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Government of India
Ministry of Law and Justice
Department of Justice

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Jaisalmer House, Man Singh Road,
New Delhi Dated: 4th May, 2026

To,

The Chief Secretaries,
All State Govts./UT of Delhi and Chandigarh.

Subject:- Grant of Dearness Allowance (DA) to the Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts- Revised Rates effective from 1.1.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 9th October, 2025 on the above subject and to say that Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, vide O.M. No. 1/1(i)/2026-E.II (B) dated 22nd April, 2026 (copy enclosed) has revised the rates of Dearness Allowance (D.A.) payable to Central Government employees and to the members of All India Services. The Dearness Allowance has been revised from 58% to 60% of the basic pay w.e.f. 01.01.2026. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

2. By virtue of the provisions contained in Rule 2 of High Court Judges Rules, 1956 and Rule 6 of the Supreme Court Judges Rules, 1959, the Judges of the High Courts and Supreme Court are also entitled to the revised rates of Dearness Allowance w.e.f. 01.01.2026 at the same rates (60%) as are admissible to the members of All India Service. The admissibility of Dearness Allowance would be subject to other conditions as stipulated by Department of expenditure's above mentioned O.M.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser (Law & Justice) vide note No. 235 dated 29.04.2026 (e-file no. _____)

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Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (Law & Justice)
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3831) and approval of Secretary (Justice) vide note No. 240 dated 30.04.2026.

Yours faithfully,



(Vikash Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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1. Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
2. Registrars General, All High Courts.
3. Pay and Accounts Office, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
4. Reserve Bank of India Department of Government & Bank Accounts Central Office, 4th Floor, Byculla Office Building, Opp. Mumbai Central Station, Byculla, Mumbai- 400008.
5. Chairman to all authorized Bank's Head Offices/Regional office of the State Government.
6. Pay and Accounts Office, No. XIV, Fire Station Building, Shankar Road, New Delhi.
7. Accountants General of all States.
8. Office of C&AG, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
9. Central Administrative Tribunal, 61/35, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi.
10. Registrar, Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal, Trikoot-I, 3rd Floor, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi- 110066.
11. Budget & Accounts Section, Ministry of Law & Justice, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
12. Additional Secretary (Pers.), Department of Expenditure, Kartavya Bhawan, Room No. 16096, New Delhi.
13. NIC, D/o Justice- with the request to get the circular uploaded in the website of this Department.
14. Guard File.



(Vikash Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 1/1(i)/2026-E.II(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

Kartavya Bhavan-1, New Delhi.
Dated the 22nd April, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Revision of rates of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees-
effective from 01.01.2026.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandum No. 1/4(i)/2025-E.II(B) dated 6th October, 2025 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the President is pleased to decide that the rates of Dearness Allowance payable to Central Government employees, shall be enhanced from 58% to 60% of the Basic Pay with effect from 1st January, 2026.

2. The term 'Basic Pay' in the revised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed Level in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC recommendations accepted by the Government, but does not include any other type of pay like special pay etc.

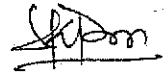
3. The Dearness Allowance will continue to be a distinct element of remuneration and will not be treated as pay within the ambit of FR 9(21).

4. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

5. These orders shall also apply to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates and the expenditure will be chargeable to the relevant head of the Defence Services Estimates. In respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways, respectively.

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

Hindi version is attached.



(Samir Kumar Das)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Tel: 011 2401 2048

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