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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Rajasthan/Vol.=VII/DR/31

Date: 26-05-2023

Subject: Grant of dearness relief to the Rajasthan Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2023.

In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Rajasthan/Vol.-VII/DR/124 dated 31-10-2022, this is to state that the Government of Rajasthan in their FD Order No. F.12(8)FD (Rules)/2017 dated 25-03-2023 has revised the existing rate of dearness relief from 38% to 42% with effect from 01-01-2023 for their pensioners who are in receipt of superannuation, retiring, invalid, compensation, family and extraordinary pension etc.

For the purpose of this order -

- (i) Pension/family pension in the case of pre-01-01-2016 retirees and where family pension was sanctioned prior to 01-01-2016, means the consolidated pension/family pension effective from 01-01-2016 in terms of Government of Rajasthan F D Memo No. F.12(6)FD(Rules)/2017 dated 30-10-2017 (circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Rajasthan/Vol.-VII/Revision/3 dated 04-04-2018) as amended vide F D Memo No. F.12 (6)FD(Rules)/2017 dated 09-12-2017 (circular dated 04-04-2018 mentioned above) and F.12(6)FD(Rules)/2017 Pt.-I dated 06-06-2018 (circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Rajasthan/Vol.-VII/Rev/217 dated 21-01-2019);
- (ii) In the case of pensioners who retire from service on or after 01-01-2017 or where family pension is sanctioned for the first time on or after 01-01-2017, pension/family pension means the basic pension/family pension in terms of Government of Rajasthan F D Notification No. F.12(6)FD(Rules)/2017 dated 30-10-2017 as amended vide F D Notification No. F.12 (6)FD(Rules)/2017 dated 09-12-2017;
- (iii) Dearness relief will also be admissible on the additional quantum of pension/family pension allowed to the pensioners who have attained the age of 80 years and above;

(iv) Payment of dearness relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee;

(v) Other provisions governing grant of dearness relief to pensioners' such as regulation of dearness relief during employment/re-employment, regulation of dearness relief where more than one pension is drawn etc., will remain unchanged;

(vi) This order shall also be applicable in case of pensioners/family pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension;

(vii) This order shall not be applicable in case of Old Age Pensions, Political Pensions or any other kind of similar pensions, which are not related to the service rendered under the Government of Rajasthan;

(viii) Dearness relief at revised rates as above would also be admissible to pensioners who retired/retire from service of Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad and whose Pension Payment Orders have been issued by the Director, Local Fund Audit Department or Director, Pension and Pensioners' Welfare Department, Rajasthan, Jaipur.

2. Having been authorized by the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Rajasthan in their letter No. Pension Auth./K-107/Order/2023-24/274 dated 09-05-2023, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief @ 42% to such pensioners with effect from 01-01-2023 keeping in view the instructions laid down above after proper adjustment.

3. Copy of the aforesaid order dated 25-03-2023 is also available in the website : http://www.finance.rajasthan.gov.in.

4. The charges on this account are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/es.; Government of Rajasthan etc."

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