

Job for Deceased Staffers' Kin

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Recently, the <u>Supreme Court (SC)</u> ruled that **compassionate employment is not** a vested **right** but a **relief measure** for families after a government employee's death.

- The ruling addressed a case where appointment claims were made after significant delays, undermining the usual urgency for such applications.
 - SC highlighted that claims for compassionate appointments must be pursued promptly.
- Appointments are contingent on statutory policies and guidelines and not a service condition or entitlement.
- If no policy or rule exists, appointments on compassionate grounds cannot be made.
- Compassionate employment serves as an exception to the rule of merit-based appointments, reflecting the state's responsibility to assist affected families.

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