

L-19016/01/2018-Jus. Government of India Ministry of Law and Justice Department of Justice

Jaisalmer House, Man Singh Road, New Delhi Dated: 21st April, 2023

To,

 Accountants General, All States and U.T. of Chandigarh.

2. Pay and Accounts Officer, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

3. Pay and Account Officer, No. XIV, Government of NCT of Delhi, Fire Station Building, Shankar Road, New Delhi.

 Directorate of Pension & Provident Fund, Gujarat State, Block No. 17, Dr. Jivaraj Mehta Complex, Old Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

Subject:- Grant of Dearness Relief to the retired Judges of Supreme Court/High Courts and family pensioners of such Judges- revised rates effective from 01.01.2023.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this department's letter of even number dated 20th October, 2023 on the above subject and to say that consequent upon grant of further Dearness Relief (DR) on pension/family pension to the employees of Central Government and Central Autonomous Bodies vide Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare's O.M. No. 42/04/2023- P&PW(D) dated 06.04.2023 (Copy enclosed), it has been decided that retired Judges of Supreme Court/High Courts and family pensioners of such Judges would be entitled to Dearness Relief on pension/family pension at the rate of 42% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/ family pension) with effect from 1st January, 2023.

- 2. The payment on account of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded to the next higher rupee.
- 3. The provision governing grant of Dearness Relief to pensioners such as regulation of dearness relief during employment/re-employment, regulation of dearness relief where more than one pension is drawn etc., will remain unchanged.
- 4. Other provisions contained in this Department's letter No. L-19016/3/97-Jus. dated 13th January, 1999 will remain unchanged.
- 5. Accountant Generals/Pay and Accounts Officers are requested to arrange payment of dearness relief to the pensioners on the basis of the aforesaid instructions as per the procedure adopted by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare without any further delay.

6. This issues with the concurrence of Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor (Law) vide Note No. 107 dated 17.04.2023 (e-file no. 3834) and approval of Secretary (Justice) vide Note No. 111 dated 19.04.2023.

Yours faithfully,

(Manish Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy to:-

- 1. Chief Secretary, All States/Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Chandigarh Administration.
- 2. Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
- 3. Registrar Generals, All High Courts.
- 4. O/o Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
- 5. Joint Secretary (Pers.), Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
- 6. Joint Secretary, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-3.
- 7. Reserve Bank of India Department of Government & Bank Accounts Central Office, 4th Floor, Byculla Office Building, Opp. Mumbai Central Station, Byculla, Mumbai- 400008.
- 8. Chairman to all authorized Bank's Head Offices/Regional office of the State Government.
- 9. Budget and Accounts Section, M/o Law and Justice, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 10. Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 11. Pay and Accounts Officer, Central Pension Accounting Office, Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
- 12. Director, NIC- with the request to get the circular uploaded in the website of this Department.

13. Guard File.

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