



FINANCE (PENSION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.2, Dated 1st January, 2026

(Margazhi - 17, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2056)

ABSTRACT

Pongal Festival, 2026 - Grant of Pongal Prize to 'C' and 'D' Group Pensioners / All Family Pensioners - Sanctioned - Orders - Issued.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.120, Finance (Pension) Department, dated:22.05.2025.
2. G.O.Ms.No.1, Finance (Allowances) Department, dated: 01-01-2026.

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ORDER

In the Government Order first read above, based on the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister on 28.04.2025 under Rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, orders have been issued enhancing the lumpsum Pongal prize amount from Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/- granted to "C" and "D" category pensioners, all categories of Special Pensioners and All Family Pensioners.

2. The Government sanction a lumpsum Pongal Prize amount of Rs.1000/- (Rupees Thousand only) to Government Pensioners who retired from the categories of 'C' and 'D' Group including 'C' and 'D' Group of Pensioners of Aided Educational Institutions, Local Bodies, Ex-Village Establishment, Ad-hoc Pensioners of all categories those who are drawing Special Pension of Rs.2,000/- with effect from 01-10-2017 i.e. Noon Meal Organisers, Anganwadi Workers, Mini Anganwadi Workers, Cooks, Cook Assistants, Anganwadi Helpers, Panchayat Secretaries, Village Librarians, Sweepers / Sanitary Workers / Scavengers, Plot Watchers, Anti-poaching Watchers, Police Station Cleaners, Ayah and to all Family Pensioners irrespective of the Groups from which the Pensioners / Government employee had retired / died while in service.

3. This order shall also be applicable to all 'C' and 'D' Group provisional pensioners. The Pongal Prize amount shall not be admissible to those employees who retire on or after 01.01.2026.

4. Those who have retired / died in harness on or after 01.10.2024 are not eligible for the Pongal Prize amount if they are paid Adhoc Bonus as per the orders issued in the Government Order second read above. For this purpose, the Pension Disbursing Officers shall obtain non-drawal certificates from the Departments concerned before making payment to these Pensioners.

5. This order is not applicable to the following categories of pensioners:-

- (i) Special Pensioners such as Ulema Pensioners, State Freedom Fighters Pensioners and Social Pension for Scholars and Eminent persons, etc.

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(ii) Family Pensioners who are appointed on compassionate grounds if adhoc bonus / special adhoc bonus is paid to them as applicable to the employees in service.

(iii) All Pensioners who retired from Group 'A' and 'B' posts including All India Service Officers and Officers governed by University Grants Commission (UGC)/All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)/ Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Regulations.

6. In respect of Pensioners / Family Pensioners for whom expenditure is met from State Consolidated Fund, the expenditure shall be debited to the following Head of Account:-

"2071. Pensions and Other Retirement Benefits - 01. Civil -
200. Other Pensions - State's Expenditure - AE. Pongal Prize
to Pensioners and Family Pensioners - 327. Pensions -
09. Others.

IFHRMS: (D.P.C. 2071 01 200 AE 32709)".

In respect of payment of Pongal Prize to Ex-Village Officers, the expenditure shall be debited to the following Head of Account:-

"2071. Pensions and Other Retirement Benefits - 01. Civil -
200. Other Pensions - State's Expenditure - AG. Other
Expenditure - Pongal Prize to Ex-Village Officers -
327. Pensions - 09. Others.

IFHRMS: (D.P.C. 2071 01 200 AG 32709)".

7. In respect of 'C' and 'D' Group Pensioners / Family Pensioners of Local Bodies for whom expenditure is met from the fund maintained by the Directorate of Local Fund Audit or Municipal Funds, as the case may be, the expenditure shall be met from the respective funds. In respect of Special Pensioners of Noon Meal Organisers, Anganwadi Workers, Mini Anganwadi Workers, Cooks, Cook Assistants and Anganwadi Helpers, the Block Development Officers / Child Development Project Officer concerned shall debit the expenditure under the head of account mentioned in para-6 above.

8. The Pongal Prize amount sanctioned above shall be paid to the eligible Pensioners / Family Pensioners and Ex-Village Officers immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

T. UDHAYACHANDRAN,
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

All Departments Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/
Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary, Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Governor, Chennai-22.

The Comptroller, Governor's Household, Raj Bhavan,
Chennai-22.

The Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Guindy, Chennai-22.

The Director General of Audit (FAC), Perasiriyar K. Anbazhagan Maalgai, Chennai-35.

All Heads of Departments.

The Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai-18.

All Departments of Secretariat (OP/Bills).

All Collectors / All District Judges / All Chief Judicial Magistrates.
The Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlements),
Chennai-18.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit-I), Chennai-18.

The Accountant General (Audit-II), Chennai-18.

The Accountant General (CAB), Chennai-9 / Madurai.

The Director (FAC) of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-35.
All Pay and Accounts Officers.

All Treasury Officers / All Sub-Treasury Officers.

The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-3.

The Commissioner of Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Chennai-108.

The Registrar General, High Court, Chennai-104.

The Registrars of all Universities / Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
All State owned Corporations and Statutory Boards.

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3.

All Commissioners, Corporation of Madurai / Coimbatore / Tiruchirappalli / Salem /
Tirunelveli / Erode / Tiruppur / Theothukudi / Thanjavur / Kumbakonam / Vellore /
Dindigul / Nagarcoil / Hosur / Avadi / Kanchipuram / Karur / Cuddalore / Sivakasi /
Tambaram / Karaikudi / Namakkal / Pudukottai / Tiruvannamalai.

All Assistant Directors (Rural Development).

All Tahsildars.

All Block Development Officers.

All Municipal Commissioners.

All Revenue Divisional Officers.

All Chief Educational Officers.

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary-(I&II) to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Secretary - III to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Joint Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.

The Senior Principal Private Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Finance Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (BGM) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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SECTION OFFICER.

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