

Secretary to Government (IF).

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PENSIONS - Sanction of Consolidated Pension to Pensioners retired in the pre-revised scales of Pay, 1999 - Enhancement of Minimum Pension - Enhancement of Financial Assistance - Sanction of Dearness Allowance - Orders - Issued.

FINANCE & PLANNING (F.W.Pension-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P).No. 156

Dated : 16-09-1999

Read the following :

1. G.O.Ms No. 75, Finance & Planning (FW-Pension-1) Department, dated 07.03.1990.
2. G.O.(P).No. 239, Finance & Planning (FW-Pension-1) Department, dated 04.06.1993.
3. G.O.(P).No. 303, Finance & Planning (FW-Pension-1) Department, dated 02.09.1994.
4. G.O.Ms.No. 565, General Administration (Special-A) Department, dated 25-12-1997.
5. G.O.Ms.No. 39, General Administration (Special-A) Department, dated 31-01-1998.
6. G.O.(P).No. 118, Finance & Planning (FW-Pension-1) Department, dated 03.07.1998.
7. G.O.(P).No. 114, Finance & Planning (FW-PC-1) Department, dated 11.08.1999.
8. G.O.(P).No. 115, Finance & Planning (FW-PC-1) Department, dated 11.08.1999.

ORDER :

In the Government Order 4th read above, orders were issued laying down the terms of reference of the Pay Revision Commission which

include matters relating to Pension. In the Government Order 5th read above orders were issued appointing Sri R.K.R. Gonela, IAS (Retd.) as Pay Revision Commissioner.

2. The Pay Revision Commission submitted its report to the Government on 21-07-1999 and recommended, Inter-alia, that :

- 1) The Minimum Pension be fixed at Rs. 1,275/- a month.
- 2) Merger of Dearness Relief with Basic Pension and extension of the same percentage of increase as is recommended in respect of the basic pay of employees be given to the pensioners who retired prior to 01-07-1998 on their existing basic pension. In so far as the pensioners who retired prior to 01-07-1986 are concerned, this increase may be given on their existing basic pension increased by the weightages as given below :

Periods of retirement	Weightages suggested
a) Pensioners retired prior to 01-01-1974	6%
b) Pensioners retired between 01-01-1974 and 31-03-1978	3%
c) Pensioners retired between 01-04-1978 and 30-06-1986	2%

(3) The Financial Assistance may be raised to Rs. 750/- per month.
3. In the Government Order 7th read above, orders have been issued revising the Pay Scales of the State Government Employees in pursuance of the recommendations of the Pay Revision Commissioner and discussions with Employees Associations with effect from 1-7-1998 with monetary benefit from 01-04-1999.

4. After careful considerations of the report, Government hereby order that the existing Pension/Family Pension/Compassionate Allowance, in respect of those pensioners who retired or died while in service before 01-07-1998 and also those who retired or died while in service on or after 01-07-1998 but who had opted for the pre-revised scales i.e., 1993 Pay Scales and 25% of increase in the said basic pension; and the Dearness Relief as on 01-07-1998, shall be merged and will be known as Revised Consolidated Pension. The pensions of Pensioners who retired prior to 01-07-1986 shall be increased with the percentages given below in addition to the above 25% for consolidation of their Revised Pensions.

Periods of retirement**Weightages to be given**

a) Pensioners retired prior 01-01-1974	6%
b) Pensioners retired between 01-01-1974 and 31-03-1978	3%
c) Pensioners retired between 01-04-1978 and 30-06-1986	2%

This Revised Consolidated Pension shall come into force with effect from 01-07-1998 with monetary benefit payable with effect from 01-04-1999.

4.1 While calculating the above increase in the basic pension, the part of rupee so arrived should be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4.2 The Interim Relief sanctioned at the rate of 11 percent on pension to the pensioners/Family Pensioners in the reference 6th read above shall be adjusted in the Revised Consolidated Pension now ordered, with effect from 01-04-1999.

4.3 A ready reckoner has been framed and appended to this order as Annexure - I. Annexure - I(A) is framed for pre 01-07-1986 Pensioners. Annexure - I(B) is framed for the Pensioners retired prior to 01-01-1974. Annexure - I(C) is for the Pensioners retired between 01-01-1974 and 31-03-1978. Annexure - I(D) is for the Pensioners retired between 01-04-1978 and 30-06-1986. These ready reckoners can be used for payment of the arrears of pension and fixation of Consolidation of Pension as ordered above.

4.4 The arrears from 01-04-1999 to 31-08-1999 have to be calculated and the arrears from 01-07-1999 shall be paid immediately. Arrears from 01-04-1999 to 30-06-1999 shall be paid in three instalments in December, 1999, March, 2000 and June, 2000 along with their regular pensions.

5. The employees retired between 01-07-1998 and 01-04-1999 are eligible to revision of their pay in the Revised Pay Scales, 1999 notionally as per the orders issued in the G.O. 7th read above. As such, the pensions of these employees may be revised notionally as per the revised pay in Revised Pay Scales, 1999 and monetary benefit should be allowed from 01-04-1999. No difference on Retirement Gratuity and Commutation shall be allowed in the pension notionally fixed as above.

6. The Legal heirs of the pensioners who retired after 01-04-1998 but died subsequently shall be entitled to arrears. In such cases the Dearness Relief admissible on the Revised Consolidated Pension from 01-04-1998 has to be worked out in each individual case before making payment. The

Legal heirs shall submit an application for payment of Life Time Arrears in the proforma prescribed in Annexure-II to the Pension Disbursing Authority. The general rules governing payment of pensionary arrears of deceased pensioners will equally apply for payment of pensionary arrears.

7. Government also hereby order for payment of Dearness Relief on the Consolidated Pension as well as on the Pension fixed with reference to the pay drawn in the Revised Pay Scales, 1999 @ 8.18% with effect from 01-04-1999. The Dearness Relief will be rounded off to the next rupee.

8. These orders are applicable to :

- 1) (a) All Government Pensioners in receipt of Service Pensions, Family Pensions under Revised Pension Rules, 1951, Andhra Pradesh Liberalised Pension Rules, 1961 and Andhra Pradesh Government Servants (Family Pension) Rules, 1964.
 - b). Teaching and non-teaching pensioners of Municipalities, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Aided Educational Institutions, in receipt of pensions under the Andhra Pradesh Liberalised Pension Rules, 1961, and Andhra Pradesh Government Servants (Family Pension) Rules, 1964.
 - c) Teaching and non-teaching staff in Aided Educational Institutions in receipt of pensions under the Contributory Provident Fund-cum-Pension and Gratuity Rules, 1961 and Andhra Pradesh Liberalised Pension Rules, 1961.
 - d) Those drawing family pensions under the G.O.Ms.No. 22, Finance and Planning (FW:Pen. 1) Department, dated 16-01-1971, G.O.Ms.No. 104, Finance and Planning (FW:Pen. 1) Department, dated 13-04-1973 and G.O.Ms.No. 25, Finance and Planning (FW:Pen. 1) Department, dated 02-02-1974.
 - e) Pensioners in receipt of Compassionate Pension under the rules for Compassionate Pensions and Gratuities in the Hyderabad Civil Services Rules; and
 - f) Those in receipt of Pensions under the Extraordinary Pension Rules
- 2) Jagir and Estate Pensioners and
 - 3) Pensioners governed by Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
 - i) who retired or died prior to 01-07-1998 and
 - ii) also those who retired or died on or after 01-07-1998 without the benefit of Revised Pay Scales, 1999.

8.1 The above consolidation of pension does not apply to :

- (i) Those who have been drawing pay in the Revised Pay Scales, 1999/Revised U.G.C./ICAR/AICT Pay Scales of 1986/1996 (including those who are governed by Revised Pay Scales of 1999/Revised U.G.C. Scales 1986/1996, even if because admin-

istrative reasons, they have not actual drawn the pay in their Revised Pay Scales as yet)

(ii) Pensioners/Family Pensioners of the members of the Andhra Pradesh State Higher Judicial Service and Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Service.

(iii) Financial Assistance grantees who are not getting Dearness Relief.

9. Revised Consolidated Pension now sanctioned is worked out with reference to the total Pension i.e., including commuted portion of Pension. As such commuted portion of Pension should be deducted from the Revised Consolidated Pension while making monthly disbursements.

10. In respect of pensioners and family pensioners who are re-employed/employed respectively, the notional relief on pension as on 01-07-1998, which would have been admissible to them but for their re-employment/employment, shall be merged with basic pension with effect from 01-07-1998. The pay drawn by the re-employed pensioners during the period of re-employment shall also be refixed taking into account the Revised Consolidated Pension. Dearness Relief beyond 01-07-1998 will not be admissible to them during the period of re-employment as per G.O.Ms.No. 201, Finance and Planning (FW-PSC) Department, dated 02-04-1994.

11. At the time of noting Revised Consolidated Pension on the Pension Payment Order, the Pension Disbursing Officer shall simultaneously calculate and note the corresponding Revised Consolidated Enhanced Family Pension and Revised Consolidated Normal Family Pension on the Pension Payment Orders. Similarly, in case where Enhanced Family Pension is being paid, the Normal Family Pension to be payable in future, would also be consolidated and noted on the Pension Payment Orders.

12. Government have also hereby order that the existing Minimum Pension of Rs. 370/- per month shall be enhanced to Rs. 1,275/- per month. This enhancement shall come into force with effect from 01-07-1998 with monetary benefit payable with effect from 01-04-1999 with arrears to be paid as prescribed in para 4.4 above.

13. In respect of pre 01-07-1998 pensioners, whose consolidated pension falls short of Rs. 1,275/-, the same shall be raised to Rs. 1,275/- per month.

14. Enhancement of minimum pension shall apply to those pensioners referred to in para 6 above and Pensioners who are in receipt of Family Pension under G.O.Ms.No. 83, Finance and Planning (FW:Pen.1) Department, dated 05-03-1993 and G.O.Ms.No. 314, Finance and Planning (FW:Pen.1) Department, dated 21-11-1983.

15. The Government is also hereby order that the existing Financial Assistance of Rs. 370/- per month shall be enhanced to Rs. 750/- per month. As before, no Dearness Relief will be admissible on this Financial Assistance. This enhancement shall come into force with effect from 01-07-1998 with monetary benefit payable with effect from 01-04-1999 with arrears to be paid as prescribed in para 4.4 above.

16. The minimum pension is inclusive of commuted portion of pension. As such commuted portion of pension will be deducted from the minimum pension of Rs. 1,275/- per month while making monthly disbursement except in respect of pensioners whose commutation is restored as per the existing orders.

16.1 In respect of pensioners drawing two pensions viz., Service Pension and Family Pension, both pensions shall separately be eligible for enhancement to a minimum of Rs. 1,275/- per month. However, the pensioner shall be entitled to Dearness Relief on only one pension whichever is more beneficial to the pensioner.

17. The pensioners are not entitled to commute any portion of pension on the difference in pension now admissible as per these orders.

18. All pension Disbursing Officers, i.e., all Treasury Officers/Pension Payment Officers are requested to implement these orders without any authorisation from the Accountant General (A & E), A.P., Hyderabad.

19. The expenditure is allocable among the various States in accordance with the provisions of G.O.Ms.No. 198, Finance, dated 10-07-1969.

20. The expenditure shall be debited to the Pension Funds of Zilla Parishads in so far as Non-Government Pensioners of Panchayat Raj Institutions are concerned and Pensions funds of the respective Municipal Councils in so far as the Non-Teaching, Non-Government Pensioners of the Municipalities are concerned and the relevant Head of Account of Government in so far as the teachers are concerned.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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