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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/DR/25

Date : 18-05-2023

Subject : Grant of Dearness Relief to the Bihar Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2023.

In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/DR/148 dated 25-11-2022, this is to state that the Government of Bihar in their FD Resolution No. 3A-3-Allowance-01/2022-3352/B. dated 11-04-2023 has sanctioned dearness relief to their pensioners/family pensioners whose pension have been revised in the light of Bihar Government FD Resolution Nos. B. (27)Pe.Co.-(Re.)22/2017-381 dated 23-05-2017 and B. (27)Pe.Co.-(Rev.)22/2017-755 dated 20-10-2017 (circulated under Nos. . Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/Revision/63 dated 13-07-2017 and Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/Revision-Detail/191 dated 19-01-2018), at the rate and from the date as under :-

Date of effect	Rate of Dearness Relief per month
01-01-2023	42% of basic pension/family pension

2. Payment of dearness relief involving fraction of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and fraction less than 50 paise may be ignored.

3. Dearness relief will be admissible to the civil pensioners who are getting compensatory pension, old age pension, retiring pension and invalid pension. This relief is also admissible to the pensioners getting provisional pension/family pension and extra ordinary pension.

4. Dearness relief will not be admissible at present to the re-employed pensioners. The matter will be communicated on receipt of reply from the Accountant General (A&E), Bihar.

5. So far as application of this order in respect of the retired employees of the High Court/Bihar Legislative Assembly/Bihar Legislative Council is concerned, necessary orders will be issued separately by the respective secretariat/office after obtaining the concurrence of the Chief Justice, Patna High Court/Speaker; Bihar Legislative Assembly/Chairman, Bihar Legislative Council, Bihar, Patna.

6. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that this circular is issued to other Accountants General just to remind them the applicability of this order to the West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners guided by Bihar Pension Rules.

7. Having been authorised by the Accountant General (A&E), Bihar in their authority No. Pen-09-124 dated 28-04-2023, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief @ 42% with effect from 01-01-2023 to all eligible Bihar Government pensioners/family pensioners as well as West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners guided by Bihar Pension Rules on their revised pension/family pension mentioned above after proper adjustment of dearness relief.

8. The charges on this account for the pensioners/family pensioners of Government of Bihar are debitable to the Government of Bihar under the head "8793-I.S.S.A/cs.; Government of Bihar etc." and the charges for the West Bengal Govt. pensioners/family pensioners guided by Bihar Pension Rules are debitable to the Government of West Bengal under the head "2071-Pension and Other Retirement Benefits".

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.


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