

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

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Date : 15-07-2026

Subject : Grant of Pongal Prize to the Tamil Nadu Government pensioners/family pensioners for the Pongal Festival 2026.

This is to state that the Government of Tamil Nadu in their G.O. No. 2 dated 01-01-2026 has sanctioned a lump sum Pongal Prize amount enhancing from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand) only to all their pensioners who retired from the categories of 'C' and 'D' Group including all 'C' and 'D' Group of pensioners of Aided Educational Institutions, Local Bodies, Ex-Village Establishment, Ad-hoc Pensioners of all categories (those who are drawing Special Pension of Rs.2,000/- with effect from 01-10-2017 i.e., Noon Meal Organisers, Anganwadi Workers, Mini Anganwadi Workders, Cooks, Cook Assistants, Anganwadi Helpers, Panchayat Secretaries, Village Librarian, Sweepers/Sanitary Workers/Scavengers, Plot Watchers, Anti-poching Watchers, Police Station Cleaners, Ayah and to all family pensioners irrespective of th Groups from which the pensioners/Government employee had retired/died while in service, for the Pongal Festival 2026.

2. This order shall also be applicable to all 'C' and 'D' Group provisional pensioners.

3. The Pongal Prize amount shall not be admissible to the following categories of pensioners/family pensioners :

i) those employees who retired on or after 01-01-2026.

ii) those who have retired/died in harness on or after 01-10-2024 if they are paid adhoc bonus. For this purpose, the pension disbursing officers shall obtain non-drawal certificates from the departments concerned before making payment to these pensioners.

iii) special pensioners such as Ulema pensioners, Tamil Nadu State Freedom Fighters pensioners and Social Pension for Scholars and Eminent persons etc.

iv) family pensioners who are appointed on compassionate grounds if adhoc bonus/special adhoc bonus is paid to them as applicable to the employees in service.

v) all pensioners who retired from Group 'A' and 'B' posts including All India Service Officers and Officers governed by University Grants Commission (UGC)/All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)/Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Regulations.

4. Having been authorized by the Accountant General (A&E), Tamil Nadu in their authority Nos. AG(A&E)Tamil Nadu/Pen-29/U-I/12678/2026-27/42-6726 dated 08-06-2026 as well as AG(A&E)Tamil Nadu/Pen-29/U-I/12678/2026-27/94-6699 dated 08-06-2026, received through E-Mail dated 17-06-2026, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of Pongal Prize of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand) only for the Pongal Festival 2026 to all eligible Tamil Nadu Government pensioners/family pensioners keeping in view the instructions laid down above.

5. The charges on this accounts are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Tamil Nadu etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.


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