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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.- VII/Arrear/156

Date : 26-03-2026

*Subject : (i) Payment of arrears of revised rates of pension/family pension for the period from 01-01-2016 to 31-01-2022 to the pre-01-01-2016 Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners- who have attained the age of 70 years and above; and
(ii) Grant of Dearness Relief to the Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01-07-2023.*

It is stated that pension/family pension in respect of pre-01-01-2016 Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners has been revised with effect from 01-01-2016 and paid in cash with effect from 01-02-2022 in terms of this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VII/Revision/23 dated 05-05-2022 and payment of arrears of pension/family pension with effect from 01-01-2016 to 31-01-2022 was remained pending. Afterwards, 20% of the said arrears has been released subject to ceiling of Rs.50,000/- in terms of circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VII/Arrear/143 dated 17-11-2022. Further, in the circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VII/Arrear-Addl/56 dated 21-06-2024, 35% of above arrears was released in respect of pensioners/family pensioners who have attained the age of 75 years and above. Moreover, in the circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.- VII/Arrear/139 dated 19-12-2024, remaining 45% of arrears, i.e. the entire balance arrears was released in respect of pensioners/family pensioners who have attained the age of 75 years and above.

2. Now, the Government of Himachal Pradesh in their Memo No. Fin.(Pen)A(3)-1/2021-Part-I dated 19-06-2025 have released the 50% of the balance arrears (i.e. 30% of total pension/family pension arrears) to the pensioners/family pensioners who have attained the age of 70 years and above in the month of June 2025. Now, cumulative arrears paid, after taking into account the present release, shall be 70% of the total arrears.

3. Besides, in continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./H P/Vol.-VII/DR/138 dated 19-12-2024, this is to state that the Government of Himachal Pradesh in their OM No. Fin (Pen) B (10)-6/98-IV-Loose dated 15-10-2025 have sanctioned dearness relief to their pensioners/family pensioners at the rate and from the date as under :

<i>Date of effect</i>	<i>Rate of dearness relief per month</i>
01-07-2023	45% of basic pension/family pension

4. The said dearness relief shall be paid with effect from 01-04-2025 and the arrears accrued from 01-07-2023 to 31-03-2025 shall be paid in the manner as may be prescribed by the separate orders, which may be communicated on receipt of authority in this regard from the O/o the Pr. AG (A&E), Himachal Pradesh.

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

6. 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.

7. Having been authorized by the Pr. Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh in their authority No. Pension-1/C-5/Special Seal/Himachal Pradesh/2025-26/1792-1826 dated 23-10-2025, received through e-mail dated 04-11-2025, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of remaining 50% of the balance arrears (i.e. 30% of total pension/family pension arrears) to the concerned pre-01-01-2016 Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners, who have attained the age of 70 years and above in the month of June 2025 as per instruction laid down above and after proper adjustment. It is also requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief @ 45% to all eligible Himachal Pradesh Government pensioners/family pensioners on their basic pension/family pension with effect from 01-04-2025 as per instructions laid down from para 3 to 6 after adjustment of the amount already paid.

8. The charges on this account are debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S.A/cs.; Government of Himachal Pradesh etc."

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Sr. Accounts Officer

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