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Circular No. Pen.Co-ordn./55 Vol.VII/142 Vol.III/65 Vol.VI/66 Vol-IV/14

Subject: Grant of revised rate of Dearness Relief @ 60% to Central Government Pensioners / Family Pensioners etc. effective from 01/01/2026

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In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./55 Vol.VII/142 Vol.III/65 Vol.VI/66 Vol-IV/77 dated 13/10/2025, it is stated that Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare under their O.M. No 42/02/2024-P&PW(D)/E-9475 dated 24/04/2026 have sanctioned Dearness Relief at the rate of **60% with effect from 01/01/2026** in supersession of the rate mentioned in O.M. No 42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 08/10/2025 to (i) Civilian Central Government pensioners/family pensioners including absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners / family pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners / family pensioners (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension (vi) The Burma Civilian Pensioners / Family Pensioners and (vii) Pensioners/families of displaced Government pensioners from Pakistan.

2. This circular will not be applicable to
 - (a) CPF beneficiaries, their widows and eligible children who are in receipt of ex-gratia payment in terms of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16/12/1997 and revised subsequently vide OM No. 1/10/2012-P&PW(E) dated 27/06/2013.
 - (b) Burma Military pensioners / family pensioners.
3. The retired officers of West Bengal Judicial Service and family pensioners of such category would not come within the ambit of this circular and a separate circular letter in respect of such category of pensioners / family pensioners will be issued separately on enhancement of such applicable rate.

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4. In the case of retired Judges of the High Court, separate circular will be issued on receipt of necessary order from the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice).
5. Amount of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
6. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including nationalized banks etc. to calculate the quantum of Dearness Relief payable in each individual case.
7. All concerned Pension Disbursing Officers are, therefore, requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of Dearness Relief @ 60% to the above eligible categories of pensioners/ family pensioners with effect from 01/01/2026, along with arrear of dearness relief following the above guideline, as applicable, after proper adjustment.
8. Charges for payment of above enhanced rate of dearness relief to the pensioners/ family pensioners are debitable to the Government of India/Railway/Defence Account under the proper head of account as usual.
9. Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.


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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./ 93 Vol VI/20

Dated 14/05/2026

Subject :: Modified rates of Dearness Relief payable from January 2016 to December 2019

In compliance with the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 05.02.2026 regarding payment of Dearness Allowance (DA)/Dearness Relief (DR) to the **employees/pensioners/family pensioners of West Bengal Government** for the period from 01.04.2008 to 31.12.2019, the Govt. of West Bengal vide notification No. 997-F (P2) dated 13.03.2026 read with corrigendum No. 1086-F(P2) dated 23/03/2026 have decided to pay revised rate of Dearness Relief from January – 2016 to December – 2019 in the first phase.

2. The Government in their clarifications, issued under D.O. letter No. FS-96/2026 dated 07/04/2026, followed by letter No. FS-101/2026 dated 04/05/2026 have communicated this office the modified rates of Dearness relief allowed for their pensioners/family pensioners for the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019 as under :

Date of effect	Rate of dearness relief already sanctioned for payment	Circulated by the O/o the Pr. A.G. (A&E), W.B. under No.	Modified rate of Dearness Relief allowed by Govt.	Rate of Arrears of Dearness Relief (Col 4 – Col 2) to be paid
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
01.01.2016	75%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/145 dated 01/01/2016	100%	25%
01.01.2017	85%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/180 dated 09/01/2017	110%	25%
01.01.2018	100%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/129 dated 23/10/2017	115%	15%
01.01.2019	125%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/159 dated 13/11/2018	143%	18%

3. All Pr.AsG/AsG offices are requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of arrears of dearness relief to the West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners at the rates as stated in column (5) of the table above through the pension disbursing authorities under their control. Such rates of dearness relief for computation of arrear would be applicable on the pension/family pension drawn by the pensioners/family pensioners for the period 2016-2019 as per ROPA, 2009 (i.e., before implementation of recommendation of latest pay commission under ROPA, 2019).

4. Payment of relief on pension/family pension including involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee in each case.

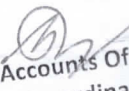
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5. In case the pensioners/family pensioners eligible to receive the arrear of dearness relief for the above mentioned period have expired in the meantime, the Government of West Bengal in their Memorandum No. 75-F(Pen) dated 23/03/2026 has stated that in such cases the arrear amount is to be paid to the nominee of the pensioner/family pensioner as mentioned in the PPO/FPPO or as per the nomination documents, if furnished subsequently by the pensioners/family pensioners and accepted by the disbursing authority. In case the disbursing authority identifies that the existing family pensioner is the nominee of the pensioner as per nomination details, the arrear amount may be paid directly to the existing family pensioner. If no nomination detail is available, the arrear amount is to be paid to the legal heir/s on submission of supportive documents by the claimant/s, issued by the competent authority, before the disbursing authority.

6. As informed in the letter dated 04/05/2026 ibid of the Government, in case there is any further change in the rate of dearness relief for the period 2016-2019 for any reason, it will be communicated to all concerned for effecting necessary adjustment from the subsequent payments.

7. The teaching and non teaching pensioner/family pensioners of Non Govt. Educational Institution and Non Govt. Colleges would not come under the ambit of this circular and in their case separate circular will be issued on receipt of specific orders in this context from the respective Administrative Departments.


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