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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/7-Vol. III (C)/150

Date : 13/3/2026

Subject : Grant of Ex-gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt.  
Pensioners/Family Pensioners for the year 2026.

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It is informed that the Government of West Bengal, Finance Department, in their Audit Branch Memo No. 812-F(P<sub>2</sub>) dated 27/2/2026 (copy enclosed) have sanctioned Ex-gratia Grant of ₹ 3,800/- (Rupees Three thousand and Eight hundred only) in lump per head to all their pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who retired up to 30-09-2025 and also the pensioners who retired/died or will retire/die after 30-09-2025 but prior to 01-09-2026 and are not eligible to receive ad-hoc bonus and simultaneously whose basic pension/family pension along with dearness relief (payable both on Basic pension and Additional quantum of pension) does not exceed ₹ 40,000/- as on 31-03-2026.

2. The Ex-gratia grant sanctioned in the aforesaid Memo will also be admissible to the following categories of pensioners/family pensioners, as mentioned in Para 3 of the enclosed Memo.

- (i) The holders of family pension, ex-gratia family pension and ad-hoc 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.

3. 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 *ibid*.

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 10-12-2008 (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*.

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4. The payment of ex-gratia as sanctioned in the Memo. should be made to the Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners before the festival of Id-UI-Fitre and to other than Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners, the payment in this regard may be disbursed in between 28-09-2026 and 01-10-2026.


5. The charges on this account is debitable to the Govt. of West Bengal under 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.

6. Necessary arrangements for payment of Ex-gratia @ ₹ 3,800/- (Rupees Three thousand and Eight 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. as well as in this circular.

7. In this connection, it is also informed that for the teaching and non-teaching pensioners of the State aided Non-Govt. Educational Institution, non-Govt. colleges, separate circulars will be issued on receipt of the order from the respective Administrative Department as mentioned in last but one paragraph of the Memo *ibid*.

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

Encl : As stated.

  
Sr. Accounts Officer  
Pension Co-ordination

No.812-F(P2)

Dated : 27/02/2026

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Grant of ex-gratia payment to the State Government Pensioners for the year 2025-2026.

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 30.09.2025 and also the pensioners who retired or died after 30.09.2025 but prior to 01.09.2026 and whose basic pension plus Dearness Relief on pension as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026 did not exceed Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty-thousand) only and are not eligible for ad-hoc bonus shall be paid an ex-gratia of Rs.3,800/- (Rupees Three thousand and eight hundred) only in lump per head.

2 The charge is debit 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 as well as 2026-27

3. The ex-gratia grant sanctioned herein will also be admissible to:-

- i) The holders of family pension, ex-gratia family pension and ad-hoc 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 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 thereof 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 Account. 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 ex-gratia grant immediately to make their commitments for their festival. The 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.

7. Subject to Para 6 above, this order will also be applicable to those who are eligible to 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.

The benefit of ex-gratia grant of Rs.3,800/- 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 authorized either by the Accountant General, West Bengal or the Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund & Group Insurance, West Bengal. In such cases the respective Administrative Department may sanction the benefit of ex-gratia payment @ Rs.3,800/- per head 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 hereinabove should be made before the festival of Eid-UI-Fitr of 2026 for the Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners and for other than Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners the benefits should be disbursed in between 28/09/2026 to 01/10/2026.

Sd/- P.K. Mishra

Additional Chief Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal

No.812/1(300)-F(P2)

Dated : 27/02/2026

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1) The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.
- 2) The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, Kolkata – 700 001.
- 3) The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I/II/III.
- 4) The Registrar & DDO, Finance Department, Accounts Branch, Nabanna, Howrah.
- 5) The District Magistrate/District Judge/Superintendent of Police.....(All)
- 6) The Sub-Divisional Officer.....(All)