BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (Establishment Department)

Our Ref: Estt-V/APAR (2019-2020)

Dated: 19 May 2020

Subject: Online submission of Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR) for period2019-2020

CIRCULAR

- 1. It has been decided that online APAR module for Online submission of Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR) 2019-2020 has been made active w.e.f. 1st May (including erstwhile Group `A' (Admn., Finance and Other Posts), Group `B' and Group `C'
- 2. a) The concerned officers are requested to fill up Part I (Personal Data) and Part II (Self-Assessment Report by Group 'A') of the blank Proforma of APAR given in the Online module and submit the same;
 - Beporting Officer may be required to fill up "work assigned" of the official reported upon in PART- II Assessment by the Reporting Officer in respect of officials of Group 'B' and Group 'C' employees.
 - c) Group 'B' employees (Section Officers) are requested to fill up Part I (Personal Data) and Part IV of the blank Proforma of APAR given in the online module and submit the same:
 - d) The other Group `B' and Group `C' employees are requested to fill up Part I (Personal Data) only of the blank Proforma of APAR given in the online module and submit the same;
 - e) The Group `C' (erstwhile Group `D') employees are requested to fill up the Sl. No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 only of the blank Proforma of APAR given in the Online module and submit the same;
- 3. In case, the official has worked for less than three months under the Reporting Officer, he/she is not required to submit his/her APAR for that period.
- 4. In case, during an assessment year, if an employee has worked under different Reporting Officers for 3 months or more than 3 months, he/she is required to fill up separate APAR for each respective period.
- 5. The reporting/reviewing structure of all A&F and other posts cadre employees of BIS would be the same as followed in earlier years. In case of any doubt/discrepancy, Establishment Department may please be contacted.
- 6. The writing of ΛΡΛR is a public trust and responsibility. As cases continue to occur where regular promotion, MΛCP, could not be considered in time because of non-time limits for submitting the ΛΡΛR by the respective authorities as per the time schedule given in **Annexure-I**.
- 7. If no self-appraisal is received from the employees within the stipulated date, the Reporting Officer shall proceed to write the report as per following:
 - a) In respect of Group-A employees, Reporting Officer may write the APAR in Part III of APAR in the Online APAR module on the basis of his experience of the work and conduct of the employee reported upon.

- b) In respect of Group-B & C (including erstwhile Group-D) employees, Reporting Officer may write the APAR in Part II of APAR in the Online APAR module on the basis of his experience of the work and conduct of the employee reported upon.
- c) In case the Reviewing Officers do not receive the APAR from the Reporting Officer within the stipulated date, the Reviewing Officer shall proceed reporting in Part III of APAR (for Group-A officials) and Part II (for Group-B & C employees).
- 8. It may be mentioned that the time limits specified will be strictly adhered and the online module for above stated action will be closed automatically after due date and the public duty and responsibility of writing/reporting/reviewing ΛΡΛR will stand forfeited.
- 9. Those officials who have already submitted the hard copy of their part/full APAR for the period 2019-20 to their Reporting Officers need not submit their APAR again through online mode. However, they shall intimate Establishment Department regarding the same including the date of submission to their Reporting officer. All the Reporting Officers with whom the APARs/part APARs for the above said period are pending may take immediate necessary actions with regards to reporting either offline or online as the case may be under intimation to Establishment Department. Further, Reviewing Authorities may also review the pending APARs either offline or online as the case may be and forward the APARs in their custody to Establishment Department.
- 10. To facilitate operation of online APAR Module, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is enclosed with this circular on BIS Intranet.
- To facilitate filling up of APARs of various Groups in online APAR Module, Video Tutorial Links are being uploaded.
- 12. For login id, password and other technical issues, concerned employees may kindly take up with ITS Department at Helpdesk email: hfmshelp@bis.gov.in.
- This may be treated on TOP PRIORITY.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above.

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Circulated to: All concerned employees through BIS Intranet

Copy to: Head, ITSD - with a request to:

 a) Immediately allot login id and password to all concerned employees if not done already and also allocate a helpline number for resolving any technical issues.

To host this circular along with SOP on APAR module on BIS Intranet

Time schedule for preparation/completion of APAR through online APAR Module
(Reporting year- Financial year for the period 2019-20)

Sl. No.		Date by which to be		
i)	Availability of blank APAR proforma through online APAR module to all concerned (i.e. officer to be reported upon).	completed 1st May 2020		
ii)	Submission of self-appraisal to Reporting Officer by official to be reported upon.	1020		
iii)	Submission of report by Reporting Officer to Reviewing Officer.	31stJuly 2020		
iv)	Report to be completed by Reviewing Officer and to be sent to Establishment Department	31stAugust 2020		
v)	Disclosure to the officer reported upon	15th September 2020		
vi)	Receipt of representation, if any, on the APAR.	15 days from the date of receipt of communication		
vii)	Forwarding of representations to the Competent Authority:	31st October 2020		
viii)	Disposal of representation by the Competent Authority.	One month from the date ofreceipt of		
x)	Communication of the decision of the Competent Authority on the representation by Establishment Deptt.	representation 10th December 2020		
:)	End of entire APAR process, after which the APAR will be finally taken on record.	20th December 2020		

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) ON USING APAR MODULE OF HFMS

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

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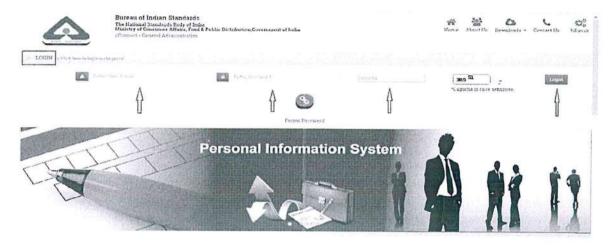
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1. Login Process

In this process, User has to enter the User ID & Password in the respective login screen. As shown below:-

Step 1:- Enter 'user Id' and 'Password' and 'Captcha' then click on 'Login' button after successful

Login menu screen will appear.



Login Form

1. Errors and exceptions in Login

Your Login may fail due to any of the following:

- Incorrect User Id or password
- Account is locked (report the matter to HFMS Helpdesk (htinshelp:@bis.gov.in) and mentioning employee number)
- Network / Server failure

In all cases of errors, the system will display relevant error message.

· Incorrect Login name or password

The system will display Invalid User Name/Password message:-



This error could occur because the user has entered the User Id /or password incorrectly.

User Login Expired

In the user management module, corresponding to every new user created, the expiry date for that user ID is stored. Upon reaching the expiry date, the user would not be able to login successfully.

· Network / Server failure

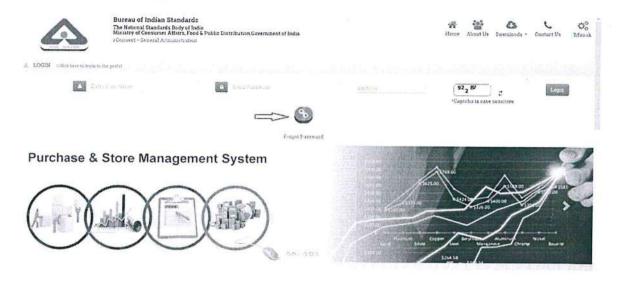
In the case where your system is unable to establish a network connection with the designated server the system will display a message.

2. Forgot Password:-

All the Users of BIS have been allotted user name and Password. User name is a name, which will enable the user to log on to the HFMS. The password is like a digital signature. It is very imperative that one should keep one's password a secret. Disclosing your password is like telling the secret code of a number lock to someone. Whenever a user saves a crucial record into the database, his user name is also attached to the record. At any given point later, the System administrator can find out who saved the record into the database. So if someone knows your Password he will log on to the system using it and add anything into the database and you could be held responsible for it later. Neverdisclose your Password to anyone and do not keep your name, family member's names or anything that can be guessed by people around you as Password

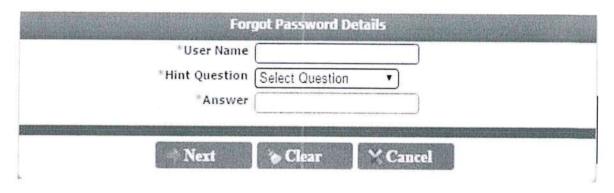
Note: - In case user forgets the password, then follow following steps:-

Step 1:- Click on 'Forgot Password'

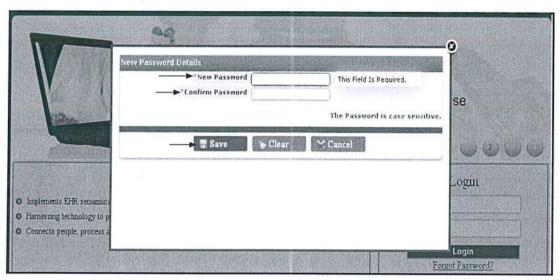


Step 2:- Enter User Name, select hint question from list box and answer the hint question.

Step 3:- Click on 'Next' button.



Step 4:- Enter new password and re-enter password in confirm password field, then click on 'Save' to save the password.

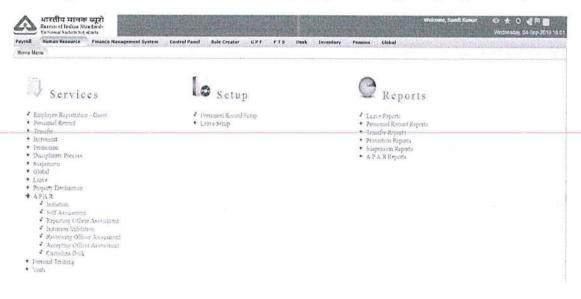


After that you will get a message 'Your password has been changed'

After successful login menu screen appear, you can select required service.

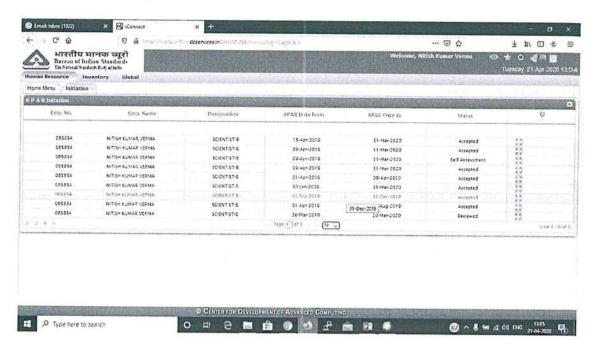
2. Initiation:

- After successful login and registration one can see the APAR menu.
- Its links are given inside when you click APAR. The links in APAR module will vary among the users based on their role as Reporting/Reviewing/Accepting authority.



· First click on the Initiation link

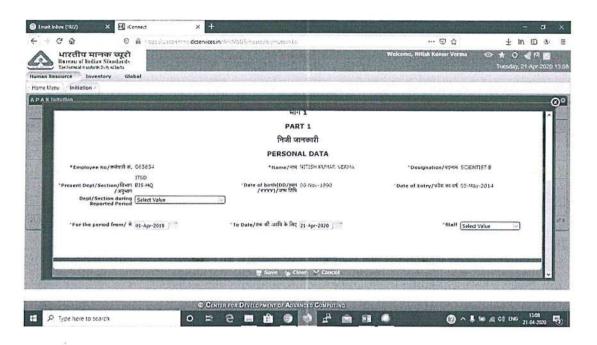
Step 1: Initiation list appears which contains details regarding the PAST APARs.



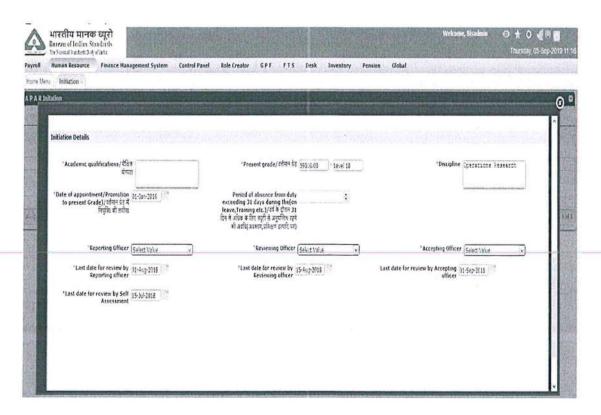
Add record: * indicates mandatory fields.

Step 2:

- Click on icon to initiate a new APAR.
- Select the Deptt/Section during the reporting period for which the APAR is being submitted.
- Specify the reporting period for which the APAR is being submitted.
- Select the staff Type and complete the form which opens on selecting the Staff type.
- · Fill the mandatory fields. * indicates mandatory fields



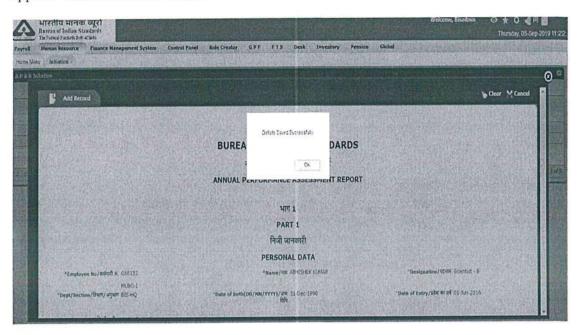
- Fill the date of appointment/last promotion.
- Select the Reporting Authority, Reviewing Authority and Accepting Authority for the period for which APAR is being submitted.



For the period of absence from duty exceeding 31 days, the following may be taken into consideration while filling up:

- a) Type of leave such as EL, Medical Leave, Study leave, CCL, Maternity Leave etc. along with period of leave to be clearly stated.
- b) Earned Leave taken more than 15 days at a time should be taken into consideration for the purpose of counting minimum 3 months for Reporting of APAR,

Step 3: Click on 'Save' button to save the record. Initiation details saved successful message appears when records are saved.

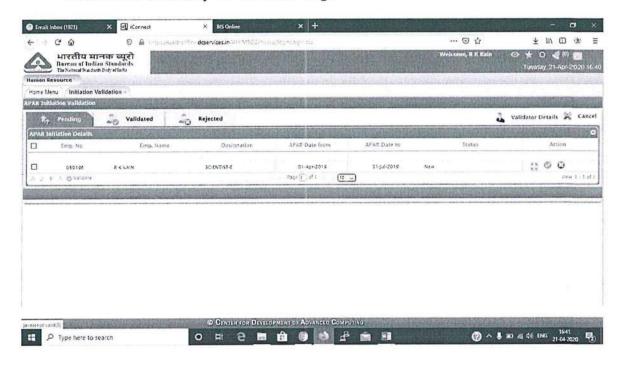


3. Initiation Validation:

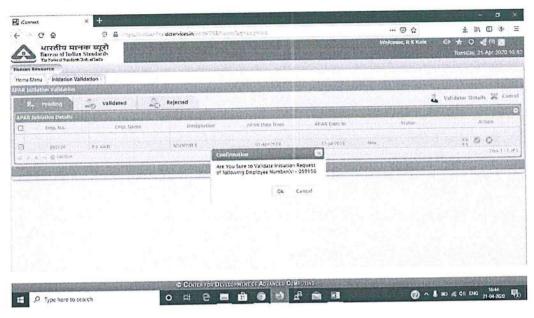
Step 1: Click on the 'Initiation validation' menu in APAR.

Step 2: The screen will display all the APARs initiated by the user. There are three options against each initiated APAR.

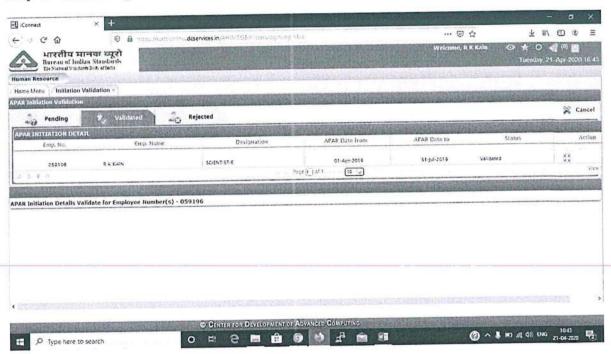
- to view details of the APAR initiated.
- to approve the APAR initiated. This will lead to the 3rd stage of APAR submission by employee.
- to reject the APAR initiated. Exercise this option when it is felt that the details have been entered incorrectly in 'Initiation' stage.



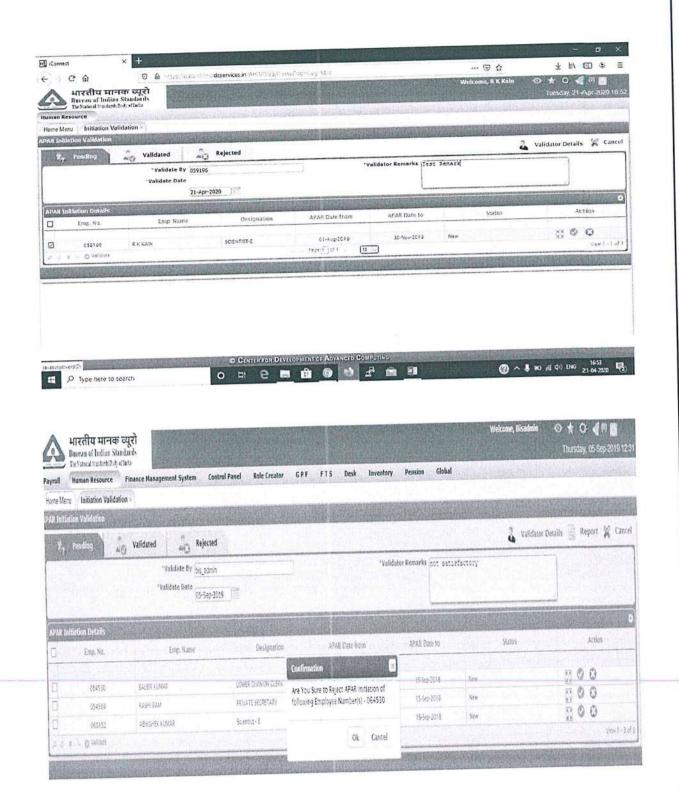
Step 3: After you check the validate (tick) option a confirmation popup arises, then click on OK to proceed further.



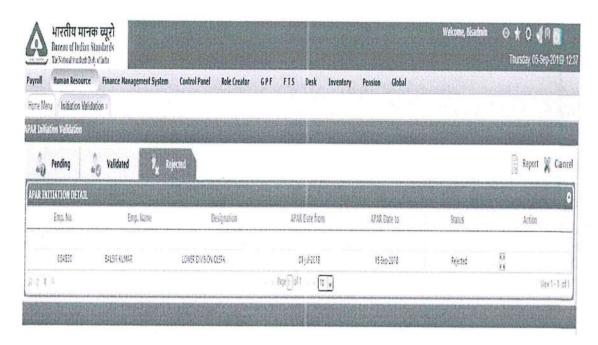
Step 4: validated option shows status as validated for members.



Step 5: When rejected button is clicked then reasons for rejection should be mentioned in validator remarks.



Step 6: Rejected option here shows APAR rejected for validation due to various reasons.



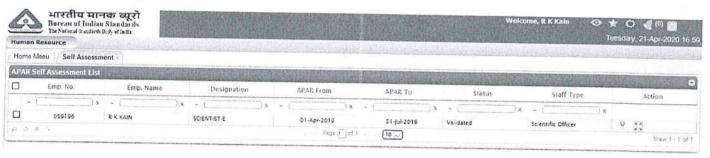
4. Self-Assessment:

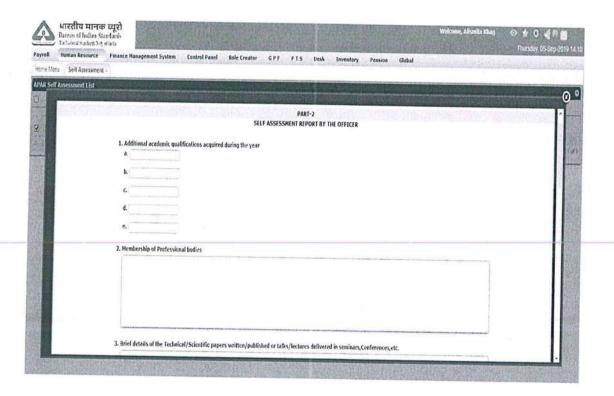
For this process the respective Employee has to login through his account.

After that, open the APAR menu and click on the 'Self Assessment' link.

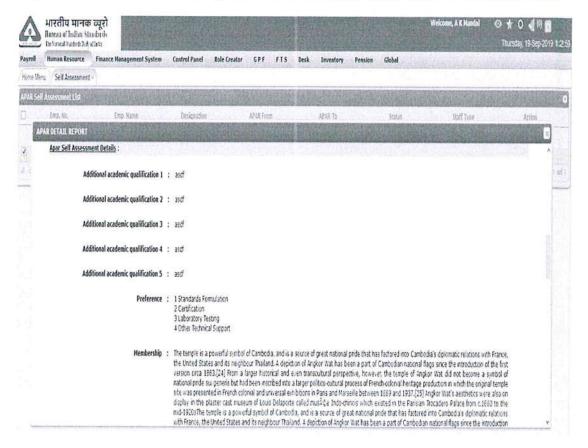
On this screen the user will see all the validated APARs. The user has to complete his self-assessment of the work carried out during the period for which the APAR is being submitted.

Step 1: The add new icon opens the form to be filled.

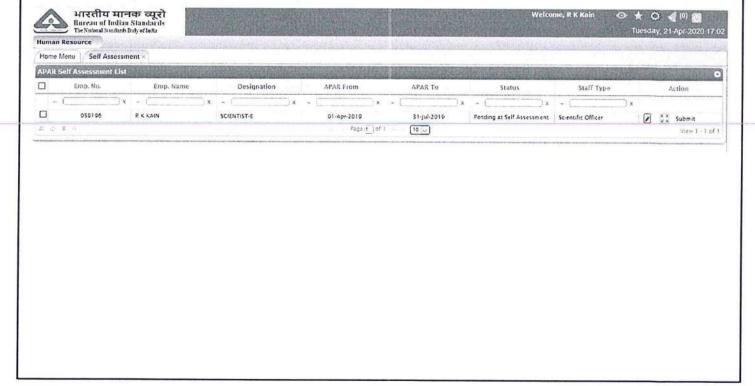




Step 2: The view button on the right-hand side shows the details filled in the above form.

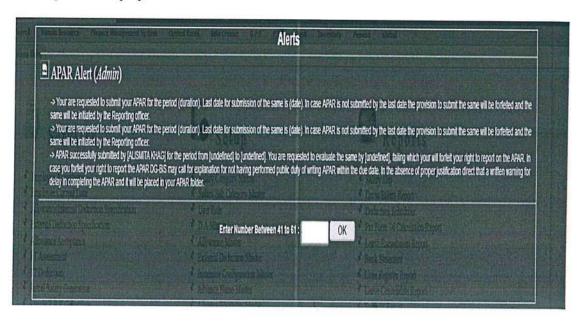


Step 3: Till the form is to be submitted, status of the employee is pending at self assessment. The 'Submit' button besides the view button will submit the record for further processing. Edit provision is also available prior to Submission of APAR.

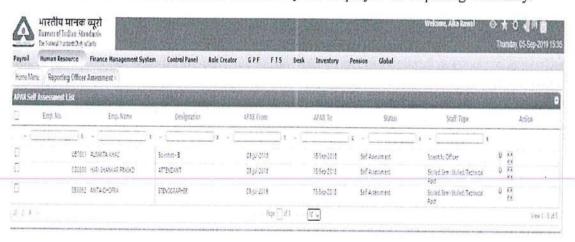


5. Reporting Authority Assessment:

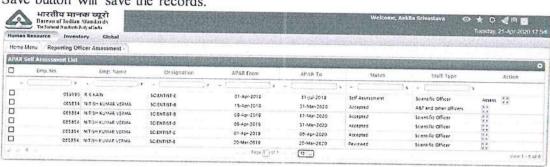
Step 1: Login through Reporting Authority then after immediately the Alert Management system will give a popup alert message explaining to the Authority to fill the assessment of the respective employee.



Step 2: Now go to the APAR module and click on the Reporting Officer Assessment link which will show the list of APARs received by the employee as Reporting Authority.

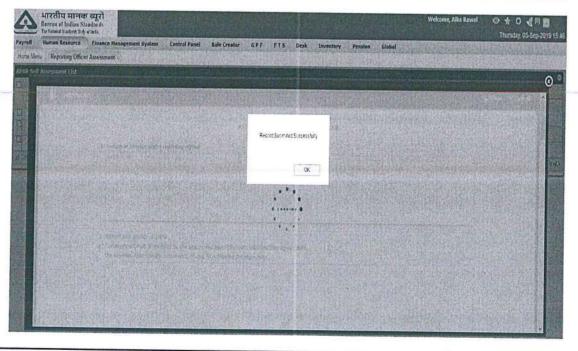


Step 3: The 'Assess' button will open the form to be filled by reporting Authority. Save button will save the records.

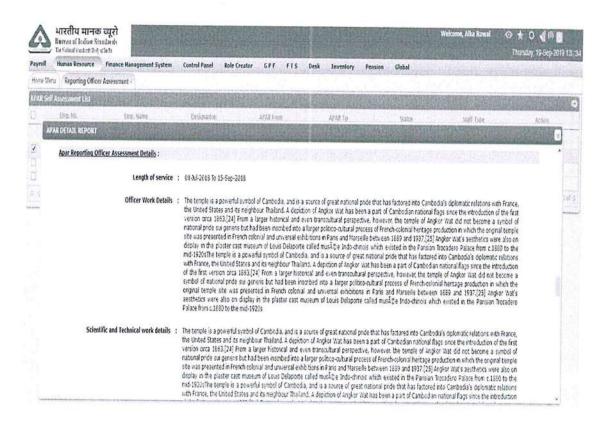


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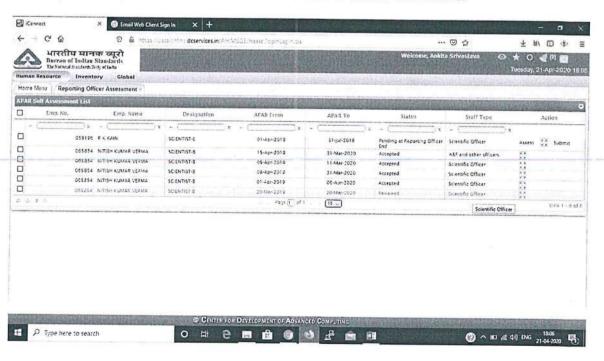
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Step 4: The view button will now show the assessment by the Reporting Authority along with the self-assessment details by the employee in the form.

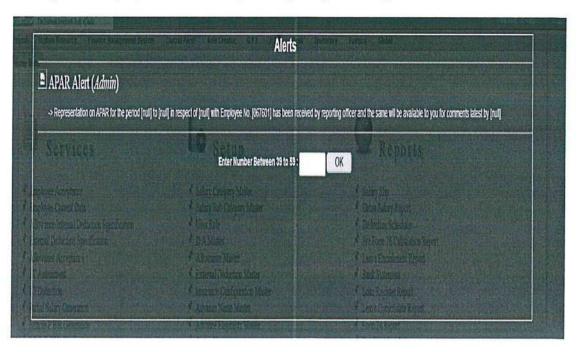


Step 5: Unless the form is submitted the employee, status will show pending at reporting Authority end. So, now click on the 'submit' button to submit the records.

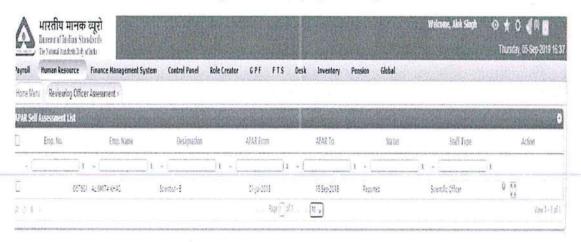


6. Reviewing Authority Assessment:

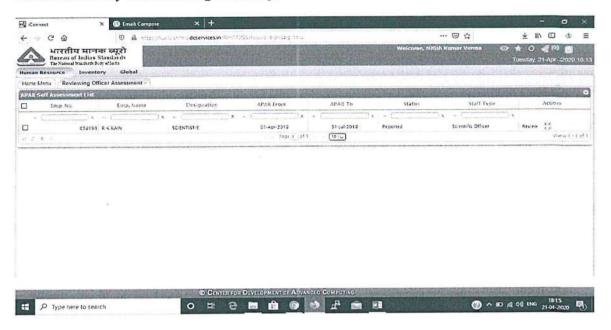
Step 1: Login through Reviewing Authority then after immediately the Alert Management system will give a popup alert message explaining to the Authority to fill the assessment of the respective employee forwarded by the Reporting Authority.



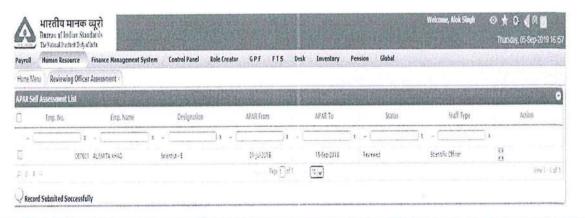
Step 2: Now go to the APAR module and click on the Reviewing Officer Assessment link which will show the status of the particular employee as reported.



Step 3: The 'Review' button will open the form to be filled by Reviewing Authority. Save button will save the records and the view shows the assessment in previous records and the assessment by the Reviewing Authority.

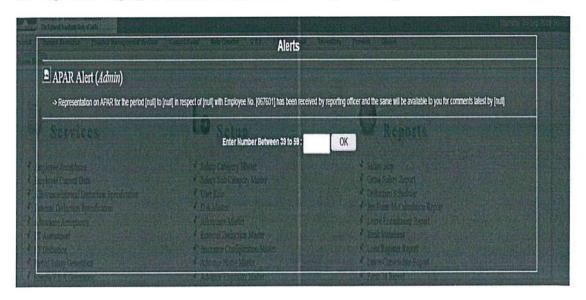


Step 4: Unless the form is submitted, the employee status will show pending at Reviewing Authority end. So, now click on the 'Submit' button to submit the record.

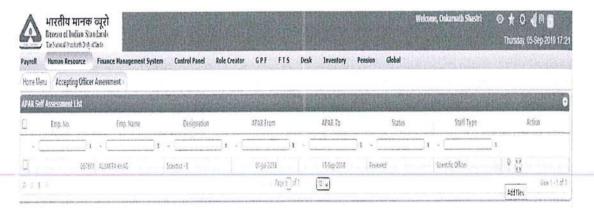


7. Accepting Authority Assessment:

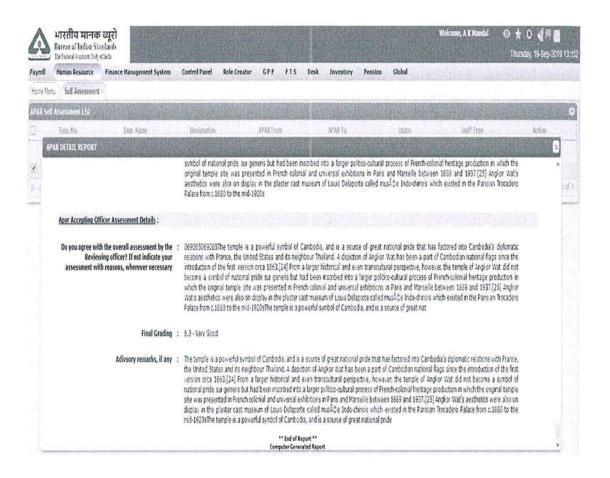
Step 1: Login through Accepting Authority then after immediately the Alert Management system will give a popup alert message explaining to the Authority to fill the assessment of the respective employee forwarded by the Reviewing Authority.



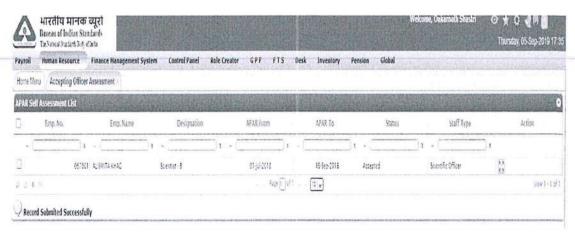
Step 2: Now go to the APAR module and click on the Accepting Officer assessment link which will show the list of al past APARs and APARs pending at Accepting Authority end.



Step 3: The 'Review and Accept' button will open the form to be filled by Accepting Authority. Save button will save the records and the view shows the assessment in previous records and the assessment by the Accepting Authority.



Step 4: Unless the form is submitted the APAR status will show pending at Accepting Authority end. So, now click on the 'submit' button to submit the records.



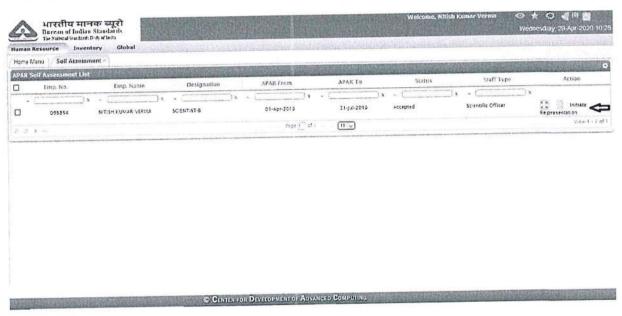
8. Representations:

The module also has provision to submit representations against an APAR within the defined time frame.

Once the APAR assessment is complete, the link for submission of representation will be activated by the system. The link will remain active for the defined time-frame for submission of representations against an APAR.

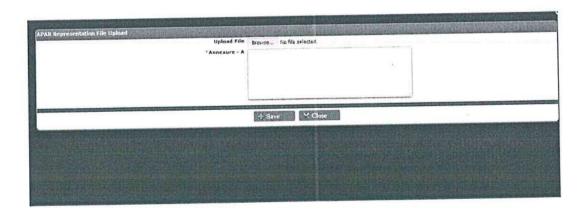
Step 1: Login to HFMS module using your credentials. Click on APAR and then click on 'Self Assessment'.

You will list if APARs submitted by you. Find the APAR against which you want to submit a representation. Click on 'Initiate Representation' link.



Do remember that representation once submitted is final, resubmissions are not allowed.

Step 2: In the pop-up that opens, upload a file (pdf only) and fill the remarks.



	If upload is successful, you will see a 'Upload Successful message'. This means that your representation has been submitted to concerned deptt. for further action.								
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