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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Tamil Nadu/Vol.VII/Pongal/178

Date: 03-03-2022

Subject: Grant of Pongal Prize to the Tamil Nadu Government pensioners/family pensioners for the Pongal Festival 2022.

This is to state that the Government of Tamil Nadu in their G.O. No. 2 dated 01-01-2022 has sanctioned a lump sum Pongal Prize amount of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) only to all their pensioners who retired from the categories of 'C' and 'D' Group including all 'C' and 'D' Group of pensioners of Aided Educational Institutions, Local Bodies, Ex-Village Establishment (Ex-Village Officers and Village Servants/Assistants), ad-hoc pensioners of all categories and to all family pensioners irrespective of the Groups from which the pensioners/deceased Government employees had retired/died while in service, for the Pongal Festival, 2022.

- 2. This order shall also be applicable to all 'C' and 'D' Group provisional pensioners.
- 3. The Pongal Prize amount shall not be admissible to the following categories of pensioners/family pensioners:
 - i) those employees who retired on or after 01-01-2022.
 - ii) those who have retired/died in harness on or after 04-01-2021 if they are paid adhoc bonus. For this purpose, the pension disbursing officers shall obtain non-drawal certificates from the departments concerned before making payment to these pensioners.
 - iii) special pensioners such as Ulema pensioners, Tamil Nadu State Freedom Fighters pensioners and Social Pension for Scholars and Eminent persons etc.
 - iv) family pensioners who are appointed on compassionate grounds if adhoc bonus/special adhoc bonus is paid to them as applicable to the employees in service.
 - v) all pensioners who retired from Group 'A' and 'B' posts including All India Service Officers and Officers governed by University Grants Commission (UGC)/All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)/Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Regulations.
- 4. Having been authorized by the Accountant General (A&E), Tamil Nadu in their authority No. AG(A&E)/Pen-29/V/Mail/2021-2022/ dated 01-02-2022, received under letter No. AG/PEN29/V/SSA/D5/2020-2021/47002 dated 02-02-2022, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of Pongal Prize to all eligible Tamil Nadu Government pensioners/family pensioners keeping in view the instructions laid down above.
- 5. The charges on this accounts are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Tamil Nadu etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Sr. Accounts Officer

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