

**OFFICE OF THE PR. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), WEST BENGAL**  
**TREASURY BUILDINGS, KOLKATA : 700001**

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./65 Vol-V/94

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Subject : **Revision of Pension / Family Pension and extension of revised rates of Dearness Relief in respect of Judicial Officers of the State who retired / died in harness prior to 01/01/2016**

This is to state that the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department in their GO No. 2824-J/JD 31/07/2023 read with amendment order No. 3156-J dated 31/08/2023 have revised **with effect from 01/01/2016**, pension / family pension of the Judicial officers of the State **who retired / died in harness prior to 01/01/2016** as per recommendation of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission.

2. The revised pension / family pension in respect of Judicial Officers of the Government of West Bengal who retired / died in harness shall be 50% / 30% of the pay so revised notionally as per Annexure-I of this circular.

3. For effecting such revision, notional last pay / last pay of the pensioner as available with the Pension Disbursing Authorities, on the basis of which pension / family pension at pre-revised rate is being disbursed presently, would be revised as per Annexure-I of this circular and revised pension / family pension would be allowed accordingly as per the said annexure. However, for further revision of pension / family pension in respect of Judicial Officers of the Government of West Bengal who retired / died in harness before 01/01/2006, on the basis of notional fixation of pay as per recommendation of Second National Judicial Pay Commission, Pension Disbursing Authorities are intimated to advise pensioner / family pensioner of such category to contact with the Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal for having effect of such recommendation.

4. Such revised pension / family pension would also entitle to dearness relief, as per rate, as mentioned in Annexure-II.

5. Payment of dearness relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

6. Other provisions governing grant of dearness relief to pensioners / family pensioner, not mentioned in this order, such as regulation of dearness relief during re-employment, payment of dearness relief where more than one pension is drawn, etc, will remain unchanged, till further order of the Government in this regard.

7. Additional quantum of pension or family pension shall be payable to the retired Judicial Officers or family pensioners, as the case may be with effect from the date becoming due to them on or after 01/01/2016, on completion of age of and at the rates as specified below –

Age of Pensioner	Additional quantum of Pension
From 75 years to less than 80 years	20% of the basic pension
From 80 years to less than 85 years	30% of the basic pension
From 85 years to less than 90 years	40% of the basic pension
From 90 years to less than 95 years	60% of the basic pension
From 95 years to less than 100 years	80% of the basic pension
On completion of 100 years	100% of the basic pension

8. The above percentages are in relation to the basic pension or family pension, as the case may be, as revised. Further to obviate any doubt, the expression 'years' shall mean completed years.

9. In cases, where the Pension Disbursing Authority, disbursing pension to the Judicial Officers who retired prior to 01/01/2016 and family pension to the family pensioners in respect of Judicial Officers who retired (and subsequently expired) or died in harness prior to 01/01/2016, on the basis of Pension Payment Order / Family Pension Payment Order issued by this office and who have become entitled to the benefit of additional pension by virtue of this circular, on attaining the age of 75 years or more, as the case may be, the Pension Disbursing Authority shall allow the said benefit of additional pension, *suo moto*, and record such benefit in red ink in Disbursers' as well as in Pensioners' / Family pensioners' portion of the PPO for which pensioner / family pensioner shall produce Pensioners' copy as and when called for by the Pension Disbursing Authority. After completion of all formalities, as stated, above, the Pension Disbursing Authority shall intimate the details of such payment of additional pension / family pension to this office.

10. Interim Relief @ 30% allowed on basic pension / family pension with effect from 01.01.2016 as communicated vide this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./65 Vol.IV/64 dated 20/06/2018 to be suspended on commencement of revised pension / family pension and such payment would be adjusted against payment of revised pension / family pension with its date of effect.

11. Domestic Help allowance / Medical allowance to be continued at pre-revised rate till communication of any decision of the Government in this regard.

12. On death of pensioner / family pensioner, arrear of revised pension / family pension to be paid to nominee(s) of lifetime arrear of pension and in absence of any valid nomination to his / her legal heir(s).

13. The Pension Disbursing Authorities will revise and refix the pension / family pension following the procedure mentioned above and make necessary arrangements

for payment of revised pensionary benefits immediately on receipt of this circular and forward an intimation to this office regarding the revised pension / family pension fixed and paid against the relevant PPO / FPPO number for updating the record of this office.

14. As regards, payment of arrears of pension, family pension, additional quantum of pension and other retiral benefits since 01/01/2016, it is to state that 25% of the arrears to be paid immediately, another 25% of the arrears to be paid by 31/10/2023 and remaining 50% of arrears to be paid by 31/12/2023, following order of the Apex Court.

15. All concerned Pension Disbursing Authorities, are therefore, requested to make, necessary arrangements for payment of revised pension / family pension along with dearness relief at revised rate, arrears of pension / family pension to the above categories of pensioners / family pensioners (i.e. in respect of Judicial Officers including Higher Judicial Service of the State of West Bengal who retired / died in harness before 01/01/2016) as per the guideline mentioned above, after proper adjustment.

16. Charges for payment are debitable to the Govt. of West Bengal, under head 2071 – Pension and other Retirement Benefits – 01 – Civil – 101 Superannuation and Retirement allowances etc.

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

  
Sr. Accounts Officer

To,

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19. All Asstt. Accounts Officers/Supervisor in Pension Group.
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21. Asstt. Accounts Officer-in-charge of AM, ITSC and O&M section.
22. Secretary to the Pr. Accountant General.
23. Branch Officer, Legal Cell.
24. Internal Audit Officer.
25. P.A. to DAG (Pension).
26. Branch Officer-in-charge of Admn. Hindi Cell with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.

### Annexure - I

**Table showing existing basic pay, dearness pay, total emoluments, revised pay revised pension, revised family pension of the Judicial Officers who retired/died in harness before 01.01.2016**

Serial No.	Basic Pay (pre-revised)  At the time of retirement/die in harness	Notional Pay as on 01.01.2016  (nearest figure as per fitment chart in Annexure - III, after multiplying pre-revised Basic pay by 2.81)	Revised Pension	Revised Family Pension
			@ - 50 %	@ - 30%
1	27700	77840	38920	23352
2	28470	80180	40090	24054
3	29240	82590	41295	24777
4	30010	85070	42535	25521
5	30780	87620	43810	26286
6	31550	90250	45125	27075
7	32320	92960	46480	27888
8	33090	95750	47875	28725
9	34010	95750	47875	28725
10	34930	98620	49310	29586
11	35850	101580	50790	30474
12	36770	104630	52315	31389
13	37690	107770	53885	32331
14	38610	111000	55500	33300
15	39530	114330	57165	34299
16	40450	114330	57165	34299
17	41530	117760	58880	35328
18	42610	121290	60645	36387
19	43690	124930	62465	37479
20	44770	128680	64340	38604
21	45850	132540	66270	39762
22	46930	132540	66270	39762
23	48010	136520	68260	40956
24	49090	140620	70310	42186
25	50320	144840	72420	43452
26	51550	149190	74595	44757

27	52780	149190	74595	44757
28	54010	153670	76835	46101
29	55240	158280	79140	47484
30	56470	163030	81515	48909
31	57700	163030	81515	48909
32	58930	167920	83960	50376
33	60310	172960	86480	51888
34	61690	178150	89075	53445
35	63070	178150	89075	53445
36	64450	183490	91745	55047
37	65830	188990	94495	56697
38	67210	188990	94495	56697
39	68750	194660	97330	58398
40	70290	199100	99550	59370
41	71830	205070	102535	61521
42	73370	211220	105610	63366
43	74910	217560	108780	65268
44	76450	224100	112050	67230

### Annexure - II

Date of Effect	Rate of dearness allowance admissible	Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure Office Memorandum No.
01.01.2016	0%	-
01.07.2016	2%	No. 1/2/2016-E-II (B) dated 04.11.2016
01.01.2017	4%	No. 1/3/2017-E-II (B) dated 30.03.2017
01.07.2017	5%	No. 1/9/2017-E-II (B) dated 20.09.2017
01.01.2018	7%	No. 1/1/2018-E-II (B) dated 15.03.2018
01.07.2018	9%	No. 1/2/2018-E-II (B) dated 07.09.2018
01.01.2019	12%	No. 1/1/2019-E-II (B) dated 27.02.2019
01.07.2019	17%	No. 1/3/2019-E-II (B) dated 14.10.2019
01.01.2020	17%	-
01.07.2020	17%	-
01.01.2021	17%	-
01.07.2021	31%	No. 1/4/2021-E-II (B) dated 25.10.2021 *Superseding No. 1/1/2020-E-II (B) dated 20.07.2021
01.01.2022	34%	No. 1/2/2022-E-II (B) dated 31.03.2022
01.07.2022	38%	No. 1/3/2022-E-II (B) dated 03.10.2022
01.01.2023	42%	No. 1/3/2008-E-II (B) dated 10.04.2023