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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/345/195

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Subject : Revision of pension/family pension of post-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 continuation to the previous circular, issued under No. Pen. Co-ordn/345/162 dated 20/1/2020 regarding revision of pension/family pension in respect of the pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners, it is to state that on account of implementation of 6th pay commission, the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department, Pension Branch under their Memo. No. 536-F (Pen) dated 1/10/2019, followed by memorandum No. 680-F (Pen) dated 23/12/2019, 690-F (Pen) dated 30/12/2019, 55-F (Pen) dated 21/1/2020 and finally under notification No. 120-F (Pen) dated 3/3/2020 have allowed revised rates of retirement benefits in respect of all West Bengal Government pensioners retired/died-in-harness between 1/1/2016 and 31/12/2019 and whose pensionary benefits have already been authorised by this office, i.e. the Office of the Pr. Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal. The revised modalities of sanction and disbursement of revised pension/family pension/gratuity/commuted value of pension for this purpose have also been fixed by the Government of West Bengal in the orders *ibid*.

Accordingly, the Pension Disbursing Authorities concerned are requested to follow the guidelines given below during payment of revised pensionary benefits to the post-2016 West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners.

1. The Pension Sanctioning Authority, i.e. the office where the retired Government employee served last, will sanction revised pension/family pension, balance amount of revised death/retiring gratuity and commuted value of pension on additionally commuted portion of pension in Annexure II or III (copies enclosed) of the Memo. No. 55-F (Pen) dated 21/1/2020 as the case may be and send the same to the Office of the Pr. Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal for issuing revised authority to the Pension Disbursing Authorities for payment of revised pensionary benefits.
2. While sanctioning revised pensionary benefits, the Pension Sanctioning Authority will forward the copy of the Annexure II/III to the Pension Disbursing Authority on the basis of

which the Pension Disbursing Authority will start disbursement of revised pension/family pension **provisionally** w.e.f. 1/1/2020 which have to be **adjusted** with the revised basic pension/family pension to be authorised finally by this Office. It is to be carefully noted in this regard that payment of only revised pension/family pension will be commenced by the Pension Disbursing Authority provisionally as stated above, but **no payment of balance amount of revised gratuity and commuted value of pension on additionally commuted portion of pension will be made provisionally** on the strength of Annexure II/III, received from the Pension Sanctioning Authority until revised authority for this purpose is issued by this office.

3. The balance amount of revised retiring/death gratuity and additional commuted value of pension in such cases will be disbursed by the Pension Disbursing Authority on the basis of revised authority issued by this Office. The Pension Disbursing Authority shall start deducting the 'Amount commuted additionally', if any in these cases, w.e.f. the 1st date of the month of disbursement of additional commuted value of pension as stated above. If in any case, the balance amount of revised retiring/death gratuity and commuted value of pension on additionally commuted portion of pension have already been paid by the Pension Disbursing Authority on receipt of Annexure II/III in terms of Para D (i) of the Memo. No. 536-F (Pen) dated 1/10/2019, they shall either disburse the balance amount of revised gratuity and commuted value of pension or recover the amount of excess payment already made in this regard on the basis of revised authority to be issued by this office in this respect.
4. As a special case in relaxation of normal rules, the additional commuted portion of pension in these cases **only** will be restored after 15 years from the first day of the month on which the commuted value of pension in such cases will be disbursed. However, the portion of pension already commuted during or after retirement on pre-revised basic pension as well who commute for the first time after fixation of revised basic pension as per ROPA 2019 will be restored as usual i.e. after 15 years from the date of retirement. Similarly, commuted portion of pension of those pensioners retiring on or after 1/1/2020 after coming into revised pay structure as per ROPA 2019 will be restored as usual i.e. after 15 years from the date of retirement. The additionally commuted portion of pension due to revision of pension on account of any purpose other than revision of pension for implementation of the benefit of 6th pay commission in respect of the pensioners retired/died-in-harness between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2019 and whose pensionary benefits have already been issued by this office, will also be restored as usual as per existing provision, i.e. 15 years from the date of retirement. In this connection, it is also to mention that as per the decision of the