

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

Jaisalmer House, Man Singh Road,
New Delhi Dated: 5th May, 2026

To,

1. 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.
4. Directorate of Pension & Provident Fund,
Gujarat State,
Block No. 17, Dr. Jivaraj Mehta Complex,
Old Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

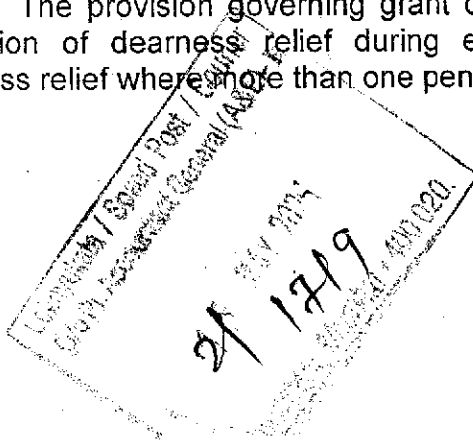
Subject:- Grant of additional instalment of Dearness Relief (DR) to the retired Judges of Supreme Court/High Courts and family pensioners of such Judges- revised rates effective from 01.01.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this department's letter of even number dated 17th October, 2025 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. 42/02/2024- P&PW(D)/E-9475 dated 24th April, 2026 (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 60% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/ family pension) with effect from 1st January, 2026.

2. The payment on account of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off 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 Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor (Law & Justice) vide Note No. 225 dated 29.04.2026 (e-file no. 3834) and approval of Secretary (Justice) vide Note No. 230 dated 04.05.2026.

Yours faithfully,



(Vikash 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.



(Vikash Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan,
Khan Market, New Delhi-110003
Date: 24th April, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: - Release of an additional installment of Dearness Relief (DR) to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners - Revised rate with effect from 01st January, 2026 - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 8th October, 2025 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 58% to 60% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/additional family pension) w.e.f. 01st January, 2026.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to all Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Armed Forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates; Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners; All India Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners; Pensioners who are in receipt of Provisional Pension and also to those Pensioners/Family Pensioners covered under this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D)Vol.II dated 23rd June, 2017 and para 6 of this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11th September, 2017.

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. The offices of Accountant General and authorized Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of Dearness Relief on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions in view of Comptroller and Auditor General of India's letter No. 528- TA, II/34-80-II dated 23rd April, 1981 and Reserve Bank of India's Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated 21st May, 1981.

5. In so far as the persons serving in Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

6. This issues in accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/1(i)/2026-E.II(B) dated 22nd April, 2026.

Hindi version will follow.



(Dr. Pramod Kumar)
Director

1. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.
2. Chief Secretaries and AGs of all States/UTs.
3. CMDs/CPPCs of all authorized Pension Disbursing Banks.
4. C&AG of India, UPSC, etc. as per standard endorsement list.
5. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for Information.