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**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), WEST BENGAL,**  
**TREASURY BUILDINGS, KOLKATA – 700 001**

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/7-Vol. III(B)/21

Date :- 11/05/2021

**Subject : Grant of Ex-gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt. Pensioners/Family Pensioners**  
**for the year 2021**

It is informed that the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance(Audit) Department, in their Memo no. 1494-F(P2) dated 06/05/2021 (Copy enclosed) have sanctioned Ex-gratia grant of **Rs.2500/-** (Rupees Two thousand Five hundred only) **in lump per head** to all State Government pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who **retired prior to 30/09/2020** and also the pensioners/family pensioners who **retired or died after 30/09/2020 but prior to 01/09/2021** 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 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 dated 06.05/2021.

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 to pensioners/family pensioners whose basic pension/family pension along with dearness relief does not exceed Rs.31,000/- as on 31/03/2021 during the ensuing festivals.**

4. Necessary arrangements for payment of Ex-gratia @ Rs. 2500/- (Rupees Two thousand and Five 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 **other than Muslim Pensioners/Family pensioners**, the payment in this regard may be made in **between 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

6. The charges on this account is debitable to 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 penultimate 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

To :-

1. The General Manager/Manager of all concerned Link Branches (Under Special Seal) of Public Sector Banks in Kolkata.
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5. Director, Directorate of Accounts, Pension Section, Panaji, Goa-403001. -do-
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7. Asstt. Military Attache (P), Embassy of India, Military Pension Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal-1. -do-
8. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim -737101 -do-
9. Controller of Accounts, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-110021 -do-
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16. All Branch Officers/ Asstt. Accounts officer in Pension Group(through P-SAI software)
17. All Branch Officer/Asstt. Accounts Officer-in-charge of AM, ITSC, O & M Section of this office.
18. Secretary to Pr. A.G.(through office portal)
19. Branch Officer, Legal Cell(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.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
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No. 1494 -F(P2)

Howrah, the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

MEMORANDUM

**Sub : Grant of ex-gratia payment to the State Government Pensioners for the year 2020-2021.**

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 30-09-2020 and also the pensioners who retired or died after 30-09-2020 but prior to 01-09-2021 and whose basic pension plus Dearness Relief on pension as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 did not exceed Rs.31,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Thousand) only and are not eligible for ad-hoc bonus shall be paid an ex-gratia grant of Rs.2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred) only in lump per head.

2. The charge is debitible to 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.

3. The ex-gratia grant sanctioned herein will also be admissible to :-

- i) The holders of family pension, ex-gratia family pension and ad-hoc 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 Account. 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 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 to 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.

The benefit of ex-gratia grant of Rs.2,500/- 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 authorized 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.2,500/- 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-UI-Fitre of 2021 for the Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners and other than Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners the benefits should be disbursed in between 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 to 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

Sd/- M. Pant  
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Government of West Bengal