of Online Death Exit request by Nodal</u> Office/Aggregator:





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#### 3. Preface:

As per Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Exit Regulations, 2015 & amendments thereto, in case of Death of Subscriber, 100% of the accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber shall be paid as lumpsum to the nominee(s) or legal heir(s).

Further, Nodal Office/Aggregator can raise Online Death Exit request in NPS Lite System (<a href="https://apy.nps-proteantech.in">https://apy.nps-proteantech.in</a>) with Maker and Checker concept.

You may refer the regulations/guidelines/circulars available on PFRDA website (www.pfrda.org.in) / CRA website (www.npscra.nsdl.co.in) for more information on exit under NPS.



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#### 4. Procedure for Processing Online Death Exit request of Subscriber:

The brief steps to be followed by Nodal Office/Aggregator

#### Pre-requisite for Processing of Death Withdrawal request:

- ✓ Physical Death Withdrawal Form duly filled and signed by Nominee/Claimant.
- ✓ Copy of death certificate of the subscriber (Duly attested by Nodal Office/Aggregator)
- ✓ KYC documents (ID and Address proof) and Bank Proof of nominee/claimant.
- ✓ In case of multiple nominees, Relinquishment deed from nominee who is willing to release and relinquish his/her respective shares in the claim under NPS and Indemnity bond from nominee who is claiming the NPS corpus. Relinquishment deed and Indemnity bond should be on minimum Rs. 100 stamp paper and duly notarized.
- ✓ Additional documents required by Nodal Office/Aggregator in support of Death Claim.
- ✓ Bank details should be correct/valid During request initiation, Bank Account no., Bank IFS Code and Name of the Nominee/Claimant will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, request initiation will not be allowed. Hence, Bank account number and IFS Code should be active and operative. Also Name of Claimant as per CRA and bank record should match.
- $\checkmark$  Nominations should be as per Clause 32 of PFRDA (Exits & Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations 2015

#### • Verification & Attestation of Death Exit Request

- ✓ The Nodal Office/Aggregator shall verify the Physical Death Withdrawal Form & supporting documents [such as Death Certificate, KYC Documents (Id Proof & Address Proof), Bank Account Proof and other required documents] submitted by the Claimant(s). The Death Withdrawal Form is available on CRA website <a href="https://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in">www.npscra.nsdl.co.in</a>.
- ✓ Nodal Office/Aggregator, upon receiving the withdrawal request, shall take the necessary steps to identify the Claimant(s). It is the responsibility of the Nodal Office/Aggregator to check the veracity of the supporting documents submitted by the claimant(s) along with claim and may obtain additional supporting documents if required to ensure that claim amount is given to the legitimate claimant(s).
- ✓ On successful verification, the Nodal Office/Aggregator shall attest the withdrawal Form and supporting documents. Also, note that the clear/legible scanned documents will have to upload while capturing Death Withdrawal request.

#### Initiation and Authorization of Online Death Exit request in NPS Lite System

- ✓ On successful verification of Death Withdrawal Form and supporting documents, Nodal Office/Aggregator shall initiate withdrawal request in the NPS Lite System through One User ID.
- ✓ Mandatory upload of valid and legible Physical Death Withdrawal Form, copy of death certificate of the subscriber, KYC documents (ID & Address Proof) & Bank Proof of nominee/claimant, Copy of PRAN Card/ePRAN and other supporting documents if any. Scanned documents should be appropriate i.e. scanned images should be legible and all documents to be uploaded in a single file.



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- ✓ Submission of Death Withdrawal request in NPS Lite System.
- $\checkmark$  Authorization of request by Nodal Office/Aggregator in the NPS Lite System through Other User ID.

The detailed procedure to be followed by the Nodal Office/Aggregator for processing Online **Death Exit** requests in the NPS Lite System is provided below:



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## 5. <u>Steps to initiate Online Death Exit request in NPS Lite System by Nodal Office/Aggregator:</u>

In order to initiate Online Death Exit request, Nodal Office/Aggregator needs to login to NPS Lite system <a href="https://apy.nps-proteantech.in">https://apy.nps-proteantech.in</a> with one User ID as given below in **Figure 1.** 

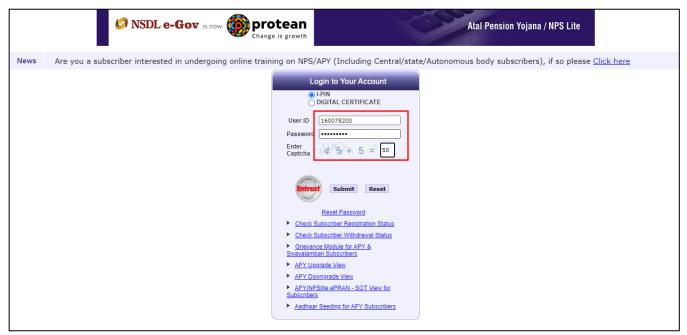


Figure 1

User needs to click on Menu "Exit Withdrawal Request" and select sub menu "Withdrawal Request" as given below in Figure 2.

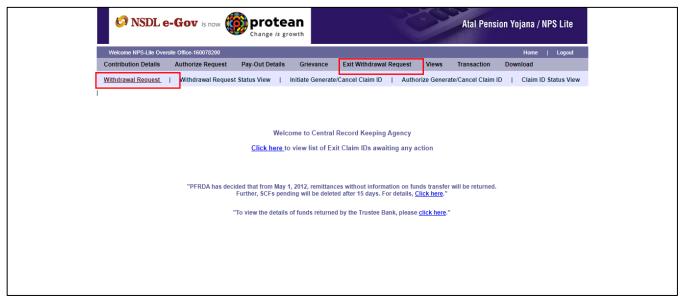


Figure 2



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At this stage, User needs to enter PRAN number of subscriber for initiating Exit request as shown below in **Figure 3**.

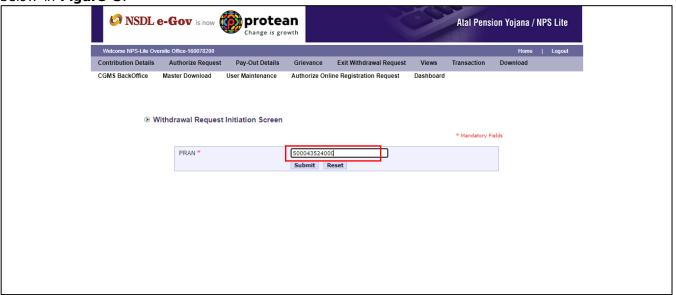


Figure 3

At this stage, User needs to select Withdrawal type as "Death" from the Drop down menu as shown below in **Figure 4**.

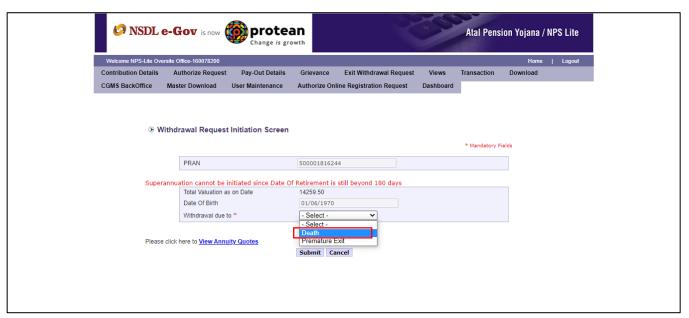


Figure 4



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At this stage, corpus of the Subscriber as on date is displayed at the field "Total Valuation as on Date". User needs to enter date of death of the Subscriber.

Please refer below Figure 5.

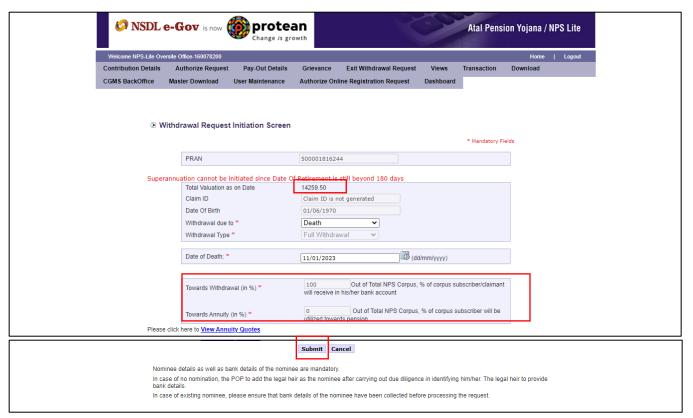
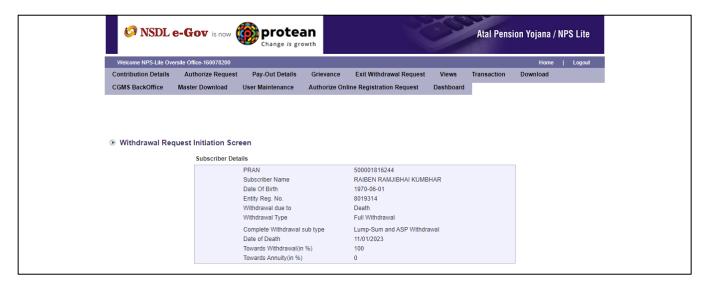


Figure 5

At this stage, Subscriber's details and existing address are displayed to the User. Please refer below **Figure 6**.





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Figure 6

At this stage, existing nomination details of the Subscriber are displayed. **User needs to click on "Edit" button to enter Nominee address.** If required, User can add/update nominee details. Please refer below **Figure 7**.

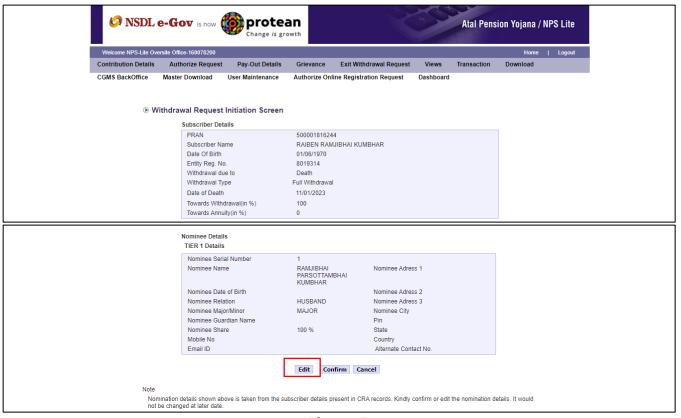


Figure 7



User can enter maximum of three nominees. User needs to click on "Add" button to add more than one nominee. After entering nominee details and/or address details, User needs to click on "Confirm" button to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 8.

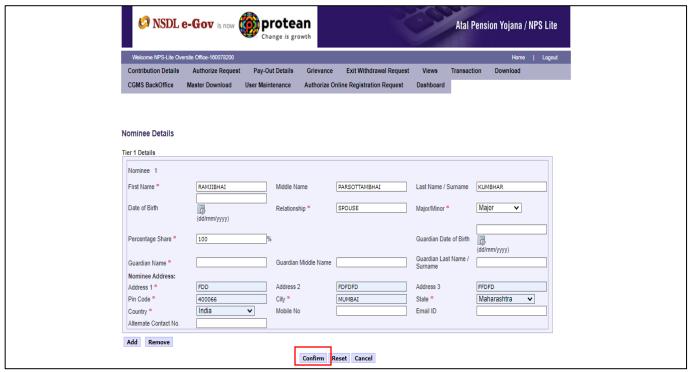


Figure 8

At this stage, User needs to enter bank details of Claimant and click on "Confirm" button to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 9.



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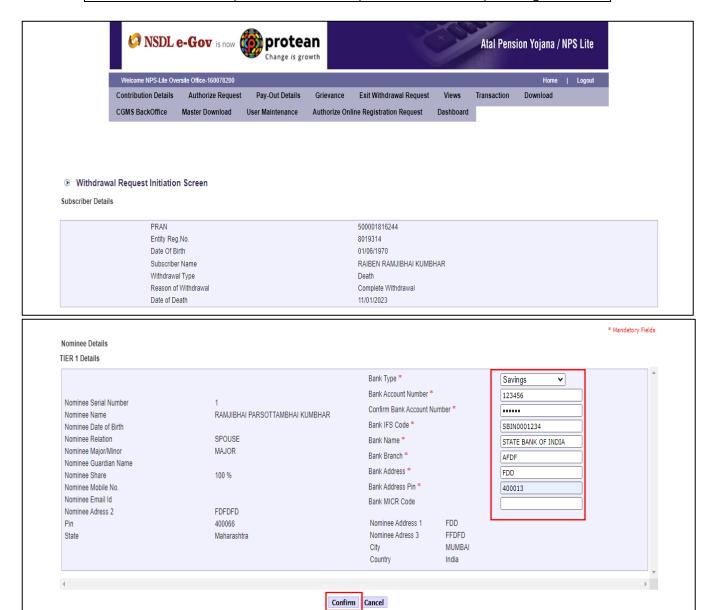


Figure 9



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At this stage, document Check List is displayed to the User. After selection of document check list, User needs to click on "**Submit**" button. Please refer below **Figure 10**.



Figure 10



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At this stage, details entered by the User are displayed for confirmation. Further, at this stage, it is the responsibility of Nodal Office/Aggregator to upload valid, complete and legible documents such as Death Withdrawal Form, copy of death certificate, KYC Documents (Identity & Address Proof) and bank proof of Nominee/Claimant(s) and other additional documents required by Nodal Office/Aggregator as selected in document checklist for seamless processing of Exit. User is required to upload all documents in a single file. User needs to click on "Confirm" button to complete initiation process. Please refer below Figure 11.





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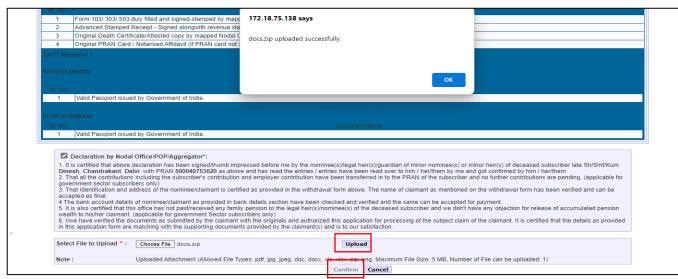


Figure 11

On clicking on "**Confirm**" button, Exit request will get captured in the NPS Lite System and an Acknowledgement Number will get generated.

At this stage, option is provided to User to view & download system generated Withdrawal Form. Further, message regarding successful completion of initiation is also displayed.

Please refer below Figure 12.

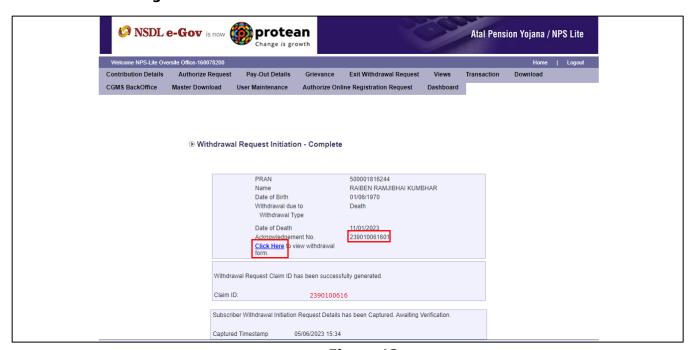


Figure 12

Once Exit request is successfully initiated, Nodal Office / Aggregator needs to authorize the same in NPS Lite system with another User ID.



# 6. <u>Steps to authorize Online Death Exit request in NPS Lite System by Nodal Office/Aggregator:</u>

In order to authorize Online Death Exit request of Subscriber, Nodal Office/Aggregator needs to access NPS Lite System (<a href="https://apy.nps-proteantech.in">https://apy.nps-proteantech.in</a>) using another User ID as given below in **Figure 13.** 



Figure 13

User needs to click on Menu "Authorize Request" and select Sub-Menu "Subscriber". Please refer below Figure 14.



Figure 14

User needs to enter PRAN of the Subscriber and select Complete Withdrawal Sub type as "Lump-Sum and ASP Withdrawal". User needs to click on "**Search**" Button to search request. Please refer below **Figure 15**.



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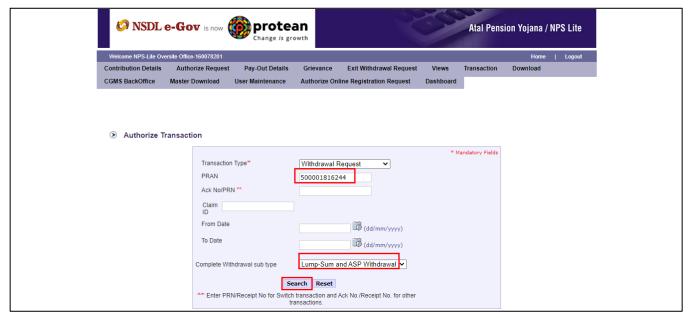


Figure 15

At this stage, a table is displayed to the User containing Acknowledgment Number, PRAN, Request Initiation Date, Request Initiated By and Request type. User needs to click on Hyperlink provided on Acknowledgment Number to view and verify details captured at the time of Initiation of Exit request. Please refer below **Figure 16.** 

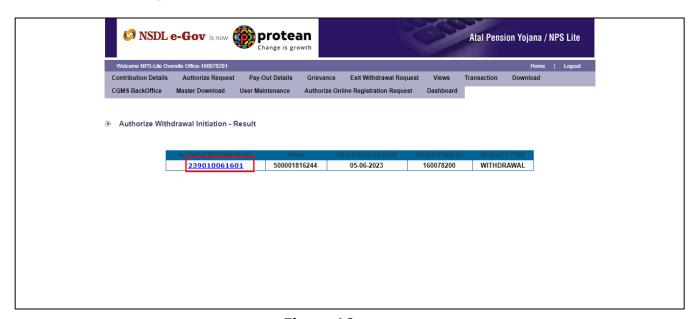


Figure 16



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At this stage, if details entered are not correct, User needs to click on "**Reject**" radio button and click on "**Submit**" button. In case of rejection of request, Reason for Rejection is mandatory. If details entered are correct, User needs to click on "**Authorize**" radio button and click on "**Submit**" button to complete the authorization process. Please refer below **Figure 17**.

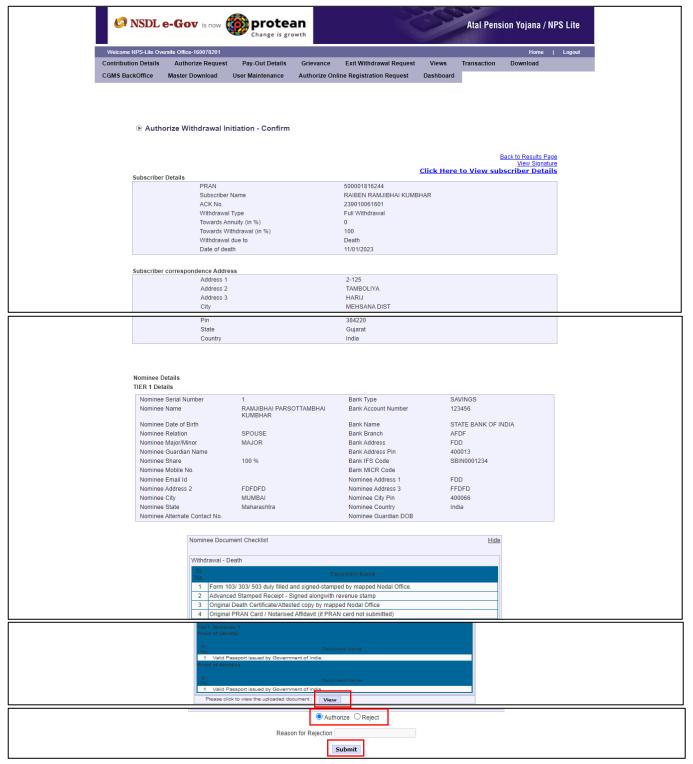


Figure 17



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Once User clicks on "**Submit**" button, Exit request will get authorized in the NPS Lite System and confirmation window is displayed to the User as given below in **Figure 18**.

At this stage, option is provided to the User to view & download system generated Withdrawal Form.

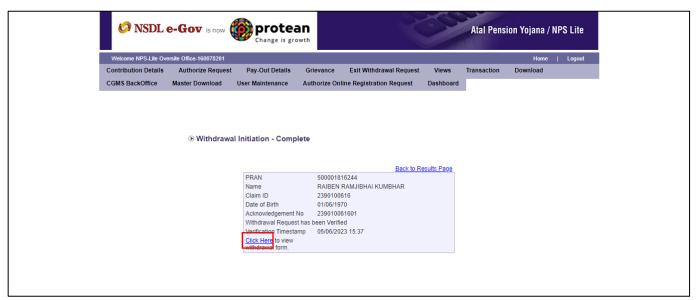


Figure 18

On successful authorization of Exit request by Nodal Office/Aggregator, same will get executed in the NPS Lite system and Funds will be transferred to beneficiary's Bank Account within stipulated withdrawal timeline as mentioned below point 7.

Nodal Office/Aggregator is requested to check the status of Death Withdrawal request by accessing **Exit Withdrawal Request-> Withdrawal Request Status View** after Capturing/Authorizing in System on Next Working Day whether request is Accepted or Rejected due to Penny Drop Failure after End of Working Day. If rejected due to penny drop failure, the request needs to be re-submitted with correct/active bank details of Nominee/Claimant.



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#### 7. Withdrawal Timeline:

- a. The process of withdrawal involves redemption of units from Subscriber's NPS account and then transfer of funds in beneficiary's Bank Account.
- b. In NPS Lite system, redemption of units happens only on working day (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays) which is called a Settlement Day. The settlement cycle runs between 10.30 AM\* to 12.30 PM\*.
- C. Once Nodal Office/Aggregator authorize Withdrawal request, then withdrawal request is considered for processing on next day settlement cycle (T). The redemption of units happens on next working day (Day T+1) with NAV of next working day (Day T+1) and then fund transfer happens on Day of redemption + 2 working days. For example, if request is authorized by Nodal Office/Aggregator on January 2, 2024, the request will get considered for processing on next working day, redemption of units will happen on January 3, 2024 with NAV of January 3, 2024 and fund transfer will happen on January 5, 2024.

#### **Point to Note – Quality Check:**

As part of the remittance monitoring process, documents / validations (as per the PFRDA regulations) are checked and if found successful, funds are transferred to the respective beneficiary's bank account as per the settlement process and timelines as stipulated above. If not, funds are kept on hold.

Cases for which funds are kept on hold are shared with respective Nodal Offices/Aggregators for necessary clarification/documents. On receipt of response from the Nodal Office/Aggregator along with valid supporting documents, reverification is carried out and if documents/clarifications are found to be in order, funds will be transferred within 3 working days of receipt of response from the Nodal offices/Aggregators.

#### **Submission of Physical Documents:**

Physical Death Withdrawal Form and supporting documents are not required to be submitted by Nodal Office/Aggregator to Protean-CRA for storage purpose.

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