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# **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)**

Initiation and Authorization of Online Death Withdrawal request by Point of Presence (POP)

Version 1.3

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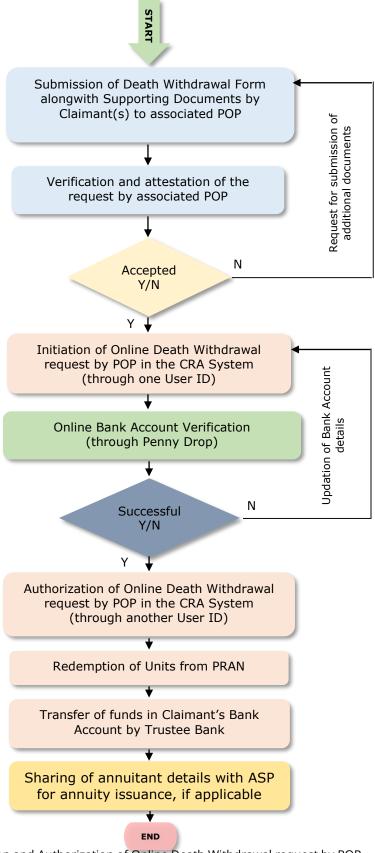
# 1. Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Expansion                                       |
|--------------|---|
| ASP          | Annuity Service Provider                        |
| CRA          | Central Recordkeeping Agency                    |
| NPS          | National Pension System                         |
| PFRDA        | Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority |
| POP          | Point of Presence                               |
| POP-SP       | Point of Presence Service Provider              |
| PRAN         | Permanent Retirement Account Number             |



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### 2. Process Flow - Processing of Online Death Withdrawal Requests



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#### 3. Preface:

As per the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), (Exits & Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations 2015 and amendments thereto, in case of Death of NPS Subscriber under All Citizens of India & Corporate Sector, the entire accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber (100% NPS Corpus) shall be paid to the nominee(s) or legal heir(s), as the case may be, of such Subscriber.

Though, the nominee/legal heir of the deceased Subscriber shall have the option to purchase any of the annuities being offered upon exit, if they so desire, while applying for withdrawal of benefits on account of deceased Subscribers' Permanent Retirement Account.



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# 4. Procedure for Processing Online Death Withdrawal requests by POP

#### The brief steps to be followed by POP

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

- ✓ Death Withdrawal Form duly filled and signed by Nominee/Legal heir.
- ✓ Death certificate of the subscriber.
- ✓ KYC (Identity and Address proof) documents of Nominee/Legal heir/Annuitant, Bank Proof of Nominee/Legal heir/Annuitant and Copy of PRAN card/ePran of Subscriber.
- ✓ PAN of Nominee/Legal heir/Annuitant wherever applicable.
- ✓ 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 POP in support of Death Claim.
- ✓ Bank details should be correct/valid During request initiation, Bank Account no., Bank IFS Code and Nominee/Legal heir/Annuitant will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). Hence, Bank account number and IFS Code should be active and operative. Also Name of Nominee/Legal heir/Annuitant as per CRA and bank record should match. If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, request initiation will not be allowed.
- ✓ Nominations should be as per Clause 32 of PFRDA (Exits & Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations 2015

#### • Verification & Attestation of Physical Death Withdrawal Request

- ✓ The POP 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="www.npscra.nsdl.co.in">www.npscra.nsdl.co.in</a>.
- ✓ POP, upon receiving the withdrawal request, shall take the necessary steps to identify the Claimant(s). It is the responsibility of the POP 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 POP 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.
- ✓ Claimant have an option to opt for 100% Lumpsum withdrawal or 100% Annuity Withdrawal or Lumpsum & Annuity Withdrawal.



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#### • Initiation and Authorization of Online Death Withdrawal request in CRA System

- ✓ On successful verification of Death Withdrawal Form and supporting documents, POP shall initiate withdrawal request in the CRA system through One User ID by selecting digital certificate option.
- ✓ Bank details should be correct/valid During request initiation, Bank Account and Name of the Nominee/Annuitant/Legal heir 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.
- ✓ Mandatory Upload of valid and legible Physical Death Withdrawal Form, Death certificate of the Subscriber, KYC Documents (Identity & Address Proof) and bank proof of *Nominee/Legal heir/Annuitant*, copy of PRAN card/ePRAN and other additional documents required by POP.
- ✓ Authorization of request by POP in the CRA system through other User ID by selecting digital certificate option.

Online Exit Module has been implemented in the CRA system to facilitate POPs to process Exit requests of underlying NPS Subscribers. This document describes the detailed procedure to be followed by the POPs for initiation and authorization of Online Death Withdrawal requests in the CRA system.



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# 5. Steps to initiate Online Death Withdrawal request in CRA System by POP

POP User will access CRA System <a href="www.cra-nsdl.com">www.cra-nsdl.com</a> using one DSC User ID as given below in **Figure 1.** 

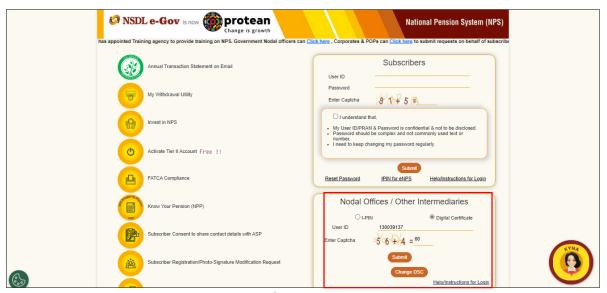


Figure 1

On successful login, User needs to click on Menu "Exit Withdrawal Request" and select Sub Menu "Initiate Withdrawal Request" as given below in Figure 2.

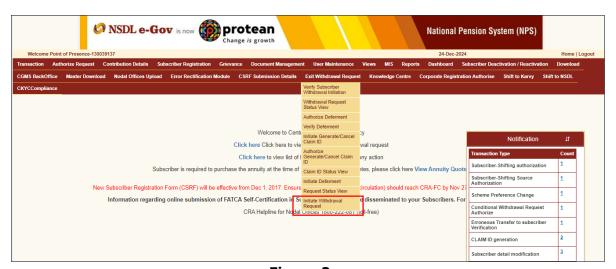


Figure 2

User needs to select the option "Death Withdrawal" as given below in Figure 3.



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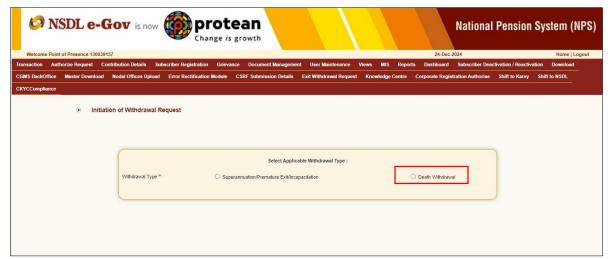


Figure 3

User needs to select the "Initiate Request" option to initiate the death withdrawal request and enter PRAN of the Subscriber and click on "Submit" button as given below in Figure 4.



Figure 4

At this stage, User needs to accept declarations. On acceptance of declarations, User needs to click on "OK" button. Please refer below Figure 5.



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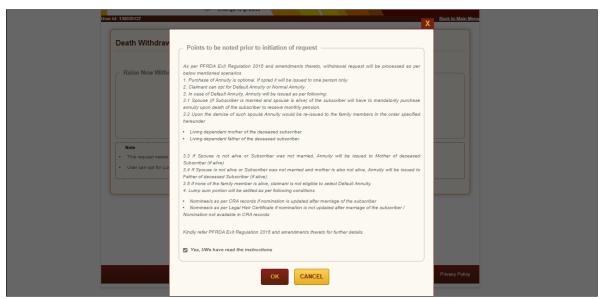


Figure 5

At this stage, User needs to capture Date of Death of the Subscriber and click on "Submit" button. Please refer below Figure 6.

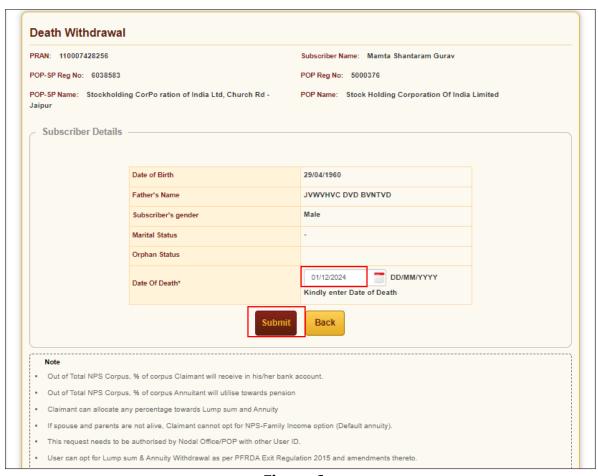
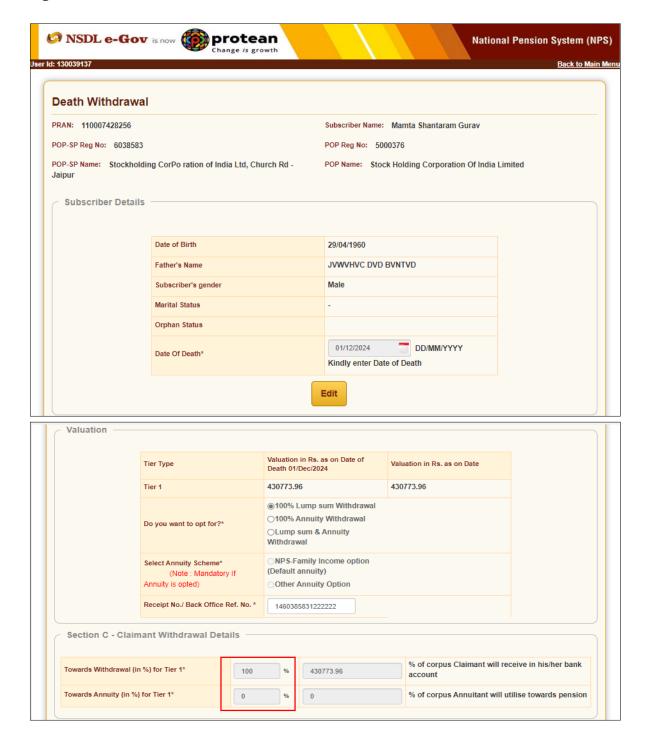


Figure 6



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A new page will be displayed and User needs to click on any one of the options provided i.e. 100% Lumpsum withdrawal or 100% Annuity Withdrawal or Lumpsum & Annuity Withdrawal Under Valuation section. As per the option selected by User, the Claimants Withdrawal details will be displayed in **Section C.** POP user will enter receipt number in "Receipt No" field, as the case may be. User needs to provide the Family Members details in **Section E.** Please refer below **Figure 7.** 





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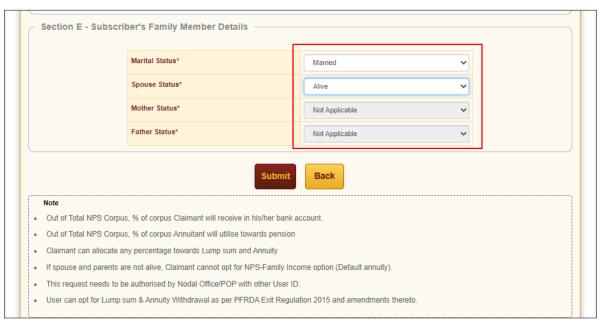


Figure 7

On submission of details, a confirmation Window will be displayed as per below Figure 8.



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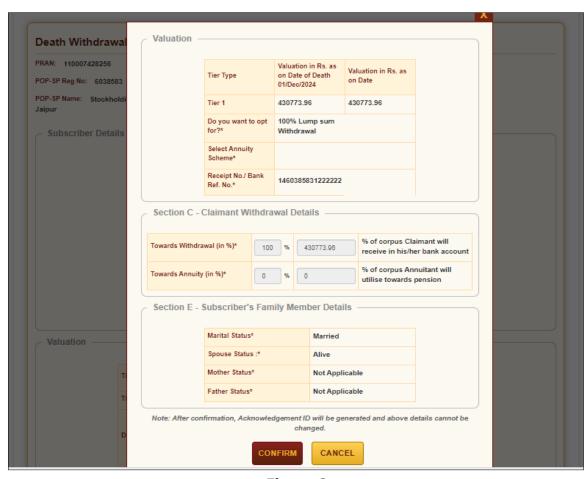


Figure 8

On confirmation, an Acknowledgement Number will be generated. Please refer below Figure 9.



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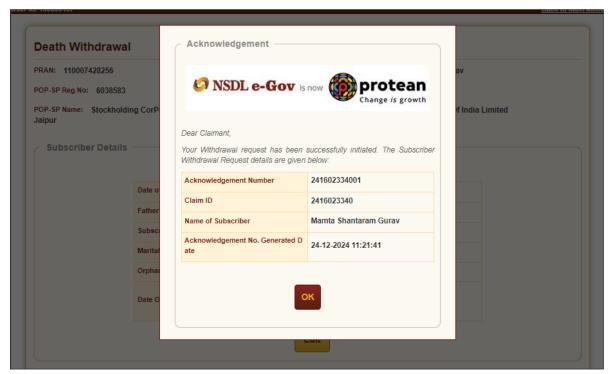


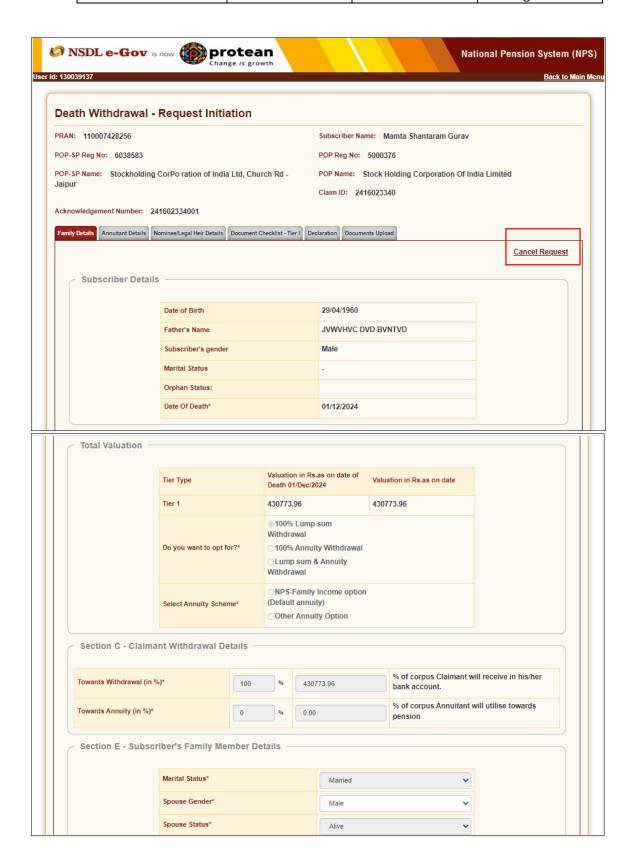
Figure 9

Once Acknowledgement Number is generated, User needs to capture/submit details under **different TABs.** User needs to provide the Subscriber's Family Details such as spouse, mother, father's details under "**Family Details**" TAB. Refer below **Figure 10.** 

If POP desires to cancel the Death Withdrawal request after generation of Acknowledgement Number, POP can cancel the Death Withdrawal request from Initiator login ID by clicking on 'Cancel request' tab. Refer below Figure 10.



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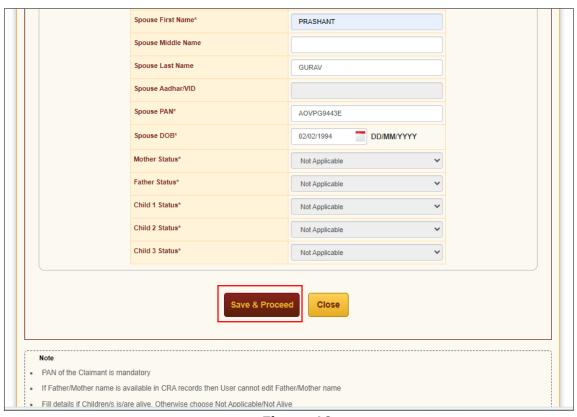
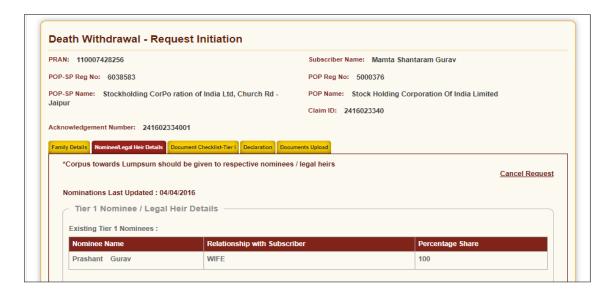


Figure 10

User will click **Save & Proceed**. User needs to provide Nomination/Legal Heir details in next TAB. The nominee details registered in CRA will be displayed to the User. If the nominee details are same, User will select the continute with existing nomination as **Yes.** If there is a change in nomination or User wants to add legal heir details, then User needs to select the continue with existing nomination as **No.** In such case, User will be required to capture new nominee/legal heir details. **Office is required to refer the clause 32 of nomination under PFRDA (Exit & Withdrawal under NPS), 2015 for valid nomination.** Please refer below **Figure 11.** 



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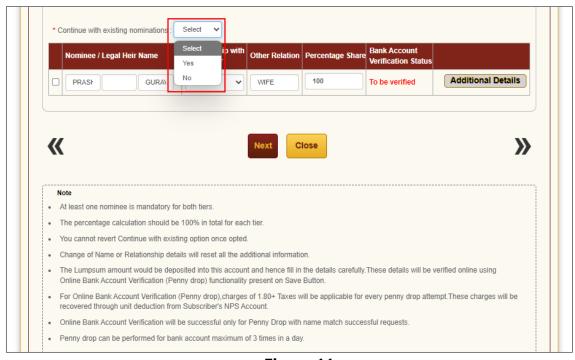


Figure 11

Once User selects the "Yes" or "No" option regarding Nomination, a new Information Window regarding nomination/legal heir will be Displayed. User needs to click on "OK" button. Please refer below Figure 12.



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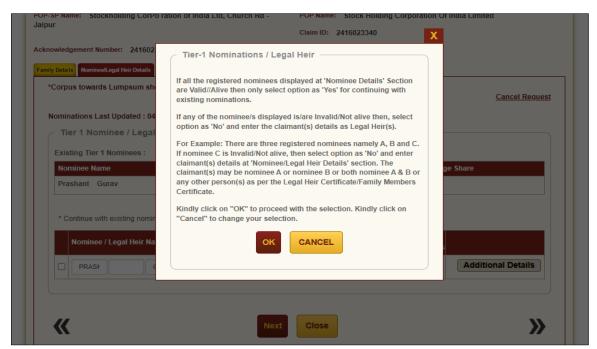


Figure 12

At this stage, User selects Continue with existing nomination as **Yes**. Please refer below **Figure 13**.



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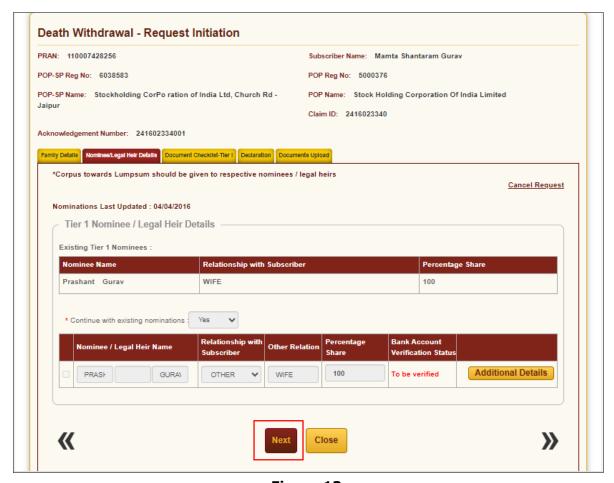


Figure 13

At this stage, User needs to capture Additional details related to nominees/legal heir by clicking on "**Additional Details"** option. Please refer below **Figure 14.** 



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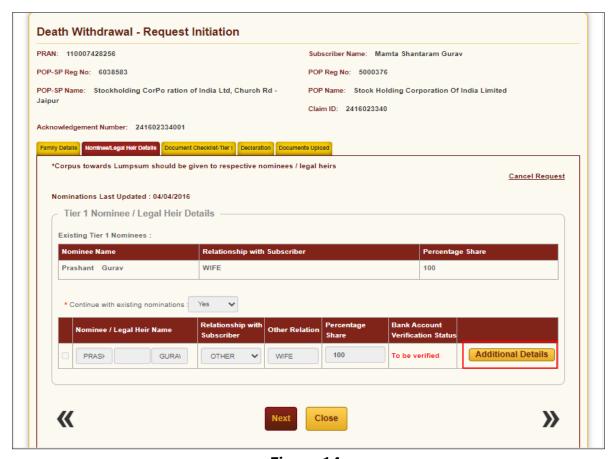


Figure 14

Once User Clicks on "Additional Details" option, a new Window will be displayed wherein, User needs to provide Address & Bank details of nominee/legal heir and Click on "Save" button. Please refer below Figure 15.

At this stage, Online Bank Account Verification will be carried out. Bank details and Name of the Nominee/Legal heir will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). Hence, Bank account number and Bank IFS Code should be active and operative. Also Name of Nominee/Legal heir as per CRA and bank record should match. If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, Death Withdrawal request will be rejected. Please refer below Figure 15 and Figure 16.



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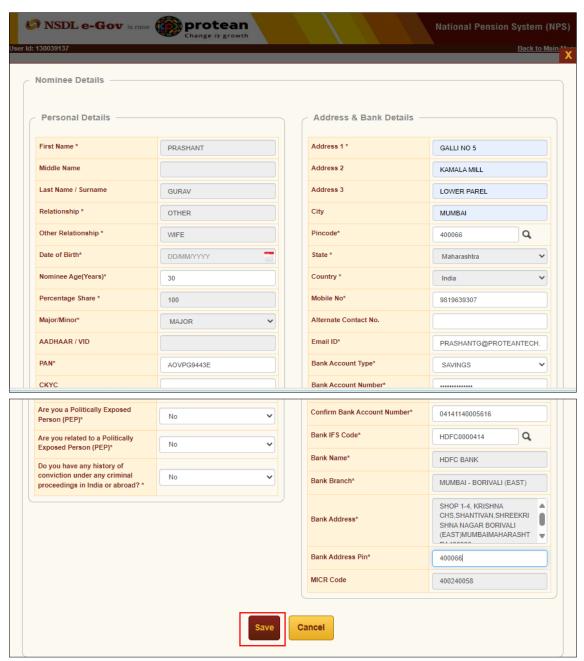


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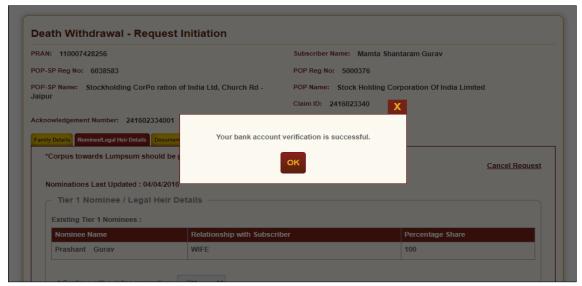


Figure 16

At this stage, on successful bank account verification, Bank account verification status of Nominee/Legal heir will be shown as "Verified". User needs to click on "Next" button to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 17.

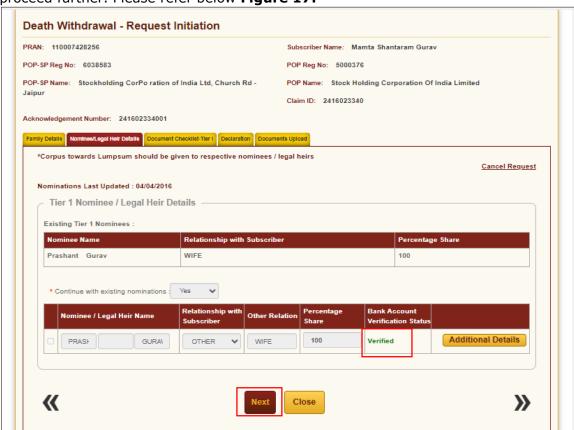
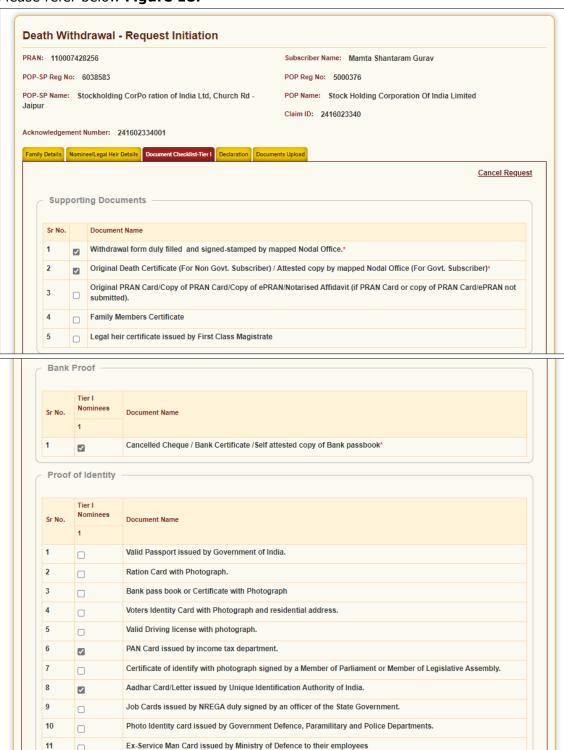


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In next "**Documents Checklist" TAB**, User needs to confirm the Withdrawal Form, supporting documents related to exit request, Bank Proof, Identity & Address Proof and proceed further. Please refer below **Figure 18**.





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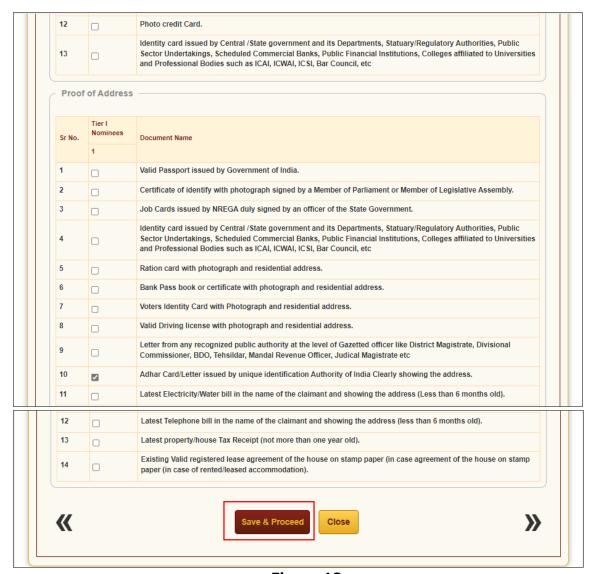


Figure 18

The next TAB is for **Delcaration**. The User needs to accept the declaration to process the withdrawal request and click on **"Save and Proceed"** button. Please refer below **Figure 19.** 



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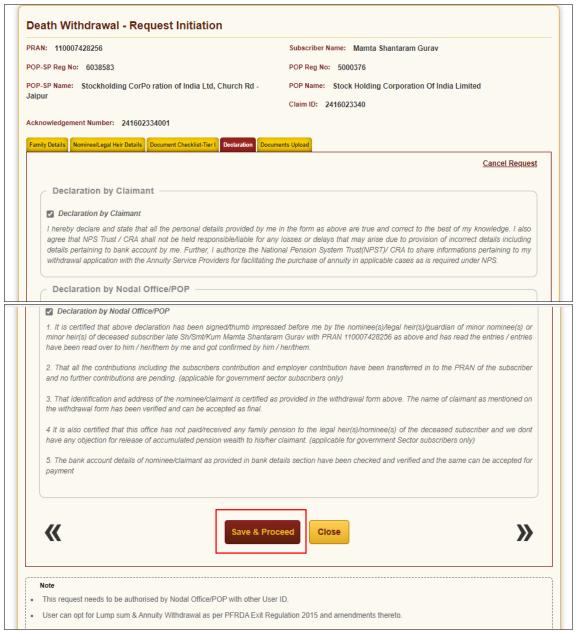


Figure 19

A New Information window will be opened regarding scanned documents Upload. User needs to click on "OK" button. Please refer below Figure 20.



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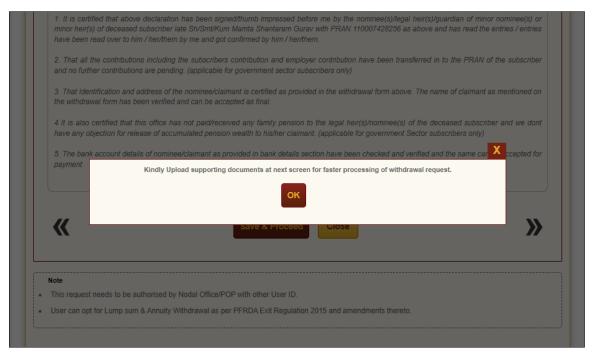


Figure 20

At "**Documents Upload" TAB**, it is the responsibility of POP to upload valid, complete and legible documents such as Death Withdrawal Form, death certificate of the Subscriber, KYC Documents (Identity & Address Proof) and bank proof of Nominee/Annuitant/Legal heir, copy of PRAN card/ePRAN and other additional documents required by POP as selected in document checklist for seamless processing of Exit. Please refer below **Figure 21**.



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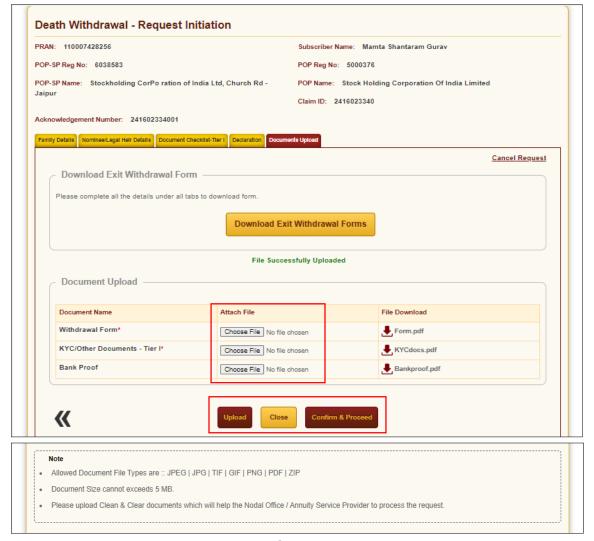


Figure 21

After providing complete details under different TABs & uploading scanned documents, User needs to re-confirm all the details entered /selected. Each TAB will be displayed to the User for confirmation. User needs to click on "**Next" button** to proceed further.

Once details under all TABs are confirmed, the User needs to confirm the withdrawal request under "**Documents Upload"** Tab, as shown below in **Figure 22**.



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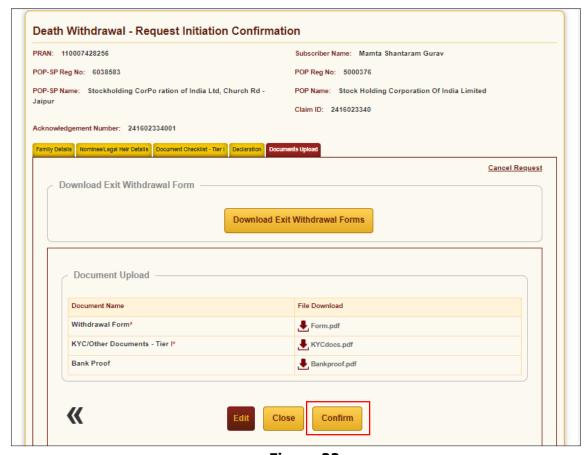


Figure 22

A final confirmation message will be displayed to User. Once User clicks on "**Proceed**" button, a message for successful initiation of request will be displayed to User. Please refer **Figure 23 & 24.** 

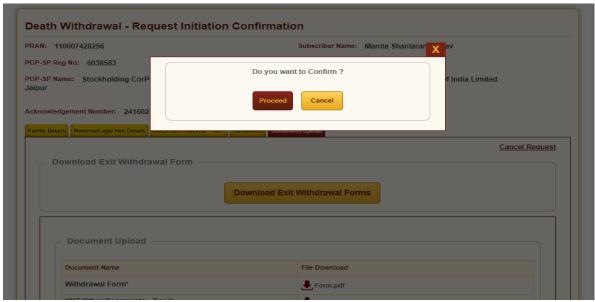


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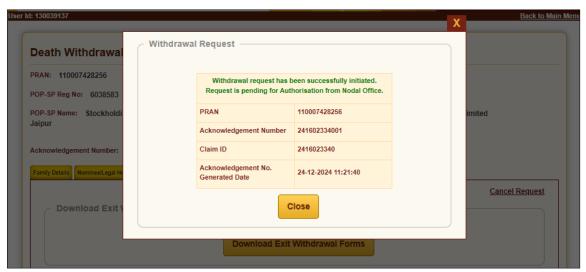


Figure 24

The second User of the POP will authorize the request in the CRA System.



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# 6. Steps to Authorize Online Death Withdrawal request in CRA System by POP

To authorize Online Death Withdrawal request, POP User will access CRA System <a href="www.cra-nsdl.com">www.cra-nsdl.com</a> using another DSC User ID as given below in **Figure 25.** 

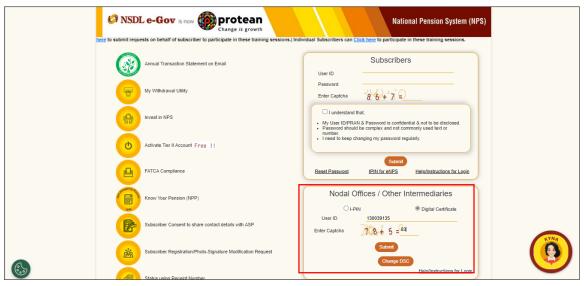


Figure 25

User needs to click on Menu "Exit Withdrawal Request" and select Sub-Menu "Initiate Withdrawal Request". Please refer below Figure 26.



Figure 26

At this stage, User needs to select the **Death Withdrawal** option as given below in **Figure 27.** 



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Figure 27

User needs to select the 'Verify/Authorize Request' option to authorize death withdrawal request and enter the PRAN of the Subscriber and click on 'Submit' button as given in below Figure 28.

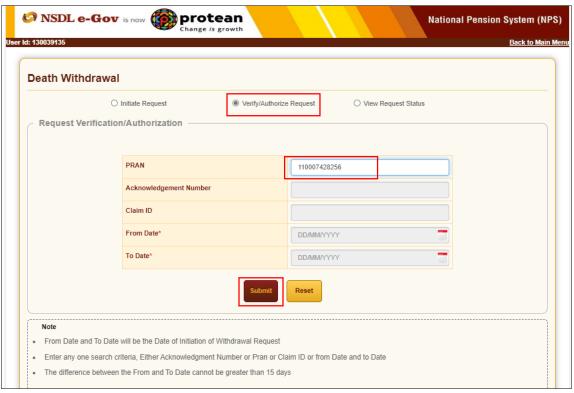


Figure 28

At this stage, a table is displayed to the User containing Acknowledgment Number, Claim ID, PRAN, Request Date, Initiated By, Last action taken, Pending With and Action. User needs to click on Hyperlink provided on "Accept/Reject" under 'Action' Tab to view and verify details entered/selected at the time of initiation of withdrawal request. Please refer below Figure 29.



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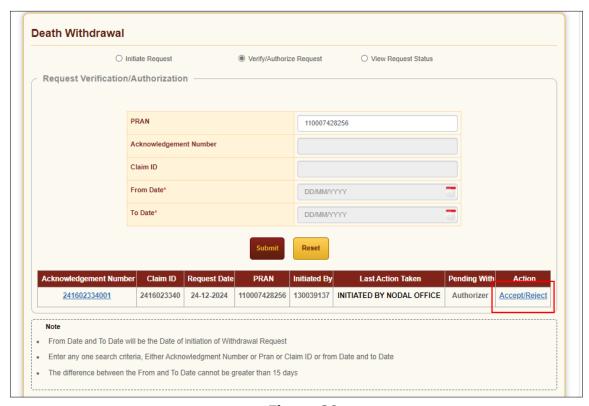
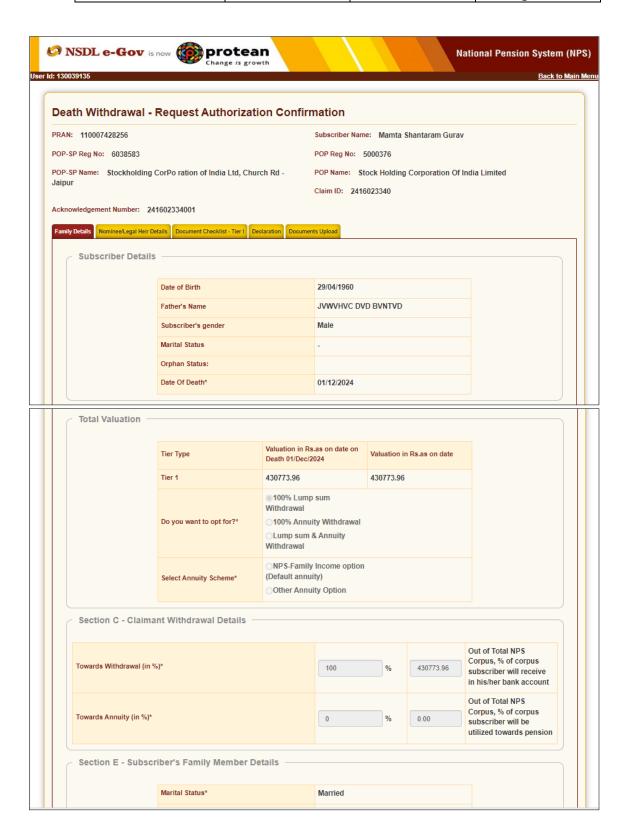


Figure 29

At this stage, User needs to verify all the details entered / selected at the time of initiation of request under different TABs like Family Details, Nominee/Legal heir details etc. Each TAB will be displayed to the User for Verification. User needs to click on "Next" button to proceed further as shown in below Figure 30.



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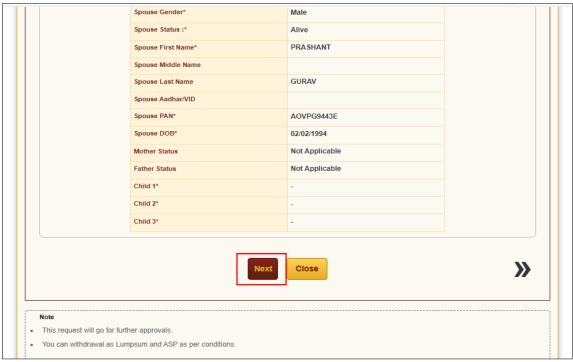


Figure 30

Once details under all TABs are verified, under last TAB – **Documents Upload**, the User needs to click on "**Approve/Reject**" button as shown below in **Figure 31**.

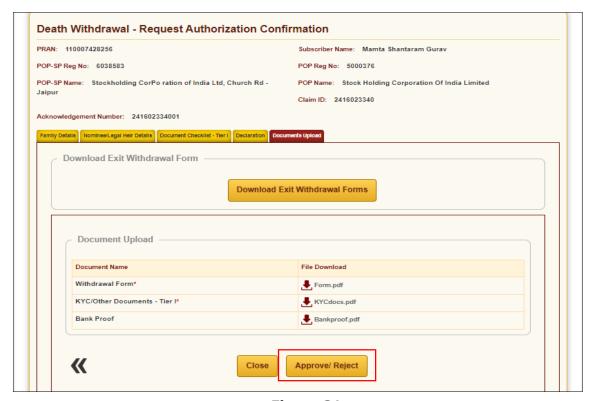


Figure 31

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At this stage, if details provided/entered while initiating withdrawal request are correct, then User needs to click on "Accept" radio button and then click on "Approve" button.

If details entered/provided are not correct, User needs to click on "**Reject**" radio button and then click on "**Approve**" button. In case of rejection of request, Reason for Rejection is mandatory. Please refer below **Figure 32.** 

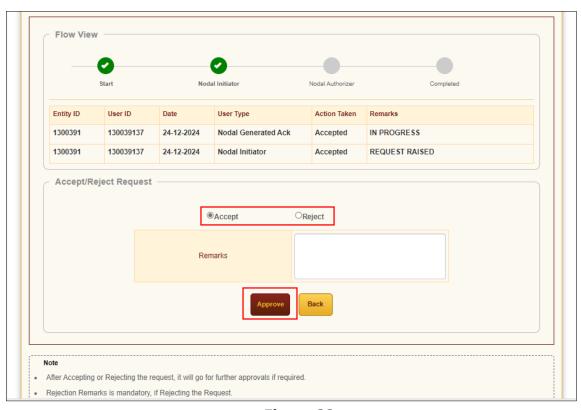


Figure 32

A final confirmation message will be displayed to User. Once User clicks on "Approve" button, a message for successful authorization of request will be displayed to User. Please refer **Figure 33 & 34**.



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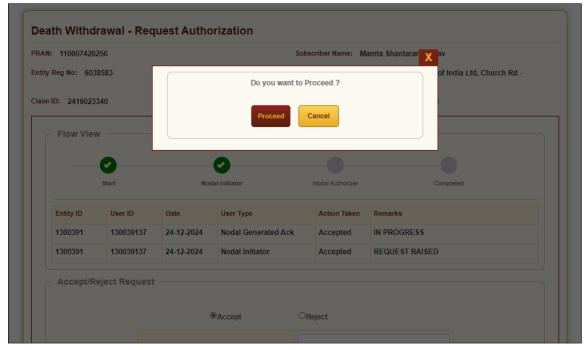


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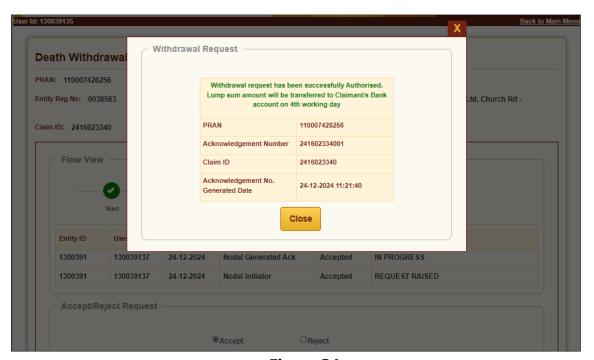


Figure 34

On authorization of Death Withdrawal request by POP, the request will get executed in the CRA system and funds will be transferred to Claimant's Bank Account by Trustee Bank (Axis Bank) within stipulated timeline as mentioned below.



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#### Withdrawal Timelines:

- The process of withdrawal involves redemption of applicable units from Subscriber's NPS account and then transfer of funds in Claimant's Bank Account.
- In CRA system, redemption of units happens only on working day (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays) which is called a Settlement Day.
- If request is submitted (authorised) before cut-off time of settlement (before 10.30 AM\*) on settlement day in CRA, then request is considered for processing on same working day. The redemption of units happens on same working day (Day T) with NAV of same working day (Day T) and then fund transfer happens on Day of redemption + 2 working days. For example, if request is submitted/authorised on January 2, 2024 (at 9.30 am), the request will get considered for processing on same day, redemption of units will happen on January 2, 2024 with NAV of January 2, 2024 and fund transfer will happen on January 4, 2024.
- If request is submitted (authorised) after cut-off time of settlement (after 10.30 AM\*) on settlement day in CRA, then request is considered for processing on next working day. 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 submitted/authorised on January 2, 2024 (at 01.30 pm), 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.

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

<sup>\*</sup> Cut-off time for considering request for settlement may extend due to various factors.

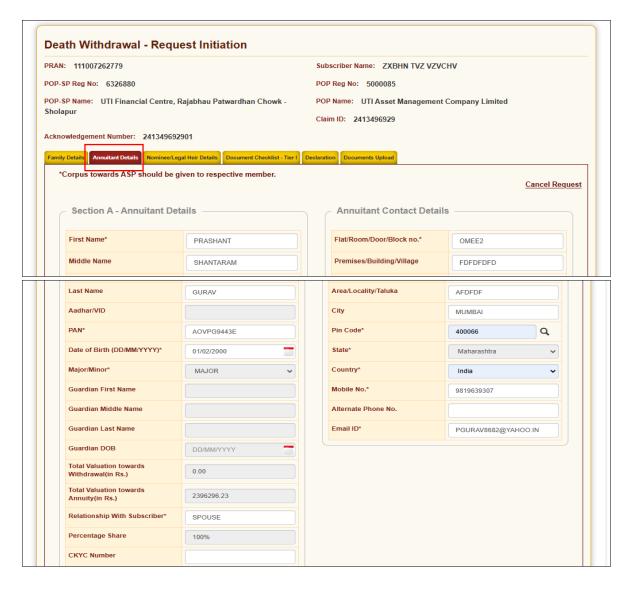


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# 7. Annuity Issuance Process (Optional – If opted by Claimant):

In case the claimant has opted for 100% Annuity Withdrawal or Lumpsum & Annuity Withdrawal, the User will select the relevant option in **Figure 7 above.** Then only "**Annuitant Details**" TAB will be displayed to the User in addition to other TABs. The User needs to capture annuitant details such as contact details, bank details etc. Similarly, Annuitant Details TAB will be displayed to authorizer User. Please refer below **Figure 35.** 

At this stage, Online Bank Account Verification will be carried out. Bank details and Name of the annuitant will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). Hence, Bank account number and Bank IFS Code should be active and operative. Also Name of annuitant as per CRA and bank record should match. If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, Death Withdrawal request will be rejected. Please refer below Figure 35 and Figure 36.





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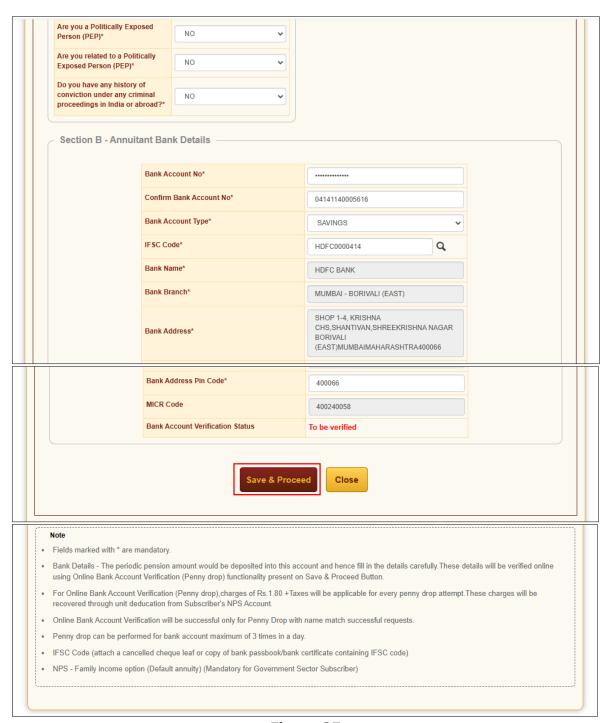


Figure 35



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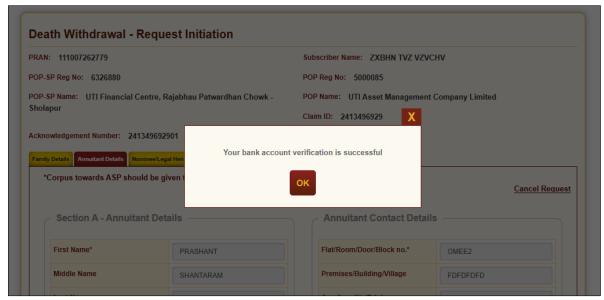
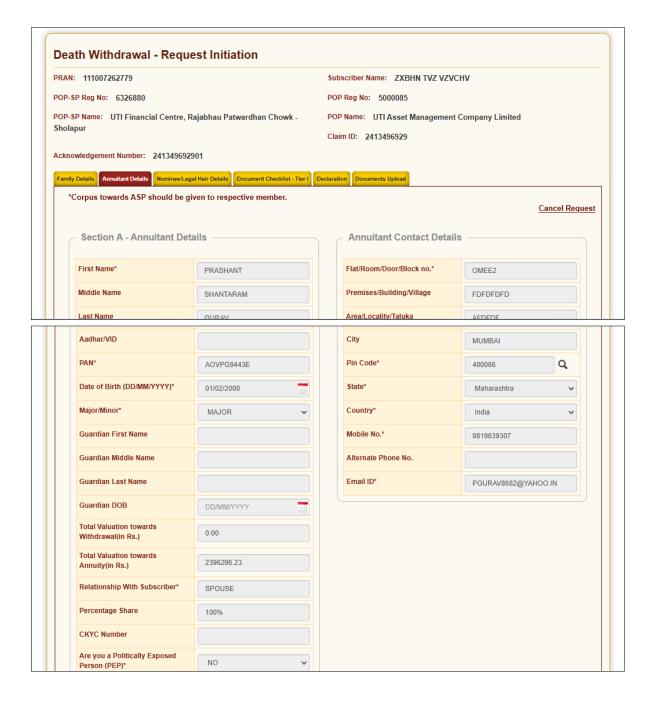


Figure 36

Once Annuitant details are **saved**, a new page will be displyed wherein User needs to provide Claimant Annuity Details in **Section D** i.e. Annuity Service Provider (ASP) Name, Scheme and Annuity Frequency. Also, on successful bank account verification, Bank account verification status will be shown as "Verified". Please refer below **Figure 37.** User can View the Annuity Quotes of all ASPs by Clicking Link on Annuity Quotes.



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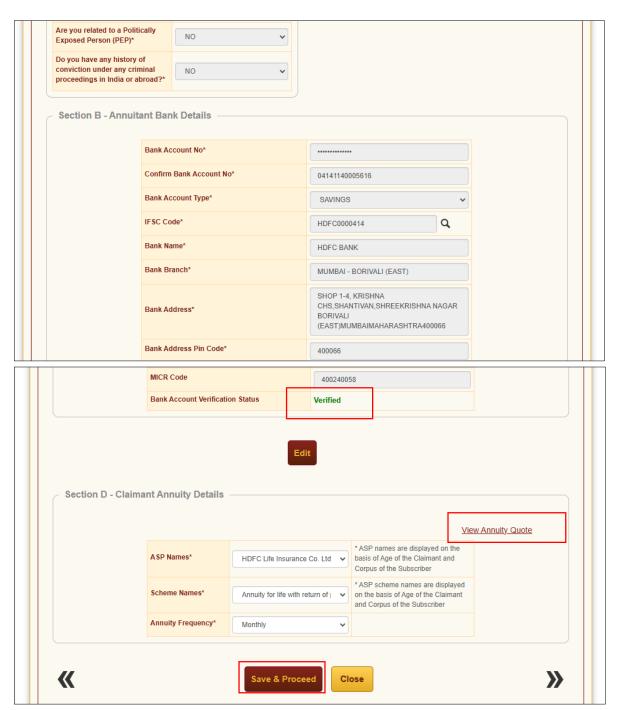


Figure 37

On execution of death withdrawal request in CRA, the annuitant's details and scanned documents will be shared with Annuity Service Provider (ASP) opted by Claimant. If the annuitant's details and scanned documents are correct, annuity policy will be issued by ASP.

If documents uploaded are not sufficient/incorrect or any additional documents required, then ASP may contact Claimant for completion of annuity formalities. Alternatively, if required,



Claimant may contact ASP. The complete contact details of ASPs are available on CRA Website (<a href="https://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in">www.npscra.nsdl.co.in</a>).

On completion of annuity formalities, ASP will confirm Annuity request of the Claimant online in the CRA system. On Successful authorization of Annuity request by ASP, same will get executed in the CRA system and funds (Annuity Corpus) will be transferred to ASP's Bank Account by Trustee Bank (Axis Bank) within stipulated withdrawal timeline as mentioned above.

The annuity policy shall be issued by ASP within T+2 working days of receiving the funds at their end.

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