

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), WEST BENGAL
TREASURY BUILDINGS, KOLKATA - 700 001.

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Punjab/Vol.-VII/Revision/35

Date : 25-05-2022

*Subject: (i) Revision of pension/family pension and grant of dearness relief in respect of pre-2016 Punjab Government pensioners/family pensioner with effect from 01-01-2016; and
(ii) Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance to the Punjab Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-07-2021.*

This is to state that the Government of Punjab in their circular letter No. 3/1/2021-3FPPC/276 dated 29-10-2021 have 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 pensioners/family pensioners/recipients of extra ordinary pension who were drawing pension/family pension on 01-01-2016, including those who became entitled to pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016 under the Punjab Civil Services Rules Vol-II as amended from time to time.

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 adding together:

- a) Existing pension/family pension as on 31-12-2015;
- b) Dearness relief @ 113% of Basic pension/family pension; and
- c) 15% (of existing basic pension/family pension + Dearness relief @ 113% of basic pension/family pension);

3. The amount of revised pension/family pension so arrived at shall be rounded off to next higher rupee and will be regarded as consolidated pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016 and will be regarded as basic pension for the purpose of grant of dearness from 01-01-2016.

4. a) The pension/family pension as consolidated shall be subject to minimum of Rs.9000/- per month with effect from 01-01-2016 (excluding the element of additional pension/family pension to old pensioners/family pensioners) for the employees recruited before 01-01-2004 and covered under the old pension scheme. Where the consolidated pension/family pension in terms of para 2 above works out to be an amount less than Rs.9000/- the same shall be brought to Rs.9000/-. This will be regarded as pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016.

b) In case a person is in receipt of pension as well as family pension, the floor ceiling of Rs.9000/- shall apply individually to such pension and family pension separately.

c) Where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, consolidation may be done separately in terms of para 2 and floor ceiling of Rs.9000/- may be applied to total pension from all sources taken together except the cases falling in para 4 (b) above. A suitable entry regarding the revised consolidated pension shall be recorded by the Pension Disbursing Authorities in both halves of pension payment order. An intimation regarding disbursement of revised pension may be sent by the Pension Disbursing Authority to this office as well as to the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Punjab, Sector - 17E, Chandigarh - 160 017 in the enclosed proforma (Annexure-I).

5. 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.

6. In addition to above, the quantum of additional pension/family pension available to the old pensioners/family pensioners shall be admissible as follows :

<i>Age of pensioner/family pensioner</i>	<i>Additional quantum of pension/family pension</i>
From 65 years to less than 70 years	5% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 70 years to less than 75 years	10% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 75 years to less than 80 years	15% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 80 years to less than 85 years	25% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 85 years to less than 90 years	35% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 90 years to less than 95 years	45% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 95 years to less than 100 years	55% of revised basic pension/family pension
100 years or more	100% of revised basic pension/family pension

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

The additional quantum of pension/family pension on attaining the age of 65 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.

7. Besides, consequent upon revision of pension/family pension as above, the Government of Punjab in their circular letter Nos. 03/01/2021-3FPPC/294 dated 09-11-2021 and 03/01/2021-3FPPC/301 dated 09-11-2021 have 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 basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2017	4% of basic pension/family pension
From 01-07-2017	5% of basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2018	7% of basic pension/family pension
From 01-07-2018	9% of basic pension/family pension
From 01-01-2019	12% of basic pension/family pension
From 01-07-2019	17% of basic pension/family pension
From 01-11-2021	28% of basic pension/family pension

Dearness relief at the 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.

However, payment of dearness relief will commence @ 17% on revised pension/family pension with effect from 01-07-2021. Circular for payment of arrears on dearness relief will be issued on receipt of authority from the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Punjab.

8. 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 absorbers will be updated in terms of these orders. In cases where the Government employees have drawn lump-sum terminal benefits equal to 100% of their pension and have become entitled to the restoration of one third commuted portion of pension, their cases will not be covered by these orders.

(b) In cases where, on permanent absorption in public sector undertaking, autonomous bodies, the terms of absorption permit grant of family pension under the Punjab Civil Services Rules Vol.II, the family pension being drawn by family pensioners will be updated in accordance with these orders.

9. Circular for payment of arrears of revised pension/family pension from 01-01-2016 to 30-06-2021 shall be issued separately on receipt of necessary authorization in this regard from the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Punjab. Enhanced pension with effect from 01-07-2021 shall, however, be paid to the pensioners/family pensioners immediately.

10. The existing provisions relating to Travel Concession shall continue to be in force. However, no arrears on this account shall be admissible up to the month during which these instructions are issued.

11. Moreover, the Government of Punjab in their circular letter No. 3/01/2021-3FPC/287 dated 09-11-2021 has revised the rate of Fixed Medical Allowance for their pensioners/family pensioners to Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand) only per month with effect from 01-07-2021.

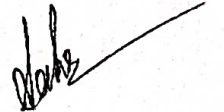
12. Having been authorized by the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Punjab in their letter Nos. PEN-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA NO.6/21-22/2696-30, PEN-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA NO.8/21-22/2731-765 and PEN-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA NO.7/21-22/2766-2800 all dated 01-03-2022 and PEN-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA.NO.15/22-23/141-176 dated 19-04-2022, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of revised rate of pension/family pension and dearness relief to all eligible pre-01-01-2016 Punjab Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-07-2021 keeping in view the instructions laid down above and after proper adjustment. Medical Allowance @ Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand) only per month may also be paid to such pensioners with effect from 01-07-2021 after adjusting the amount already paid.

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

14. The charges on this accounts are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S.A/cs.; Govt. of Punjab etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Encl : As stated.



Sr. Accounts Officer

Copy to :

1. Principal Accountant General (A&E), Punjab, Sector - 17E, Chandigarh-160 017.
2. All Treasury Officers in West Bengal.
3. Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Government of West Bengal, Mitra Building, 3rd floor, 8, Lyons Range, Kolkata-700 001.
4. OSD & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, Finance (e-governance group) Department, Government of West Bengal, Nabanna, 12th floor, Room No. 1205, 325 Sarat Chandra Chatterjee Road, PO-Shibpur, Howrah-711 102.
5. BO-in-charge : PPA PP Pen-VI Pen-IV PPParty & PFC of this office.
6. AAO-in-charge : PPA PP Pen-VI Pen-IV PPParty & PFC of this office.
7. BO & AAO-in-charge of PenEDP with the request to send a scanned copy of the circular to DTA, West Bengal at dtawestbengal@gmail.com and ifms-wb@gov.in. He is also requested to upload the circular in this office website in employees' login.
8. BO & AAO-in-charge of Admn. Hindi Cell with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.
9. BO & AAO-in-charge of AM, Legal Cell, ITSC & TIParty (uploaded in this office website in employees' login).

Annexure-I

FORM OF INTIMATION BY THE PENSION DISBURSING AUTHORITY TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
PUNJAB AND HEAD OF OFFICE REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF PENSION IN TERM OF
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB FINANCE DEPARTMENT LETTER NO..... DATED

1. Name of the pensioners/family pensioners
2. FPO No.
3. Date of retirement/Death
(in case of family pension)
4. Savings Bank A/c No.
5. Name of Bank/Paying Branch.
6. Bank Code No.
7. Computation of consolidated pension/
Family Pension
 - a. Existing basic pension/family pension
as on 31.12.2015.
 - b. Dearness relief @ 113% of Basic Pension/
Family Pension.
 - c. 15% (of existing Basic Pension/
Family Pension + Dearness relief
@ 113% of Basic Pension/Family Pension)
 - d. This amount so arrived at will be
regarded as consolidated pension/
family pension with effect from 01.01.2015.
 - e. Remarks, if any.

SIGNATURE OF PENSION
DISBURSING AUTHORITY

The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab, Chandigarh,
Concerned District Treasury Officer/Treasury Officer