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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-VI/DR/150 Date: 12-03-2021

Subject: Grant of dearness relief to the Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-07-2018.

In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-VI/DR/36 dated 11-06-2019, this is to state that the Government of Andhra Pradesh in their G.O. Ms. No. 98 dated 01-12-2020 has revised the rate of dearness relief sanctioned in their G.O.(P) No. 16 dated 30-01-2019 and circulated by this office, vide aforesaid circular dated 11-06-2019 from 27.248% to 30.392% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of:-

- i) those who retired from service after 01-07-2013 and drawing pay in the Revised Pay Scales, 2015; and
- ii) those who retired prior to 01-07-2013 and whose pension was consolidated in the light of orders issued in the G.O.(P) No. 51 dated 08-05-2015 and circulated by this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-VI/Revision/136 dated 09-12-2015.
- 2. Government of Andhra Pradesh have also revised the rate of dearness relief from 107.856% to 112.992% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of pensioners who are drawing their pension in Revised Pay Scales, 2010 and not consolidated in terms of the orders issued in the G.O. dated 08-05-2015 ibid (aforesaid circular dated 09-12-2015).
- 3. Government of Andhra Pradesh have further revised the rate of dearness relief from 249.63% to 259.05% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of pensioners who are drawing their pension in Revised Pay Scales, 2005 and not consolidated in terms of the orders issued in the G.O. (P) No. 100, Finance (Pen. I) Department, dated 06-04-2010 (this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-V/Revision/171 dated 29-11-2010).
- 4. Government of Andhra Pradesh have also revised the rate of dearness relief from 247.036% to 255.216% with effect from 01-07-2018 to the pensioners who are drawing their pension in the Revised Pay Scales, 1999 and not consolidated in terms of the orders issued in the G.O.(P) No. 248 Finance (Pen.I) Department dated 04-10-2005 (circulated under this office No. Pen. Co-ordn./ Andhra Pradesh /Vol.IV/Consoli./4 dated 07-04-2006).
- 5. Government of Andhra Pradesh have further revised the rate of dearness relief from 274% to 284% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of pensioners who retired after 01-01-1996 drawing UGC Pay Scales 1996 since the dearness relief was regulated up to 01-01-2007 by merging dearness relief equivalent to 50% of basic pension/family pension vide their G.O.(P) No. 183 dated 02-08-2007 (circulated under this office No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-V/DR/157 dated 27-11-2008).
- 6. Government of Andhra Pradesh have also revised the rate of dearness relief from 142% to 148% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of pensioners who retired while drawing UGC Pay Scales 2006 from 01-01-2006.
- 7. Government of Andhra Pradesh have further revised the rate of dearness relief from 142% to 148% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of pensioners/family pensioners whose pension was consolidated as per G O Ms. No. 54 dated 08-06-2011 (circulated under this office No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.V/Rev-HrEden/157 dated 31-10-2011).
- 8. Government of Andhra Pradesh have also revised the rate of dearness relief sanctioned in G O Ms No. 4 dated 06-01-2011 (this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-V/DR/31 dated 07-05-2012) from 142% to 148% with effect from 01-07-2018 in respect of pensioners who drawing pension as per Justice E. Padmanabhan Committee report.

9. These orders are applicable to;

- 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, Panchayat Raj Institutions and Aided Educational Institutions who are in receipt of pensions under the Andhra Pradesh Liberalised Pension Rules 1961 and Andhra Pradesh Govt. 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 dated 16-01-1971, G O Ms. No. 104 dated 13-04-1973 and G O Ms. No. 25 dated 02-02-1974.
- e) Pensioners who are in receipt of Compassionate Pension under the rules for Compassionate Pensions and Gratuities in the Hyderabad Civil Services Rules.
- f) Those in receipt of pensions under the Wound and Extraordinary Pension Rules.
- g) Pensioners governed by Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 10. These orders are not applicable to the financial assistance grantees and others who are not getting dearness relief.
 - 11. The amount of dearness relief shall be rounded off to the next rupee.
- 12. Further, Government of Andhra Pradesh has sanctioned the due dearness relief instalments in a time bound manner. Accordingly, the second dearness which was due from 01-01-2019 duly enhancing the rate from 30.392% to 33.536% will be released from pension of July 2021 onwards and the third dearness relief which was due from 01-07-2019 duly enhancing rate from 33.536% to 38.776% will be released from pension of January 2022 onwards.
- 13. Having been authorised by the Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh in their letter No. AG(A&E)AP//PM-I/OGP/2020-21/302912 (SSA No. 15844) dated 29-01-2021, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief to all eligible Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners at the rate and from the date mentioned herein after proper adjustment.
- 14. The charges on this accounts are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Andhra Pradesh etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Sr. Accounts Officer

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