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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/DR/27

Date: 02-05-2024

Subject: Grant of Dearness Relief to the Bihar Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-01-2024.

In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/DR/170 dated 16-01-2024, this is to state that the Government of Bihar in their FD Resolution No. 3A-3-Allowance-01/2022-2892/B. dated 15-03-2024 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
01-01-2024 50% 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 including re-employed pensioners. This relief is also admissible to the pensioners getting provisional pension/family pension and extra ordinary pension.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Having been authorised by the Accountant General (A&E), Bihar in their authority No. Pen-9-89 dated 15-04-2024, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief @ 50% with effect from 01-01-2024 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.
- 7. 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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