## Government of Punjab Department of Finance (Finance Pension Policy & Coordination Branch)

To

All Pension Disbursing Banks,

State of Punjab.

Memo: No.03/02/2024-3FPPC/ 408

Dated: 18.12.2024

Subject: Regarding recovery of Commuted Value of Pension,

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I am directed to invite your attention to the letter No. T&A/DDI/D-2/2024/4051, dated 28.06.2024, letter no. 03/02/2024-3FPPC/328, dated 29.08.2024, T&A/DDI/D-2/2024/6362 dated 23.09.2024 on the subject cited above.

- 2. In compliance to the Interim order passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High court in various CWPs, the recovery of commuted value of pension from all the pensioners of State Government who have completed 10 years of retirement or above was stayed till the vacation of stay orders.
- 3. Now Hon,ble Court has decided this matter and passed the orders in CWP 9426 of 2023 titled as Shila Devi and others and other connected petitions on 27.11.2024. The relevant portion of the orders of the Hon'ble Court is as under:-
  - "30. Keeping in view the fair stand on the part of the State, we do not find any ground for issuance of any particular direction in this regard except to observe that in terms of the stand as projected before us, it is expected that necessary steps in this regard would be taken expeditiously by the State.
  - 31. Keeping in view facts and circumstances as narrated and discussed in foregoing paras, all the 808 writ petitions are dismissed with no order as to cost. It is clarified that the State is entitled to effect recoveries which were stayed by way of interim orders in the writ petitions. Such recovery however be made in a staggered manner to obviate any hardship to the pensioners."
  - 4. Now, keeping in view the above orders of the Hon'ble Court, the Government has decided to restart the recovery process. The amount of recovery which could not take place due to stay orders will now be made in a

staggered manner i.e it will be recovered within the same time frame for which the recovery was stayed. For example, if the due recovery was not made for 06 months, it will now be recovered over the next 06 months in addition to the regular repayment of commuted value of pension. It is further clarified the normal recovery of commuted portion of pension will continue simultaneously.

The compliance of these instructions shall be ensured by all the Pension Disbursing Banks and any deviation shall be taken as deliberate non compliance of these instructions.

Under Secretary, Finance

A Copy is forwarded to all Administrative Secretaries for information and necessary action.

Under Secretary, Finance

To

All Administrative Secretaries, Government of Punjab.

ID No. 03/02/2024-3FPPC/ 409

Dated, Chandigarh: 18-12-2024

Endst. No. 03/02/2024-3FPPC/ 410

Dated, Chandigarh: 18-12-2624

A Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for necessary action:-

- 1. The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab and Chandigarh.
- 2. Director, Treasury & accounts, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Under Secretary, Finance

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Government of Punjab
Department of Finance
(Finance Pension Policy & Coordination Branch)

All Pension Disbursing Banks, State of Punjab.

Memo: No.03/02/2024-3FPPC/328

Dated: 29/08/2024

Subject: Issue of stay order on recovery of Commuted Value of Pension.

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter No. T&A/DDI/D-2/2024/4051 dated 28.06.2024 on the subject cited above.

- 2. In compliance to the interim order passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in various CWPs, the necessary directions to stop the recovery of Commuted Value of Pension till the vacation of stay orders, from pensioners (Petitioners in CWPs) have already been issued as per letter mentioned above.
- 3. In order to avoid further litigation in the matter, State Government has now considered the issue and decided to stop the recovery of Commuted Value of Pension till the vacation of Stay Orders, <u>from all pensioners</u> (including Petitioners) of State Government who have completed 10 years of retirement or above.

You are requested to issue necessary directions to the officers concerned for implementation of above decision.

Under Scorctary, Finance

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Under Secretary, Finance

To

All Administrative Secretaries, Government of Punjab

ID No. No. 03/02/2024-3FPPC/328 Endst. No. No.03/02/2024-3FPPC/328 Dated, Chandigarh 29/08/2024 Dated, Chandigarh 29/08/2024

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1. The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab and Chandigarh.

2. Director, Treasury & Accounts, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Under Secretary, Finance

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No. T&A/DDI/D-2/2024/ 4051 Government of Punjab Department of Finance (Treasuries & Accounts Branch) Vit Te Yojna Bhawan, Plot 2-B, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh

All Pension Disbursing Banks, State of Punjab

Date, Chandigarh 98/06/2024

Subject:

Compliance of interim orders passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in various Civil Writ Petitions - regarding Stay Order on recovery of commuted value of pension from the petitioners.

The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court has passed the interim orders in various writ petitions to "Stay" the recovery of commuted value of pension in which the pensioners/petitioners had challenged the restoration of the commuted value.

The copy of the interim order passed in one such CWP 2490 of 2024 titled as Ram Saroop Jindal Vs State of Punjab is enclosed herewith.

In compliance to the above mentioned "Stay" order passed by the Hon'ble Court in various writ petitions the process of recovery from the petitioners on account of commuted value of pension be stayed till the Vacation of Stay orders.

Deputy Director (Inspection)

Endst. T& A/DDI/D-2/2024/ 4 6 59-54

Dated Chandigarh,

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Accountant General (A & E), Punjab, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh. 1.

Under Secretary, Finance Pension Policy & Coordination Branch, 2. Finance Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

All District Treasury Officers in the State of Punjab. 3.

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