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WEST BENGAL
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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.- VII/Revision/23

Date : 05-05-2022

*Subject : (i) Revision of pension/family pension and grant of dearness relief in respect of pre-2016 Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2016; and
(ii) Grant of pension allowance on existing basic pension/basic family pension (pre-revised) on the revision of pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016.*

This is to state that the Government of Himachal Pradesh in their Memo No. Fin.(Pen)A(3)-1/2021-Part-II dated 25-02-2022 has revised pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016 of their pensioners/family pensioners retired/expired prior to 01-01-2016.

These orders will apply to all Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners who were drawing pension/family pension on 01-01-2016 under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.

2. As per the said orders the pension/family pension of existing pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners will be consolidated with effect from 01-01-2016 by multiplying the existing basic pension/basic family pension due on 31-12-2015 by a factor 2.57. The amount of revised pension/family pension so arrived at shall be rounded off to next higher rupee.

3. For this purpose, the existing pension/family pension will be the basic pension/family pension without the element of additional pension/family pension available to the old pensioners/family pensioners of the age of 80 years and above (para 11 below).

4. Since the consolidated pension will be inclusive of commuted portion of pension, if any, the commuted portion will be deducted from the said amount while making monthly disbursement of pension.

5. The minimum pension with effect from 01-01-2016 will be Rs.9000/- per month (excluding the element of additional pension to old pensioners). The upper ceiling on pension/family pension will be 50% and 30% of highest pay Rs.2,24,100/- with effect from 01-01-2016.

6. Where the revised pension/family pension in terms of para 2 above works out to an amount less than Rs.9000/-, the same shall be stepped up to Rs.9000/-. This will be regarded as basic pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016.

7. Where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, consolidation may be done separately in terms of para 2 and as indicated in para 6 above, floor ceiling of Rs.9000/- may be applied to total pension from all sources taken together.

8. The dearness relief sanctioned with effect from 01-01-2016 and thereafter, at revised rates, shall be payable with effect from 01-01-2016 on the revised basic pension/family pension as arrived at as per para 2.

9. The Interim Relief @ 21% already granted on basic pension/basic family pension from time to time (this office circular Nos. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VI/IR/144 dated 10-11-2016, Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VI/IR/132 dated 23-10-2017, Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VI/IR/14 dated 18-04-2018 and Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VI/IR/145 dated 30-10-2018) shall be adjusted against the revised pension/family pension consolidated in terms of para 2 and extra payments, if any, shall be adjusted against arrears of the pension/family pension and future increases in dearness relief of the concerned pensioners/family pensioners to be released in due course of time.

10. The existing instructions regarding regulation of dearness relief to employed/re-employed pensioners/family pensioners, as amended from time to time, shall continue to apply.

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11. The quantum of additional pension/family pension available to the old pensioners/family pensioners, attaining the age of 80 years and above shall continue to be as follows :

<i>Age of pensioner/family pensioner</i>	<i>Additional quantum of pension/family pension</i>
From 80 years to less than 85 years	20% of basic pension/family pension
From 85 years to less than 90 years	30% of basic pension/family pension
From 90 years to less than 95 years	40% of basic pension/family pension
From 95 years to less than 100 years	50% of basic pension/family pension
100 years and above	100% of basic pension/family pension

The amount of additional pension/family pension will be shown distinctly in the pension payment order (PPO).

The additional quantum of pension/family pension on attaining the age of 80 years and above would be admissible from the first day of the month in which his date of birth falls. Dearness relief shall also be admissible on the additional quantum of pension available to the old pensioners and family pensioners in accordance with the orders issued from time to time.

Where the age of pensioner/family pensioner is available on the pension payment order, the additional pension/family pension in terms of para 11 above may also be paid by the pension disbursing authorities immediately without any further authorization from the concerned Accounts Officer/Head of Office etc. A suitable entry regarding the revised consolidated pension shall be recorded by the pension disbursing authorities in both halves of the pension payment order (PPO). An intimation regarding disbursement of revised pension may be sent by the pension disbursing authorities to the o/o the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 171 003 which had issued the PPO, so that the latter can update the pension payment order register maintained by him. In case any information regarding date of birth is not available, the pension disbursing authority may obtain the same from the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh/Head of Office routed through this office.

12. a) Where the Government employees on permanent absorption in public sector undertakings/autonomous bodies continue to draw pension separately from the Government, the pension of such absorbees will be up dated in terms of these orders.

(b) In cases where, on permanent absorption in public sector undertakings/autonomous bodies in terms of absorption permit grant of family pension under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the family pension being drawn by family pensioners will be updated in accordance with these orders.

13. In addition, consequent upon revision of pension/family pension as above, the Government of Himachal Pradesh in their OM No. Fin.(Pen)B(10)-6/98-IV dated 25-02-2022 has sanctioned dearness relief to their pensioners/family pensioners at the rate and from the date mentioned below :

<i>Date of effect</i>	<i>Rate of dearness relief per month</i>
From 01-01-2016	N I L
From 01-07-2016	2% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2017	4% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-07-2017	5% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2018	7% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-07-2018	9% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2019	12% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-07-2019	17% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2020	21% of revised basic pension/family pension (Notional)
From 01-07-2020	24% of revised basic pension/family pension (Notional)
From 01-01-2021	28% of revised basic pension/family pension (Notional)
From 01-07-2021	31% of revised basic pension/family pension

Dearness relief at revised rates indicated above will also be admissible on the additional basic pension/additional family pension available to old pensioners/family pensioners on the basis of age factor.

14. Payment of dearness relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

15. Other provisions governing grant of dearness relief to pensioners such as regulation of dearness relief during employment/re-employment and regulation of dearness relief where more than one pension is drawn etc. will remain unchanged.

16. As regards payment of arrears of revised pension/family pension from 01-01-2016 to 31-01-2022 it has been decided by the Government of Himachal Pradesh that the decision in the matter shall be taken in due course of time. The revised pension payable with effect from 01-02-2022 in terms of this circular shall, however, be paid to the pensioners/family pensioners immediately.

17. Besides, the Government of Himachal Pradesh in their OM No. Fin. (Pen) A (3)-1/2021 dated 25-02-2022 has decided that the pension allowance @ 5%, 10% and 15% payable to the Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners on attaining the age of 65 years, 70 years and 75 years as admissible under the OM No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2009 dated 23-04-2014 (this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./II P/Vol.- VI/DR&PA/95 dated 25-07-2014) shall be paid on the pre-revised basic pension/basic family pension, till further orders.

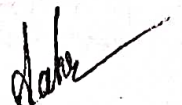
18. Having been authorized by the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh in their authority No. Pension-1/Pension Special Seal/Himachal Pradesh Shimla/2021-22/1691 - 1719 dated 25-03-2022, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of revised rate of pension/family pension as well as dearness relief to all eligible pre-01-01-2016 Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-02-2022 keeping in view the instructions laid down above and after proper adjustment. The arrears for the period from 01-01-2016 to 31-01-2022 may be paid on receipt of authorization for such payment to be issued separately from this office.

19. Copies of the Order dated 25-02-2022 referred herein may be obtained from the website www.himachal.gov.in/finance/.

20. This order shall not be applicable to post-01-01-2016 pensioners/family pensioners of the Government of Himachal Pradesh. In their cases separate individual authorities will be issued from this office on receipt of necessary authorization from the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh.

21. The charges on this account are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S.A/cs.; Govt. of Himachal Pradesh etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.


Sr. Accounts Officer

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