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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/DR/178

Subject: (i) Grant of Dearness Relief with effect from 01-11-2024 to the Kerala Government service pensioners/family pensioners, Ex-gratia pensioners/Ex-gratia family pensioners and pensioners/family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Scheme; and (ii) Grant of Dearness Relief to the Kerala Government Judicial pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-07-2024.

Date: 24-02-2025

In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.VIII/DR/114 dated 12-11-2024, this is to state that the Government of Kerala in their GO (P) Nos. 91/2024/FIN dated 26-10-2024 and 92/2024/FIN dated 26-10-2024 has revised the rate of dearness relief payable to their different categories of pension/family pension as under:

- (i) In case of service pensioners/family pensioners, Ex-gratia pensioners/ Ex-gratia family pensioners whose pension/family pension has been revised as per GO (P) Nos. 30/2021/Fin. dated 12-02-2021 and 35/2021/Fin. dated 23-02-2021 (circulated vide No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/Revision/122 dated 10-12-2021) the dearness relief will be enhanced from the existing rate of 9% to 12% with effect from 01-11-2024.
- (ii) In case of pensioners/family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Schemes who have changed over to revised UGC/AICTE/ME scale from 01-01-2016 or thereafter the dearness relief will be enhanced to 34% with effect from 01-11-2024.
- (iii) In case of pensioners/family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Schemes who are continuing in the 6th UGC/AICTE/ME scale from 01-01-2006 or thereafter, the dearness relief will be enhanced to 203% with effect from 01-11-2024.
- (iv) In case of UGC pensioners/family pensioners whose pension/family pension had been revised as per GO (P) No. 151/2020/Fin. dated 05-11-2020 (this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/Revision-UGC/143 dated 03-03-2021), the dearness relief will be enhanced to 34% with effect from 01-11-2024.
- (v) In case of UGC pensioners/family pensioners who retired/expired while in service on or after 01-01-2016 and whose pension/family pension had not been revised as per GO (P) No. 151/2020/Fin. dated 05-11-2020, the dearness relief will be enhanced to 203% with effect from 01-11-2024.
- (vi) Besides, the Government of Kerala in their GO (P) No. 96/2024/FIN dated 11-11-2024 has enhanced the dearness relief @ 53% with effect from 01-07-2024 payable to their Judicial pensioners/family pensioners in continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.VIII/DR/75 dated 24-07-2024.
- 2. The re-employed pensioners are also eligible for this revised rate of dearness relief with effect from 01-11-2024.
- 3. Payment of dearness relief involving fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
- 4. Having been authorized by the office of the Accountant General (A&E), Kerala in their authority No. P19/IV/DRSSA/2024-25/Kerala/100/1272 dated 12-2024, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief to all eligible Kerala Government pensioners/family pensioners of aforesaid categories at the rate and from the date mentioned above after proper adjustment.

- 5. The charges on this account should be debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Kerala etc."
- 6.The relevant GOs are available in Government of Kerala website www.finance.kerala.gov.in.

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

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