

REGISTERED/BY SPECIAL MESSENGER
OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), WEST BENGAL,
TREASURY BUILDINGS, KOLKATA – 700 001.

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/93 Vol.VI/159

Date : 8/1/2024

1. The General Manager/Manager of all concerned Link Branches (Under Special Seal) of Public Sector Banks in Kolkata.
2. All Accountants General. -do-
3. Pay & Accounts Officer, No. V, Tis Hazari, New Delhi, PIN -110 054. -do-
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7. Asstt. Military Attache (P), Embassy of India, Military Pension Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal-1. -do-
8. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok – 737 101. -do-
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14. Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Department of Govt. and Bank Accounts, Byculla Office Building, 4th floor, opp. Mumbai Central Railway Station, Byculla, Mumbai-400 008.
15. OSD & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, Finance (e-governance group) Department, Nabanna, 12th Floor, Room No. 1205, 325, Sarat Chandra Chatterjee Road, Howrah – 711 102.
16. All Branch Officers/Assistant Accounts Officer in Pension Group of this office. Branch Officer/Pen. EDP is requested to upload the circular along with the enclosed memorandum in P-SAI software.
17. I.T. Support Cell with request to upload in Office Portal.
18. Branch Officer/Assistant Accounts Officer of Legal Cell, T. I. Party, AM-I and O & M Section of this office. (through office portal)
19. Secretary to Pr. Accountant General/IAO (through office portal)
20. Branch Officer-in-charge of Admn. Hindi Cell with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.

Subject: Grant of Dearness Relief to the West Bengal Govt. pensioners/family pensioners @ 10% drawing pension at revised rate consequent on implementation of WBS (ROPA), 2019 and @ 151% to the pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension at the pre-revised rate i.e. as per WBS (ROPA) 2009, both w.e.f. 1/1/2024.

In continuation to this office circulars No. Pen. Co-ordn/93 Vol. VI/208 dated 17/3/2023, it is stated that the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department (Audit Branch), in their Memo no. 56-F (P₂) dated 3/1/2024 (copy enclosed), have sanctioned revised rates of dearness relief w.e.f. 01/01/2024 @ 10% payable to the pensioners/family pensioners on basic pension/family pension, which are revised in terms of their Memo. No. 535-F (Pen) or 536-F (Pen) both dated 1/10/2019 and @ 151% payable to the pensioners/family pensioners who are drawing basic pension/family pension at the pre-revised rate i.e. in terms of their Memo. No. 200-F (Pen) or 201-F (Pen) both dated 25/2/2009, in supersession of the rates mentioned in the circular dated 17/3/2023.

Payment of relief on pension/family pension involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee in each case.

All Pension Disbursing Officers are, therefore, requested to make necessary arrangements for payment of dearness relief at the rates as contained in the enclosed memo. dated 3/1/2024 to all eligible West Bengal Govt. pensioners/family pensioners after proper adjustment.

In this context, it is reiterated that separate circulars will be issued with regard to grant of dearness relief on pension/family pension to the teaching and non-teaching pensioner/family pensioners of Non-Govt. Educational Institution and Non Govt. Colleges on receipt of specific orders from the respective Administrative Departments.

Accountants General of other States are requested to arrange extra copies of the said Govt. order at their end, if necessary, for circulation within their State.



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No. 56-F(P₂)

Dated, Howrah, the 3rd January, 2024.

MEMORANDUM

Sub : Grant of Dearness Allowance to State Government Employees and the employees of Government aided Educational Institutions, employees of Statutory Bodies, Government Undertakings, Panchayats including Panchayat Karmee, Municipal Corporations / Municipalities, Local Bodies etc. and also Dearness Relief to the Pensioners / Family Pensioners.

The question of enhancement of (i) Dearness Allowance in the revised pay structure implemented as per recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission in respect of Government employees, the teaching and non-teaching employees of Government aided Educational Institutions, employees of Statutory Bodies, Government Undertakings, Panchayats including Panchayat Karmee, Municipal Corporations / Municipalities, Local Bodies etc. and (ii) Dearness Relief on the pension / family pension since revised as per recommendation of the said Pay Commission has been under consideration of the Government for some time past.

2. After careful consideration, the Governor has been pleased to decide the following:

- I. The whole time State Government employees shall draw Dearness Allowance @ 10% of basic pay with effect from 01.01.2024. The calculation of Dearness Allowances shall be made taking into account the revised basic pay and NPA, if any, but it shall not include any other type of pay.
- II. The Dearness Allowance as sanctioned at (I) above in respect of State Government employees shall be admissible to the teaching and non-teaching employees of Government aided Educational Institutions, employees of Statutory Bodies, Government Undertakings, Panchayats including Panchayat Karmee, Municipal Corporations / Municipalities, Local Bodies etc. The respective Administrative Department may sanction the benefit of Dearness Allowance @ 10% of revised basic pay with effect from 01.01.2024 to the employees under their control without making any further reference to Group-P₂ of this Department.
- III. (a) The State Government Pensioners / Family Pensioners shall draw Dearness Relief @ 10% of revised basic pension / revised family pension with effect from 01.01.2024.
(b) It will be the responsibility of the Pension Disbursing Authority to calculate the quantum of Dearness Relief on revised Pension / revised family Pension payable to each individual case.
(c) For the purpose of payment of Dearness Relief sanctioned herein, the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, will issue authority to the Public Sector Banks in Kolkata and the Accountant General of other States.
(d) The Treasury or Sub-treasury Officers in this State will give effect to this order without the authority of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal.

- IV. The Dearness Relief as sanctioned at (III) (a) above for the State Government Pensioners / Family Pensioners shall also be admissible to the Pensioners / Family Pensioners of State aided Non-Government Educational Institutions, Statutory Bodies / Government Undertakings / Panchayats, Municipal Corporations / Municipalities, Local Bodies etc., who are in receipt of revised Pension / revised Family Pension as per recommendation of 6th Pay Commission. The respective Administrative Department may sanction the benefit of Dearness Relief @ 10% of revised Pension / revised Family Pension with effect from 01.01.2024 to the Pensioners / Family Pensioners concerned under their control without making any further reference to Pension Branch of this Department.
- V. (a) The rate of Dearness Allowance in respect of the employees mentioned in para (I) above who are drawing pay in the pre-revised pay structure as per recommendation of the 5th Pay Commission shall be enhanced from 141% to 151% with effect from 01.01.2024.
(b) The pensioners / family pensioners still drawing pre-revised pension / family pension (As per ROPA 2009) will get Dearness Relief @ 151% with effect from 01.01.2024 till their pension / family pension is revised.
- VI. The Dearness Allowance / Dearness Relief sanctioned herein shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee in each case.
- VII. In the case of Public Undertakings / Statutory Bodies, the additional expenditure for sanction of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief should be borne by such Undertakings / Bodies themselves out of their own resources or out of financial assistance provided to them in the budget and no additional financial assistance will be given to them on that account.
- VIII. There will be a further ad-hoc increase in the Daily Rate of Wages by Rs.22/- (Rupees Twenty Two) only with effect from 01.01.2024 for the daily rated workers under the Government whose wages are not regulated by any Statutory provisions like the Minimum Wages Act, etc.

Sd/- Dr. Manoj Pant

**Additional Chief Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal**

No. 56/1(400)-F(P₂)

Dated, Howrah, the 3rd January, 2024.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

01. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kol.-700 001.
02. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kol.-700 001.
03. The Principal Accountant General (Receipt Works & Local Bodies Audit), West Bengal, CGO Complex, 3rd MSO Buildings, 5th Floor, Block DF, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 064.
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07. The Section & D.D.O., Finance (Accounts) Department, West Bengal Secretariat, Nabanna, Howrah 711 102.
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09. The District Magistrate/ District Judge _____
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