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Dated:-20 /12/2023

To,,
The Director of Accounts,
Directorate of Accounts,
Porvorim-Goa.

Subject: Regarding Dearness Allowance to the Goa State Freedom Fighter Pensioners

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to state that the Government of Goa is paying monthly pension to freedom fighters registered with the State Home Department as a mark of respect for their selfless contribution to the freedom struggle of Goa. The said pension was being paid as a lump sum amount of Rs. 6000/- upto 31.03.2013. However w.e.f. 01/04/2013, the pension payment has been linked with dearness allowance as per the D.A. rates announced by Central Government and as adopted by Government of Goa vis-a-vis State Government employees.

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In this regards, it is to inform you that, Government of Goa, under "The Goa Freedom Fighters Welfare (Amendment) Rules, 2022, as per Amendment to Rule 4- In Rule 4 of the Goa Freedom Fighters Welfare Rules, 2013, for the expression "Rs. 3500/- plus applicable Dearness Allowances as per the rate announced by Central Government from time to time", the expression "Rs. 9000/- plus applicable Dearness Allowance as per the Order No. 8/1/2016-Fin(R&C)/(A) dated 30-11-2016 under 7th Pay Commission". shall be substituted vide Notification No. 11/463/90-HD(G)/629 dated 23/02/2023, published in the Official Gazette No. Series I No. 48 dated 02/03/2023.

Now, the revised pattern of payment of pension to freedom fighters/family pensioners under the Goa Freedom Fighters Welfare (Amendment) Rules, 2022 is as under, the Government has approved for release of Dearness Relief to the Goa Freedom Fighters:

Sr. No.	Description	Amount	Dearness Allowance
1	Basic Monthly Pension	Rs. 9000/-	1) 38% to 42% (i.e. 4%) w.e.f.
2	Add Dearness Allowance	DA as per the rates announced by Central Government and adopted by the State Government vis-à-vis Government employees.	
3	Add Fixed Medical Allowance	Rs. 3000 /-	01-07-2023.

You' are, therefore, requested to direct all Banks/Pension disbursing authorities for payment of freedom fighters pension under the Goa Freedom Eighters Welfare (Amendment) Rules, 2022. It is also requested that future pension payments may please be revised as and when the dearness relief rate is enhanced.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance (R&C) Department vide their U.O. No. 1400085783 dated 02/12/2023.

Yours faithfully

(Manthan Manoj Naik)
Under Secretary (Home-II)

Copy to:

- 14 1) The Dy. Director (Pension), Directorate of Accounts, Panaji-Goa.
 - 2) The Dy. Director(Pension), Directorate of Accounts, Margao-Goa.
 - 3) The Sr. Deputy Accountant General (Audit), RAO, Porvorim-Goa.
 - 4) The President of Goa Daman and Diu, Freedom Fighters Association, Azad Gomantak Dal Memorial Hall, Panaji-Goa.
 - 5) The President of Freedom Fighter Association,
 Ground floor, Gaunekar Building, Shanti Nagar, Ponda-Goa-403401.
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