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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.VIII/Rev-Judi/ 150

Date :20-12-2023

Subject : Revision of pension/family pension and other pensionary benefits with effect from 01-01-2016 in respect of pre-01-01-2016 Judicial Officers of Subordinate Judiciary of Government of Kerala, as per Second National Judicial Pay Commission (NJPC) recommendations.

This is to state that the Government of Kerala in their GO (P) Nos. 109/2023/FIN dated 16-07-2023 and 137/2023/FIN dated 18-09-2023 has revised pension/family pension in respect of the Judicial Officers who have retired or died while in service prior to 01-01-2016, including those retired prior to 01-01-1996, in accordance with the principles laid down herein :

i) Consolidated Pension/Family Pension = Existing Basic Pension/Basic Family Pension as on 31-12-2015 X 2.81

ii) Minimum Assured Pension/Family Pension = 50%/30% of revised pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay at the time of retirement (as per Annexure)

iii) Revised Pension/Family Pension = (i) or (ii) whichever is higher.

2. The aforesaid provisions will come into force with effect from 01-01-2016 and will be applicable to Judicial Officers who have retired or ceased to be in service due to death or retirement prior to 01-01-2016.

3. The additional quantum of pension/family pension shall be admissible to such pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2016 on completion of age of and at the revised rates specified as under :

Age of pensioner/family pensioner	Additional quantum of pension/family pension
From 75 years to less than 80 years	20% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 80 years to less than 85 years	30% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 85 years to less than 90 years	40% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 90 years to less than 95 years	60% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 95 years to less than 100 years	80% of revised basic pension/family pension
100 years and above	100% of revised basic pension/family pension

The above percentages are in relation to the basic pension or family pension, as the case may be, as revised. Further to obviate any doubt, the expression 'years' shall mean completed years.

4. Dearness relief at central rates sanctioned by the Government of Kerala from time to time and circular issued by this office accordingly, will be applicable to such pensioners/family pensioners. As per the GO dated 16-07-2023 ibid dearness relief will be admissible to such pensioners/family pensioners at the rate mentioned below :

Date of Effect	Rate of Dearness Relief
01-01-2016	Nil
01-07-2016	2% of basic pension/family pension
01-01-2017	4% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2017	5% of basic pension/family pension
01-01-2018	7% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2018	9% of basic pension/family pension
01-01-2019	12% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2019	17% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2021	31% of basic pension/family pension
01-01-2022	34% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2022	38% of basic pension/family pension

5. In cases, where the pension disbursing authority, disbursing pension to the Judicial Officers who retired prior to 01-01-2016 and family pension to the family pensioners in respect of Judicial Officers who retired (and subsequently expired) or died in harness prior to 01-01-2016, on the basis of PPO/FPPO issued by this office and who have become entitled to the benefit of additional pension by virtue of this circular, on attaining the age of 75 years or more, as the case may be, the pension disbursing authority shall allow the said benefit of additional pension, *suo moto*, and record such benefit in red ink in disbursers' as well as in pensioners'/family pensioners' portion of the PPO for which pensioner/family pensioner shall produce pensioners' copy as and when called for by the pension disbursing authority.

7. Arrears of pension/family pension to be paid after adjusting payment of Interim Relief already paid @ 30% of basic pension/family pension under Finance Deptt., Govt. of Kerala GO Ms. No. 118/2018/Home dated 18-07-2018, circulated under this office No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/IR-Judi/144 dated 30-10-2018.

8. Domestic Help Allowance/Medical Allowance to be continued as per existing rate till communication of any decision of the Government of Kerala in this regard.

9. On death of pensioner/family pensioner, arrear of revised pension/family pension to be paid to nominee(s) of lifetime arrear of pension and in absence of any valid nomination to his/her legal heir(s).

10. Having been authorised by the Accountant General (A&E), Kerala in their letter Nos. PM/2/6-17(a)/23-24/606 dated 18-08-2023, PM/2/6-17(a)/23-24/793 dated 25-09-2023 and TM IV/15-2/2023-24/776 dated 26-10-2023, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of revised pension/family pension to all eligible pre-01-01-2016 and pre-01-01-96 pensioners/family pensioners of Kerala Government Judicial Service with effect from 01-01-2016 keeping in view the instructions laid down above, after proper adjustment.

11. This order shall not be applicable for post-01-01-2016 pensioners/family pensioners of Tripura Judicial Service. In their cases, individual authorities will be issued on receipt of the same from the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala.

12. The charges on this account should be debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Kerala etc."

13. The relevant GOs are available in Government of Kerala website www.finance.kerala.gov.in.

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Encl : As stated.


Sr. Accounts Officer

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12. BO & AAO-in-charge of AM, Legal Cell, ITSC & TIParty (uploaded in this office website in employees' login).

Annexure
Fitment Table

Sl. No.	Pay as per FNJPC	Existing Pay	Revised Pay
1	9000	27700	77840
2	9250	28470	80180
3	9500	29240	82590
4	9750	30010	85070
5	10000	30780	87620
6	10250	31550	90250
7	10500	32320	92960
8	10750	33090	95750
9	11050	34010	95750
10	11350	34930	98620
11	11650	35850	101580
12	11950	36770	104630
13	12250	37690	107770
14	12500	38610	111000
15	12800	39530	114330
16	13150	40450	114330
17	13500	41530	117760
18	13850	42610	121290
19	14200	43690	124930
20	14550	44770	128680
21	14900	45850	132540
22	15250	46930	132540
23	15600	48010	136520

24	15950	49090	140620
25	16350	50320	144840
26	16750	51550	149190
27	17150	52780	149190
28	17550	54010	153670
29	17950	55240	158280
30	18350	56470	163030
31	18750	57700	163030
32	19150	58930	167920
33	19600	60310	172960
34	20050	61690	178150
35	50500	63070	178150
36	20950	64450	183490
37	21400	65830	188990
38	21850	67210	188990
39	22350	68750	194660
40	22850	70290	199100
41	23350	71830	205070
42	23850	73370	211220
43	24350	74910	217560
44	24850	76450	224100

2) The Government Order read above will stand modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)
SANJAY M. KAUL
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT