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Dated: 24/11/2016

To

All District/Sub Treasury Officers

Sir,

Sub: Grant of Ex-Gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt. Pensioners for the year 2015 reg.

Ref: 1.SSA Circular No.Pen.Co-ordn/7-Vol.III(B)/63 dated:15/07/2015 of The Accountant General(A&E), West Bengal.

2.Memo No.404-F(Pen), dated: 09/07/2015 Of Govt. of West Bengal.

I am to enclose herewith copies of orders issued by Govt. of West Bengal regarding Grant of Ex-Gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt. Pensioners for the year 2015 and SSA regarding the same issued by the Accountant General(A&E), West Bengal in the reference cited. The same is being placed in the official website of this office (www.agker.cag.gov.in). under the link:-"Treasury endorsement of orders for other states". A copy of this letter may be exhibited on the notice board of the treasury.

Yours faithfully

Accounts Officer

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

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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/7-Vol. III (B)/63

Date :- 15-7-2015

Subject: Grant of Ex-gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt. Pensioners for the year 2015.

Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department, Pension Branch in their Memo no. 404-F(Pen) dated 9-7-2015 (Copy enclosed) have sanctioned payment of Ex-gratia grant of ₹ 1700/- (Rupees One thousand Seven hundred only) in lump per head to all State Government pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who retired/died prior to 30-09-2014 and also the pensioners/family pensioners who retired or died after 30-09-2014 but prior to 01-09-2015 and are not eligible to receive ad-hoc bonus.

- This benefit will be admissible to pensioners/family pensioners whose basic pension/family pension along with relief does not exceed ₹ 24,000/- as on 31-03-2015 during the ensuing festivals.
- 3. The Ex-gratia grant sanctioned in the aforesaid Memo will also be admissible to the categories of pensioners mentioned in Para 3 of the enclosed Memo.
- 4. The classes of pensioner who will not come within the purview of the Memo have also been clearly indicated in Para 4 & 5 of the Memo dated 9-7-2015.
- 5. In this connection, it is informed that the pro-rata pension holders are also entitled to get the benefit of full amount of ex-gratia grant, sanctioned in the above Memo. in terms of Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department, Pension Branch's clarificatory letter No. 805-F(Pen), dated 10-2008 (circulated by this Office circular No Pen. Co-ordn/7 Vol. III/64 Vol. II/191 dated 07-01-2009), subject to fulfillment of the conditions as laid down in the Memo. *ibid*.

6. Necessary arrangements for payment of Ex-gratia @ ₹ 1700/- (Rupees One thousand and Seven Hundred only) to the eligible West Bengal Govt. pensioners/family pensioners may please be made, keeping in view the instructions contained in the enclosed Memo.

7. The charges on this account is debitable to the Head "2071-Pension and other retirement benefits 01-Civil-800-Other Expenditure-NP-001-fund" required for meeting other expenditure-V-04-Pension/Gratuities" during the current financial year.

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- 8. Separate circulars in connection with Ex-gratia grant for the year 2015 in respect of teaching and non-teaching pensioners of State aided Non-Govt. Educational Institutions etc. will be issued from this end on receipt of the order from the respective Administrative Department as mentioned in sub para 7 of the Memo ibid.
- 9. The payment of ex-gratia as sanctioned herein above should be made to the <u>Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners immediately after receipt of this circular and for other than Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners</u>, the benefit should be disbursed in between 5-10-2015 and 9-10-2015.

10. In case of any doubt/difficulty, the matter may be referred to this office for clarification.

Sr. Accounts Officer Pension Co-ordination Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Pension Branch
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Kolkata-700 001.

Memo. No. 404 - F (Pen)

Dated. Kolkata, the 9th, July, 2015.

MEMORANDUM

Subject : Grant of ex-gratia payment to the State Government Pensioners.

The undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that in order to provide some relief to the State Government Pensioners during the ensuing festivals, the Governor has been pleased to decide that all State Government Pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who retired prior to 30.9.2014 and also the pensioners who retired or died after 30.9.2014 but prior to 01.09.2015 and whose basic pension plus relief on pension as on March 31, 2015 did not exceed Rs. 24000/-(Rupees twenty four thousand) only and are not eligible for ad-hoc ponus shall be paid an exgratia grant of Rs. 1700/- (Rupees One thousand and seven hundred) only in lump per head.

- The charge is debitable to the head "2071-Pensions and other retirement, Benefits-01Civil-800-other Expenditure-NP-001-fund required for meeting other expenditure-V-04-Pension / Gratuities" during the current financial year.
 - The ex-gratia grant sanctioned herein will also be admissible to
 - i). The holders of family pension, ex-gratia family pension and adhoc family pension;
 - ii) Pensioners (including widow pension holders) who draw their pension sanctioned under French Pension Rules;
 - iii) Holders of extra-ordinary pension; and
 - iv) Holders of ex-gratia pension.

The benefit will also be admissible to the pensioners of the undivided Government of Bengal and the pensioners of the erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) Government who migrated to West Bengal and are receiving pension under "Provisional Payment of Pension Scheme".

- 4. The ex-gratia grant sanctioned herein will not be admissible to the special categories of pensioners, such as:
 - i) Pensioners who have migrated from Pakistan;
 - ii) Political Pensioners:
 - iii) Special Pensioners;
 - iv) War Risk Pensioners;
 - v) Pensioners governed by the All India Services Rules.



- 5. The benefit will also not be admissible to those who are entitled to ad-hoc bonus sanctioned by the State Government and those who are employed/re-employed under any Public Undertakings/Statutory Bodies under the Government and are in receipt of bonus or ex-gratia payment in lieu there of during the current financial year.
- 6. State Government pensioners who draw their pension through Public Sector Banks will get this ex-gratia grant through their respective Bank Accounts. The Principal accountant General (A&E), West Bengal will issue an authority for this purpose to all such Banks under the Kolkata Payment Scheme immediately on receipt of this order so that the pensioners may draw the exgratia grant immediately to make their commitments for their festival. The Treasury/Sub-Treasury Office will take appropriate steps for issue of cheque to the respective paying branches of the Banks and Post Offices, so that the pensioners receiving pension through Banks and Money Order get the payment of ex-gratia immediately to meet their commitments for their festival. No authority of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal will be required for this purpose.
- Subject to para 6 above, this order will also be applicable to those who are eligible for this ex-gratia grant but whose pension/family pension has not yet been sanctioned. In their cases and in the case of persons who are drawing provisional pension, this amount of ex-gratia will be drawn by the authority competent to draw provisional pension in the same manner as the amount of provisional pension is drawn by him. In their cases, the facts of payment of ex-gratia grant should be intimated to the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal at the time of forwarding their pension papers for final sanction of pension.

This benefit of ex-gratia grant of Rs. 1700/- per head as has been sanctioned in this memorandum for the State Government Pensioners will also be allowed to the teaching and non-teaching Pensioners of State aided Non-Government Educational Institutions and Pensioners of Panchayats, the Pensioners of Municipal Corporations/Municipalities/Local Bodies and other Organisations for whom pension is authorised either by the Accountant General, West Bengal or the DPPG. West Bengal. In such cases the respective Administrative Department may sanction the benefit of ex-gratia payment @ Rs. 1700/- per head this year to the pensioners concerned under their control without making any further reference to Pension Branch of this Department.

The payment of ex-gratia as sanctioned herein above should be made by 15th July, 2015 for the Muslim Pensioners / Family Pensioners and other than Muslim Pensioners / Family Pensioners the benefits should be disbursed in between 5th October,2015 to 9th October,2015.

Sd/- S. K. Das Commissioner, Finance Department Government of West Bengal.