

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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/345/162

Date :- 20-1-2020

Subject : Revision of pension/family pension of pre-1.1.2016 pensioners/family pensioners of the Government of West Bengal consequent on implementation of Govt. decision on recommendation of the Sixth Pay Commission.

In implementing Government's decision on the recommendation of Sixth Pay Commission, Govt. of West Bengal, in their Finance Department, Pension Branch Memo. No. No. 535-F (Pen) dated 01/10/2019 (copy enclosed) read with clarification issued under Memo. No. 681-F (Pen) dated 23/12/2019, have sanctioned revised rates of pension/family pension w.e.f. 01/01/2020 to all pre-01/01/2016 West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners as per terms and conditions as laid down therein.

2. As per para 4.1 to 4.3 of the memo dated 01/10/2019, the pension/family pension of existing pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners, will be revised notionally with effect from 01/01/2016 and with actual effect from 01/01/2020 by multiplying the existing basic pension/family pension as on 31/12/2015 by 2.57. The amount so arrived at shall be rounded off to next 10 (ten) rupees, if the said amount is not a multiple of ₹10. Such revised pension/family pension will be stepped up to ₹8,500/- p.m., if the same becomes less than ₹8,500/-p.m. However, in the case of pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension, the minimum of ₹8,500/- p.m. will apply to the total of all pensions taken together.

3. In terms of para 4.4 of the Memo. dated 01/10/2019, such revised pension, in no cases, shall be lower than 50% of the minimum of the Pay in the Pay matrix in the revised Pay Structure corresponding to the pre-revised pay-scale/pay structure from which the pensioner has retired, if such pensioner has completed maximum required qualifying service for full pension (i.e. 33 years or 20 years as the case may be). The pension will be reduced on pro-rata where the pensioner had rendered less than the maximum required qualifying service for full pension but in no case it will be less than ₹8500/- per month. The revised family pension, in no cases, shall be lower than 30% of the minimum of the Pay in the Pay matrix in the revised Pay Structure corresponding to the pre-revised pay-scale/pay structure from which the pensioner has retired. In such cases, the Treasuries in districts in West Bengal or the Public Sector Banks in Kolkata as the case may be, will start payment of the revised pension/family pension provisionally in terms of para 4.4 of the Memo. *ibid* on receipt of a copy of the sanction order directly from the Pension Sanctioning Authority till receipt of final authority in this regard from this Office. On receipt of the final authority for payment of such revised pension/family pension in each individual case, the provisional revised pension/family pension thus paid may be adjusted against the payment of that authority.

4. In respect of West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension/family pension in other States, no such provisional payment of revised pension/family

pension as mentioned in para 3 above will be made by the Pension Disbursing Authority. In their cases, the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authority will revise pension/family pension in terms of para 4.4 of the Memo *ibid* either suo-moto or on receipt of application from the concerned pensioner/family pensioner and send the same to this office for issuing revised authority in each case under special seal and signature to the concerned Accountant General. However, in their cases the revised pension/family pension as determined under para 4.1 to 4.3 will continue to be paid by the Pension Disbursing Officers till receipt of the authority for revised pension/family pension in terms of para 4.4 of the Memo. All Accountants General are, therefore, requested to intimate the fact to the concerned Pension Disbursing Authorities under their jurisdiction with the request to bring this information to the notice of all eligible pre 01/01/2016 West Bengal Government pensioner/family pensioners so that they may contact their Pension Sanctioning Authorities to get their pension/family pension revised in terms of para 4.4 of the Memo.

5. In case of Pre-1/1/1986 pensioners/family pensioners who opted for ad-hoc increase of pension/family pension @ 10% under para 2.1(b) of G.O. No. 2706-F (Pen) dated 7/9/1999, a certificate mentioning details of such increase from the Pension Disbursing Point is required to be submitted to Pension Sanctioning Authorities to the effect that the pensioner/family pensioner has availed such benefit so that the Pension Sanctioning Authorities can decide regarding admissibility of revised pension/family pension in such cases under para 4.4 of Memo dated 01/10/2019 *ibid*.

6. The benefit of additional pension as shown in para 4.5 of the Memo. dated 1/10/2019 *ibid* is to be allowed to the old pensioners/family pensioners in addition to his/her basic pension/family pension at the rates and from the age mentioned in the Memo and such additional amount will have to be shown separately in the PPO/FPPO. In this connection, it is to be noted that such additional quantum of pension will be rounded off to next 1 rupee and would not be rounded off to next higher multiple of ₹10 and would be admissible from the 1st day of the month in which he/she completes the age of 80 years, 85 years etc.

7. The upper ceiling on pension and family pension laid down in previous Pay Commission has been increased to ₹1,00,500/- and ₹60,300/- from ₹35,000/- and ₹21,000/- respectively.

8. The revised pension/family pension as worked out in accordance with para 4.1 to 4.4 of the Memo. *ibid* shall be treated as "Basic Pension" w.e.f. 01/01/2020 and quantum of pension/family pension as worked out in accordance with para 4.5 of the Memo. shall be treated as 'Additional Pension' and both shall qualify for grant of revised rates of relief on such pension/family pension sanctioned thereafter, if any.

9. In this connection, it is pointed out that since the revised pension in terms of Memo. No. 535-F (Pen) dated 1/10/2019 will be inclusive of commuted portion of pension, if any, the commuted portion will have to be deducted from the said revised pension before making monthly disbursement.

10. As regards the State Government employees who have been permanently absorbed in public sector undertakings/autonomous bodies etc. and opted for drawal of monthly pension from the government, the pension of such absorbed employees will be revised in terms of the memo *ibid* but where the Govt. employees have drawn one-time lump sum terminal benefits equal to 100% of their pension, the provisions contained in this memorandum will not be applicable to them.

11. Pension Disbursing Authorities will make an entry of revised pension/family pension in both halves of the PPO/FPPO and send an intimation of disbursement of the same to this office in Annexure-I attached to the Memo dated 01/10/2019 *ibid*. An intimation regarding disbursement of revised pension/family pension and the corresponding pay level in pay matrix in respect of the beneficiaries of para 4.4 of the Memo *ibid* may also be sent to this office for taking further action.
12. It is to be carefully noted that the pensioners/family pensioners who retired/died-in-harness on or after 1-1-2016 will not come under the purview of the G.O. *ibid*.
13. The amount of Medical relief for the West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners has been revised to ₹ 500/- per month with effect from 01/01/2020.
14. All concerned Pension disbursing officers are, therefore, requested to make necessary arrangements for immediate payment of pension/family pension at the revised rate keeping in view of the instructions given herein.


Sr. Accounts Officer
Pen. Co-ordn.

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 , ShaheedBhagat 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. OSD & Ex-Officio Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.

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17. All Branch Officers of Pension Group.
18. All Assistant Accounts officer in Pension Group.
19. Branch Officer/Assistant Accounts Officer-in-charge of AM-I, ITSC, Legal Cell and O & M Section of this office.
20. Secretary to Pr. A.G.
21. I.A.O.
22. Branch Officer-in-charge of Admn. Hindi Cell with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Pension Branch

No.535-F(Pen)

Dated the 1st October, 2019**MEMORANDUM**

Subject : Revision of pension / family pension of Pre-01.01.2016 Pensioners / Family Pensioners-Implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission.

The undersigned is directed to state that in pursuance of Government's decision on the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission, the Governor has been pleased to revise the Pension / Family Pension of Pre-2016 State Government Pensioners / Family Pensioners with effect from 01.01.2020 of all pre-01.01.2016 Pensioners / Family Pensioners in the manner indicated in the succeeding paragraphs.

2. These orders will apply to all Pre-2016 pensioners / family pensioners who were drawing Pension / Family Pension on 31.12.2015 under the West Bengal Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1971, the West Bengal Services (Revision of Pension) Rules, 1952 and 1966, West Bengal Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1971.

3. In these orders –

- (a) "Existing pensioners" or "Existing family pensioners" means pensioners who were drawing / entitled to pension / family pension on 31.12.2015.
- (b) "Existing pension" means the basic pension inclusive of commuted portion, if any, due on 31.12.2015. It covers all classes of Pension under West Bengal Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1971 or any other rules / orders mentioned in para 2 above, as issued by the State Government for the employees of this Government from time to time.
- (c) "Existing family pension" means the basic family pension / ex-gratia family pension / ad-hoc family pension / extraordinary family pension due on 31.12.2015 under the West Bengal Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) Rules, 1971, the West Bengal Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1971 or Family Pension Scheme, 1965.

4.1. The pension / family pension of existing pre-2016 pensioners / family pensioners will be revised notionally by multiplying the existing basic pension / basic family pension as on 31.12.2015 by 2.57. The amount of revised pension / family pension so arrived at shall be rounded off to next 10 (ten) rupees, if the said amount is not a multiple of Rs.10 (ten). However, if the revised basic Pension is below Rs. 8500/-, it will be fixed at minimum of Rs. 8500/-.

The amount so arrived at will be regarded as revised pension / family pension with effect from 01.01.2020.

Illustrations:

Existing Basic Pension as on 31.12.2015	Figure arrived at on multiplication by 2.57	Revised Basic Pension after rounding off to next 10 (ten) rupees
Rs. 3302	Rs. 8486.14	Rs. 8500 (Minimum Pension)
Rs. 3422	Rs. 8794.54	Rs. 8800
Rs. 6432	Rs. 16530.24	Rs. 16540
Rs. 11000	Rs. 28270.00	Rs. 28270

As the revision is based on a simple formula, a Ready Reckoner for the same is not necessary.

As the consolidated Pension of the Pensioner revised in accordance with the above provision, will be inclusive of commuted value of Pension, if any, such commuted portion shall be deducted from the Pension while making monthly disbursement.

Illustrations:

'A' was entitled to a basic Pension of Rs. 13525/- per month from 01.10.2014 (i.e. before 01.01.2016). After commutation of 40% of Pension i.e. Rs. 5410/-, his Pension reduced to Rs. 8115/-. He is now drawing Pension of Rs. 8115/- and relief, as admissible, on original basic Pension of Rs. 13525/-.

His revised Pension will be Rs. 13525/- \times 2.57 = Rs. 34759.25 i.e. Rs. 34760/- (after rounding off to next ten rupees). As the consolidated Pension is inclusive of commuted portion of Pension, the commuted amount of Rs. 5410/- shall be deducted from Rs. 34760/- for monthly disbursement of Pension which will be Rs. 29350/- (Rs. 34760/- – Rs. 5410/-) from 01.01.2020.

4.2. In the case of pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension, the minimum of Rs. 8,500/- (eight thousand five hundred) will apply to the total of all pensions taken together.

4.3. The upper ceiling on pension / family pension laid down in Memo. No. 200-F(Pen) dated 25.02.2009 has been increased from Rs. 35,000/- and Rs. 21,000/- to Rs. 1,00,500/- and Rs. 60,300/- respectively.

4.4. The fixation of pension will be subject to the provision that the revised pension, in no case, shall be lower than 50% of the minimum of the Pay in the Pay matrix in the revised Pay Structure corresponding to the pre-revised pay-scale / pre-revised pay structure from which the pensioner had retired.

4.5. The quantum of pension / family pension available to the old pensioners / family pensioners shall be increased as follows :

Age of Pensioners	Additional Quantum of Pension
From 80 years to less than 85 years	20% of revised basic pension / family pension.
From 85 years to less than 90 years	30% of revised basic pension / family pension
From 90 years to less than 95 years	40% of revised basic pension / family pension
From 95 years to less than 100 years	50% of revised basic pension / family pension
100 years or more	100% of revised basic pension / family pension

The amount of additional pension will be shown distinctly in the pension payment order.

5. The cases of State Government employees who have been permanently absorbed in public sector undertakings / autonomous bodies etc. will be regulated as follows:

- (a) Where a Government employee on permanent absorption in public sector undertakings / autonomous bodies etc. opted for drawal of monthly pension separately from the Government, the pension of such absorbees will be updated in terms of these orders.

- (b) Where the Government employees have drawn one-time lump sum terminal benefits equal to 100% of their pension, the provisions contained in this memorandum will not be applicable to them.

6. Extraordinary pension sanctioned to the pensioners prior to 01.01.2016 will also be revised if any of the pensioners is in receipt of pension on 01.01.2016 by taking together all the units as single unit and thereafter his / her share may be paid in the same proportion as was previously paid.

7. All the Treasury Officers disbursing pension to the State Government pensioners / family pensioners are hereby authorized to pay pension / family pension, etc. to the existing pensioner / family pensioner at the revised rates without any further authorization from the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal. The Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal will issue authority for this payment to all Public Sector Banks in Kolkata and also to the Accountant Generals of other States.

8. A suitable entry regarding the revised consolidated pension shall be made by the Treasury Officer in both halves of the Pension Payment Order. An intimation regarding the disbursement of revised pension may be sent by the Treasury Officer to the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, who issued the Pension Payment Order in the form given at Annexure-I to this memorandum to enable the latter to update the Pension Payment Order Register maintained by them.

The Public Sector Banks in Kolkata will also send such intimation in the prescribed form to the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal. An acknowledgement shall be obtained by all Pension Disbursing Officers from the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal in this respect.

9. The revised pension / family pension as worked out in accordance with para 4.1 to 4.5 above shall be treated as final "Basic Pension" with effect from 01.01.2020 and shall qualify for grant of relief on pension sanctioned thereafter, if any.

10. Where the Pension is increased due to revision, such increased pension will not be considered for further commutation.

Sd/- H. K. Dwivedi,
Additional Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

ANNEXURE – I

To
The Accountant General (A & E),
West Bengal,
Treasury Buildings,
Kolkata – 700001.

Form of intimation by the Pension Disbursing Authority to the P.P.O. issuing authority regarding revision of Pension in terms of the Finance Department Memo No. 535–F(Pen) dated 01.10.2019.

1. Name of the Pensioner / Family Pensioner :
2. Pension Payment Order No. :
3. Computation of revised pension and/or Family Pension :

	Pension	Family Pension (Normal)	Family Pension (Enhanced)
(i) Existing Basic Pension (inclusive of Commuted portion)			
(ii) Amount of Commuted portion of Pension			
(iii) Amount arrived at by multiplying (i) by 2.57			
(iv) Revised Pension / Family Pension: Amount arrived at (iii) above rounded off to next 10 (ten) rupees, if the said amount is not a multiple of Rs. 10 (ten)			
(iv) Amount for monthly disbursement of Pension [Amount at (iv) – commuted portion of Pension, if any]			

4. Bank details of the pensioner / family pensioner :
 - i) Name of the Bank :
 - ii) Branch name & Address :
 - iii) Branch Code No. :
 - iv) Present A/C No. :
 - v) Old A/C No. (If any) :
 - vi) IFSC Code :
 - vii) MICR Code :

Signature of the Pension Disbursing Authority