

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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/7-Vol. III (C)/4

Date : 3/4/2024

Subject : Grant of Ex-gratia payment to the West Bengal Govt.
Pensioners/Family Pensioners for the year 2024.

It is informed that the Government of West Bengal, Finance Department, in their Audit Branch Memo No. 1223-F(P₂)/FA/O/2M/493/12 dated 7/3/2024 (copy enclosed) have sanctioned Ex-gratia Grant of ₹ 3,200/- (Rupees Three thousand and Two hundred only) **in lump per head** to all their pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who retired up to **30-09-2023** and also the pensioners who retired/died or will retire/die **after 30-09-2023** but prior to **01-09-2024** and are not eligible to receive ad-hoc bonus.

2. The Ex-gratia grant sanctioned in the aforesaid Memo will also be admissible to the following categories of pensioners/family pensioners, as mentioned in Para 3 of the enclosed Memo.

- (i) The holders of family pension, ex-gratia family pension and ad-hoc family pension;
- (ii) Pensioners (including widow pension holders) who draw their pension sanctioned under French Pension Rules;
- (iii) Holders of extra-ordinary pension; and
- (iv) Holders of ex-gratia pension

The classes of pensioner who will not come within the purview of the Memo have also been clearly indicated in Para 4 & 5 of the Memo *ibid*.

In this connection, it is informed that the **pro-rata pensionholders** are also entitled to get the benefit of full amount of ex-gratia grant, sanctioned in the above Memo. in terms of Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department, Pension Branch's clarificatory letter No. 805-F(Pen), dated 10-12-2008 (circulated by this Office circular No Pen. Co-ordn/7 Vol. III/64 Vol. II/191 dated 07-01-2009), subject to fulfillment of the conditions as laid down in the Memo. *ibid*.

3. The ex-gratia grant sanctioned in the Memo. will, however, be admissible only to pensioners/family pensioners whose basic pension/family pension along with dearness relief does not exceed ₹ 35,000/- as on 31-03-2024.

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4. Necessary arrangements for payment of Ex-gratia @ ₹ 3,200/- (Rupees Three thousand and Two hundred only) to the eligible West Bengal Govt. pensioners/family pensioners may please be made, keeping in view the instructions contained in the enclosed Memo. as well as in this circular.

5. The payment of ex-gratia as sanctioned in the Memo. should be made to the Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners before the festival of Id-UI-Fitre and to other than Muslim Pensioners/Family Pensioners, the payment in this regard may be made in between 23-9-2024 and 30-09-2024.

6. The charges on this account is debitable to the Govt. of West Bengal under the head "2071-Pension and other retirement benefits-01-Civil-800-Other Expenditure-NP-001-fund" required for meeting other expenditure-V-04-Pension/Gratuities" during the current financial year.

7. In this connection, it is also informed that the teaching and non-teaching pensioners of the State aided Non-Govt. Educational Institution, non-Govt. colleges etc. will not come under the purview of this Memorandum. Separate circulars in these cases will be issued on receipt of the order from the respective Administrative Department as mentioned in last but one paragraph of the Memo *ibid*.

8. In case of any doubt/difficulty, the matter may be referred to this office for clarification.

Encl : As stated.


Sr. Accounts Officer
Pension Co-ordination

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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.

Dated, Howrah, the 7th March, 2024

No. 1223-F(P2)/FA/O/2M/493/12

MEMORANDUM

Sub : Grant of ex-gratia payment to the State Government Pensioners for the year 2023-2024.

The undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that in order to provide some relief to the State Government Pensioners during the ensuing festivals, the Governor is has been pleased to decide that all State Government Pensioners including the holders of provisional pension who retired prior to 30.09.2023 and also the pensioners who retired or died after 30.09.2023 but prior to 01.09.2024 and whose basic pension plus Dearness Relief on pension as on 31st March, 2024 did not exceed Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand) only are not eligible for ad-hoc bonus shall be paid an ex-gratia of Rs.3,200/- (Rupees Three Thousand and Two Hundred) only in lump per head.

2. The charge is debitible to head "2071-Pension and other retirement benefits-01-Civil-800-other Expenditure-NP-001-fund required for meeting other expenditure-V-04-Pension/Gratuities" during the current financial year.

3. The ex-gratia grant sanctioned herein will also be admissible to:

- i. The holders of family pension, ex-gratia family pension and ad-hoc family pension;
- ii. Pensioners (including widow pension holders) who draw their pension sanctioned under French Pension Rules;
- iii. Holders of extra-ordinary pension; and
- iv. Holders of ex-gratia pension.

The benefit will also be admissible to the pensioners of the undivided Government of Bengal and the pensioners erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) Government who migrated to West Bengal and are receiving pension under "Provisional Payment of Pension Scheme".

4. The Ex-gratia sanctioned herein will not be admissible to the special categories of pensioners, such as:-

- i. Pensioners who have migrated from Pakistan;
- ii. Political Pensioners;
- iii. Special Pensioners;
- iv. War Risk Pensioners;
- v. Pensioners governed by All India Service Rules.

5. The benefit will not be admissible to those who are entitled to ad-hoc sanctioned by the State Government and those who are employed / re-employed under any Public Undertakings / Statutory Bodies under the Government and are in receipt of bonus or ex-gratia payment in lieu thereof during the current financial year.

6. State Government pensioners who draw their pension through Public Sector Banks will get this ex-gratia grant through their respective Bank Account. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal will issue an authority for this purpose to all such Banks under the Kolkata Payment Scheme immediately on receipt of this order so that the pensioners may draw the ex-gratia grant immediately to make their commitments for the festival. The Treasury Office will take appropriate steps for issue of cheque to the respective paying branches of the Banks and Post Offices, so that the pensioners receiving pension through Banks and Money Order get the payment of ex-gratia immediately to meet their commitments for this festival. No authority of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal will be required for this purpose.

7. Subject to Para 6 above, this order will also be applicable to those who are eligible to this ex-gratia grant but whose pension / family pension has not yet been sanctioned. In their cases and in the case of persons who are drawing provisional pension, this amount of ex-gratia will be drawn by the authority competent to draw provisional pension in the same manner as the amount of Provisional Pension is drawn by him. In their cases, the facts of payment of ex-gratia grant should be intimated to the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal at the time of forwarding their pension papers for final sanction of pension.

The benefit of ex-gratia grant of Rs. 3,200/- per head as has been sanctioned in this memorandum for the State Government Pensioners will also be allowed to the teaching and non-teaching Pensioners of State Government Educational Institutions and Pensions of Panchayats, the Pensioners of Municipal Corporation / Municipalities / Local Bodies and other Organisations for who pension is authorized either by the Accountant General, West Bengal or the DPPG, West Bengal. In such cases the respective Administrative Department may sanction the benefit of ex-gratia payment @ Rs. 3,200/- per head this year to the pensioners concerned under their control without making any further reference to Pension Branch of this Department.

The payment of ex-gratia as sanctioned hereinabove should be made before the festival of Id-UI-Fitre of 2024 for the Muslim Pensioners / Family Pensioners and other than Muslim Pensioners / Family Pensioners the benefit should be disbursed in between 23.09.2024 to 30.09.2024.

Sd/- Dr. Manoj Pant

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

No. 1223/1(300)-F(P2)/FA/O/2M/493/12

Dated, Howrah, the 7th March, 2024

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

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**Additional Secretary to the
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