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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh /Vol.-VI/Revision/158

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Subject : (i) Consolidation of pension/family pension and grant of dearness relief in respect of pre-01-07-2018 Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-07-2018 (monetary benefits from 01-04-2020);
(ii) Grant of additional quantum of pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2022 on attaining the age of 80 years and above in respect of Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners those who are drawing UGC Pay Scales;
(iii) Enhancement of lump sum amount of Death Relief in case of death of Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2022; and
(iv) Enhancement of the existing rate of Medical Allowance in respect of Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 17-01-2022.

This is to state that as per recommendations of 11th Pay Revision Commission, the Government of Andhra Pradesh in their GO Ms. No. 02 dated 17-01-2022 has consolidated the pension/family pension notionally with effect from 01-07-2018 and monetary benefit from 01-04-2020 to all their pensioners/family pensioners retired/died in harness prior to 01-07-2018.

2. The pension/family pension of existing pre-01-07-2018 pensioners/family pensioners will be consolidated with effect from 01-07-2018 by merging the basic pension/family pension with the dearness relief @ 30.392% as on 01-07-2018 and by adding the fitment @ 23% to the basic pension/family pension. The additional quantum of pension/family pension shall not be merged with basic pension/family pension.

3. While fixing the consolidated basic pension/family pension as above, part of a rupee, if any arrived, should be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. The amount so arrived at will be regarded as consolidated pension/family pension notionally with effect from 01-07-2018 and monetary benefits with effect from 01-04-2020 and shall qualify for grant of dearness relief sanctioned thereafter. In cases where the consolidated pension/family pension is less than Rs.10,000/- per month the same shall be stepped up to Rs.10,000/- per month.

5. The minimum pension is inclusive of the commuted portion of pension. As such, the commuted portion of pension will be deducted from the minimum pension of Rs.10,000/- per month while making monthly disbursement except in respect of pensioners whose commutation is restored as per the existing orders.

6. In respect of the pensioners who are re-employed, their pension shall also be notionally consolidated and revised consolidated basic pension arrived at notionally. The pay drawn by the re-employed pensioners during the period of re-employment shall also be re-fixed taking into account the revised consolidated basic pension. Dearness relief beyond 01-07-2018, will not be admissible to them during the period of re-employment as per the orders issued in GO Ms. No. 48 dated 23-04-2018.

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7. In respect of pensioners drawing two pensions viz. service pension and family pension, both pensions shall separately be eligible for enhancement to a minimum of Rs.10,000/- per month. The employed family pensioner shall be entitled for payment of dearness relief on family pension irrespective of fact that he/she is getting dearness allowance on his/her pay. This provision, however, shall not be applicable to the Government employees who are appointed on compassionate grounds. The enhanced minimum pension shall be paid in cash with effect from 01-04-2020.

8. Besides, in continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-VI/Addl.Pen./60 dated 06-09-2021, this is to state that the Government of Andhra Pradesh in their GO Ms. No. 30 dated 20-02-2022 has sanctioned with effect from 01-04-2020 additional quantum of pension/family pension to the pensioners/family pensioners on attaining the age of 70 years and above, i.e. on completion of the age of 70 years and above, as under :

On attaining age of	Additional quantum of pension/family pension
70 years	7% of basic pension/family pension
75 years	12% of basic pension/family pension
80 years	20% of basic pension/family pension
85 years	25% of basic pension/family pension
90 years	30% of basic pension/family pension
95 years	35% of basic pension/family pension
100 years	50% of basic pension/family pension

9. Moreover, in continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh /Vol.VI/Addl.Pen./60 dated 06-09-2021, the Government of Andhra Pradesh in their GO Ms. No. 34 dated 08-03-2022 has sanctioned with effect from 01-01-2022 additional quantum of pension/family pension on attaining the age of 80 years and above and also ordered to adopt the slabs for additional quantum of pension/family pension in respect of pensioners/family pensioners those who are drawing UGC Pay Scales, as being followed by Government of India in toto, as under :

On attaining age of	Additional quantum of pension/family pension
80 years	20% of basic pension/family pension
85 years	30% of basic pension/family pension
90 years	40% of basic pension/family pension
95 years	50% of basic pension/family pension
100 years	100% of basic pension/family pension

10. Besides, in continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-VI/Death R/152 dated 18-11-2016, Government of Andhra Pradesh in their GO Ms. No. 105 dated 11-05-2022 has decided that funeral charges of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty five thousand) would be paid on the death of every service pensioner/family pensioner with effect from 01-01-2022.

11. The pension disbursing officers concerned shall arrange payment of the above amount to the nominee. In case where the nominee is predeceased the payment shall be disbursed to the alternative nominee or legal heirs as far as possible, on the same day of the death of the service pensioner/family pensioner or on the next working day immediately following the date of the death of the service pensioner/family pensioner.

12. The existing Financial Assistance of Rs.6,500/- per month payable to the families of Police Personnel/Government Officials of other departments killed by extremists/anti-social elements & those who were not covered by any pension rules, shall be reviewed and placed at the minimum of family pension of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) only per month with effect from the date of issue of the orders, i.e. 17-01-2022. No dearness relief will be admissible on this Financial Assistance.

13. If a Government servant dies while in service, the enhanced family pension is to be paid to his dependants for a period up to 10 years or up to the date on which he/she would have attained the age of 67 years, had he/she survived, whichever is earlier. In case of death after retirement the enhanced family pension should be payable for a period of seven (7) years or up to the date on which he/she would have attained the age of 67 years, had he/she survived, whichever is earlier.

14. Besides, in continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Andhra Pradesh/Vol.-VI/MA/20 dated 05-05-2016, this is to state that the Government of Andhra Pradesh in their same GO dated 17-01-2022 has enhanced their existing rate of Medical Allowance from Rs.300/- to Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) only per month to all their pensioners/family pensioners with effect from the date of issue of the orders, i.e. 17-01-2022.

15. Dearness relief sanctioned on the revised consolidated pension/family pension as well as on the pension/family pension fixed with reference to the pay drawn in the Revised Pay Scales 2022 at the rates applicable from time to time with effect from 01-01-2019, as under :

Date of effect	Rate of dearness relief per month
01-01-2019	2.73% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2019	7.28% of basic pension/family pension
01-07-2021	20.02% of basic pension/family pension

16. The Government of Andhra Pradesh in their GO Ms. No. 106 dated 11-05-2022 has decided that arrears on account of consolidation of pension/family pension shall be calculated duly preparing a due-drawn statement from 01-04-2020 to 31-12-2021 and shall be paid along with dearness relief arrears for the period from 01-07-2019 to 31-12-2021 after adjusting the total Interim Relief paid from 01-04-2020 to 31-12-2021. The Interim Relief paid from 01-07-2019 to 31-03-2020 shall not be recovered. The arrears payable after adjusting the Interim Relief shall be paid in four equal quarterly instalments starting from 01-01-2023.

If any pensioner/family pensioner has drawn more Interim Relief than the revised consolidated pension and dearness relief arrears combined, the same shall be adjusted from his/her future dearness relief arrears.

17. These orders are applicable to :

- All Government pensioners governed by A P Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- Service pensioners who retired or died prior to 01-07-2018.
- Family pensioners who are in receipt of pension as on 01-07-2018.
- Provisional pensioners and anticipatory pensioners.

18. The above consolidation of pension/family pension does not apply to :

- Those who are drawing pension/family pension on Revised UGC/ICAR/AICTE Pay Scales.
- Pensioners/family pensioners of the members of the Andhra Pradesh State Higher Judicial Service and Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Service.
- Financial Assistance grantees who are not getting dearness relief.
- Those who are appointed on or after 01-09-2004.
- Retired members of the All India Services.

19. At the time of noting revised consolidated pension on the Pension Payment Order (PPO), the pension disbursing officer shall simultaneously calculate and note the corresponding revised consolidated enhanced family pension and revised consolidated normal family pension on the PPOs. Similarly, in case where enhanced family pension is being paid, the normal family pension to be payable in future should also be consolidated and noted on the PPOs.

20. Having been authorized by the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh in their letter Nos. PAG(A&E)/AP/PM-I/OGP/2022-23/316016 (SSA No. 16082) dated 08-04-2022, PAG(A&E)/AP/PM-I/OGP/2022-23/316102 (SSA No. 16156) dated 08-04-2022, PAG (A&E)/AP/PM-I/OGP/2022-23/316145 (SSA No. 16193) dated 04/2022, PAG (A&E)/AP/PM-I/OGP/2022-23/318763 (SSA No. 16316) dated 04-07-2022, PAG (A&E)/AP/PM-I/OGP/2022-23/317708 (SSA No. 16276) dated 31-05-2022 and PAG (A&E)/AP/PM-I/OGP/2022-23/322544 dated 14-10-2022, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of revised pension/family pension and dearness relief in cash to all eligible Andhra Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2022 keeping in view of the instructions laid down above and along with arrears as per instructions laid down at para 16 above, after proper adjustment. Additional quantum of pension/family pension as stated at para 8 and 9 above shall be paid to the difference categories of pensioners/family pensioners mentioned thereon.

It is also requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of Medical Allowance @ Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) only per month to such pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 17-01-2022. Funeral charges of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty five thousand), as per instructions laid down at para 10 above, would be paid on the death of every service pensioner/family pensioner with effect from 01-01-2022.

21. Copy of all of the aforesaid GOs, if required, may be downloaded from the Government of Andhra Pradesh website : <http://apegazette.cgg.gov.in> as well as from Pr. AG (A&E), Andhra Pradesh website www.agaepts.gov.in.

22. The charges on this account are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Andhra Pradesh etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.


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