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

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Office of the Pr. Accountant General (A&E)

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No. 1725-F(P2)

आंध्र प्रदेश, हैदराबाद
Andhra Pradesh, HyderabadSubject: Grant of Ex-gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt. Pensioners/Family Pensioners
for the year 2020.

It is informed that the Government of West Bengal, Finance Department, in their Memo No. 1725-F(P2) dated 13-5-2020 (copy enclosed) have sanctioned Ex-gratia Grant of ₹ 2,200/- (Rupees Two thousand Two hundred only) in lump per head to all their pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who retired prior to 30-09-2019 and also the pensioners who retired/died or will retire/die after 30-09-2019 but prior to 01-09-2020 and are not eligible to receive ad-hoc bonus.

2. The Ex-gratia grant sanctioned in the aforesaid Memo will also be admissible to the categories of Family pensioners as well as to the Pensioners mentioned in Para 3 of the enclosed Memo.

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*.

3. The ex-gratia grant sanctioned in the Memo. will, however, be admissible only to pensioners/family pensioners whose basic pension/family pension along with dearness relief does not exceed ₹ 29,700/- as on 31-03-2020.

4. Necessary arrangements for payment of Ex-gratia @ ₹ 2200/- (Rupees Two thousand Two 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

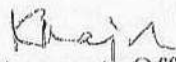
5. The payment of ex-gratia as sanctioned in the Memo. may be made to the Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners immediately on receipt of this circular and to other than Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners, the payment in this regard may be made in between 9-10-2020 and 16-10-2020.

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6. 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.

7. In this connection, it is also informed that the teaching and non-teaching pensioners of the State aided Non-Govt. Educational Institution, non-teaching staff of non-Govt. colleges etc. will not come under the purview of this Memorandum. Separate circulars in these cases 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.


Sr. Accounts Officer
Pension Co-ordination

To :-

1. The General Manager/Manager of all concerned Link Branches (Under Spl. Seal) of Public Sector Banks in Kolkata.
2. All Accountants General. -do-
3. Pay & Accounts Officer, No. V, Tis Hazari, New Delhi, PIN - 110 054. -do-
4. Director, Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Govt. of Pondicherry, Pondicherry - 605 001. -do-
5. Director, Directorate of Accounts, Pension Section, Panaji, Goa - 403 001. -do-
6. P. A. O., Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Port Blair-744 101. -do-
7. Asstt. Military Attache (P), Embassy of India, Military Pension Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal-1. -do-
8. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Pin- 737 101. -do-
9. Controller of Accounts, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi- 110 021. -do-
10. Dir. of Audit & Pension, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun- 791 110. -do-
11. Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Govt. of West Bengal, 'Mitra Building', 8, Lyons Range, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-1 for information.
12. Director General of Audit (Central), Kolkata, G.I. Press Building, 8, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata-700 001.
13. Pay & Accounts Office, A/2 State Emporia Buildings, Baba Kharag Sing Marg, New Delhi - 110 001.
14. Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Department of Govt. and Bank Accounts, New Central Office Building, Shaheed Bhagat Sing Road, Mumbai-400 023.
15. OSD & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, Finance (e-governance group) Department, Nabanna, 12th Floor, Room No. 1205, 325, Sarat Chandra Chatterjee Road, Howrah - 711 102.
16. Branch Officer/Pen. EDP is requested to upload the instant circular along with the enclosed memorandum both in P-SAI software and in office portal under employees' login and for general viewing.
17. All Branch Officers/ Asstt. Accounts officer in Pension Group (through P-SAI software).
18. Branch Officer/Asstt. Accounts Officer-in-charge of AM-I, ITSC, PAO (Fund), Legal Cell and O & M Section of this office. (through office portal)
19. Secretary to Pr. A.G. (through office portal)
20. I.A.O. (through office portal)
21. Branch Officer-in-charge of Admn. Hindi Cell with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Nabanna, Howrah

No. 1725-F(P2)

Dated, the 13th May, 2020

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Grant of ex-gratia payment to the State Government Pensioners for the year 2019 - 2020.

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 30.9.2019 and also the pensioners who retired or died after 30.9.2019 but prior to 01.09.2020 and whose basic pension plus Dearness Relief on pension as on 31st March, 2020 did not exceed Rs. 29,700/- (Rupees twenty nine thousand seven hundred) only and are not eligible for ad-hoc bonus shall be paid an ex-gratia grant of Rs. 2,200 (Rupees Two Thousand and Two Hundred) only in lump per head.

2. 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.

3. 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 thereof during the current financial year.

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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 ex-gratia 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.

7. 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. 2,200/- 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. 2,200/- 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 hereinabove should be made before the festival of Id-ul-Fitre of 2020 for the Muslim Pensioners / Family Pensioners and other than Muslim Pensioners / Family Pensioners the benefits should be disbursed in between 9th October, 2020 to 16th October, 2020.

Sd/-

Additional Chief Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

No. 1725/1(400)-F(P2).

Dated, 13th May, 2020.

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, New India Assurance Buildings,
4, Lyons Range, Kolkata - 700 001.
- 3) The Pay and Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay and Accounts Office-I,
81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata-700 012.
- 4) The Pay and Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay and Accounts Office-II,
P-1, Hyde Lane, Jawahar Buildings, Kolkata-700 073.
- 5) The Pay and Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay and Accounts Office-III, Subhanna, SGO Complex,
Sector -1, Bidhan Nagar, , Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064.
- 6) The Assistant Secretary & D.D.O., Finance Department, Accounts Branch, Nabanna, Howrah.
- 7) The District Magistrate / Judge,
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- 8) The Sub-Divisional Officer,,
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- 9) The Treasury Officer,
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- 10) TheDepartment/Directorate.
- 11) The Commissioner,,
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- 12) The Principal Industrial Training Institute,.....
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- 13) The Superintendent of police,
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- 14) The Superintending Engineer/Ex. Engineer,
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- 15) Shri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department.
— for uploading in the Finance Department's Website.

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Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal.