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Circular No. Pen.Co-ordn./55 Vol.VIII/ 142 Vol.III/65 Vol.V/66 Vol-IV/205 Date: 14/03/2024

Subject:- Grant of revised rate of Dearness Relief @ 50% to Central Government Pensioners / Family Pensioners etc. effective from 01/01/2024

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In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./55 Vol. VIII/142 Vol.III/65 Vol.IV/66 Vol.III/122 dated 16/11/2023, it is stated that Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare under their O.M. No 42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 13/03/2024 have sanctioned Dearness Relief at the rate of 50% with effect from 01/01/2024 in supersession of the rate mentioned in O.M. No 42/04/2023-P&PW(D) dated 27/10/2023 to (i). Civilian Central Government pensioners/family pensioners including absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners / family pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners / family pensioners (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension (vi) The Burma Civilian Pensioners / Family Pensioners and (vii) Pensioners/families of displaced Government pensioners from Pakistan.

2. This circular will not be applicable to
 - (a) CPF beneficiaries, their widows and eligible children who are in receipt of ex-gratia payment in terms of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16/12/1997 and revised subsequently vide OM No. 1/10/2012-P&PW(E) dated 27/06/2013.
 - (b) Burma Military pensioners / family pensioners.

3. The retired officers of West Bengal Judicial Service and family pensioners of such category would not come within the ambit of this circular and a separate circular letter in respect of such category of pensioners / family pensioners will be issued separately on enhancement of such applicable rate.


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4. In the case of retired Judges of the High Court, separate circular will be issued on receipt of necessary order from the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice).
5. Amount of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
6. The payment of arrears of Dearness Relief shall not be made before the date of disbursement of pension / family pension of March, 2024.
7. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including nationalized banks etc. to calculate the quantum of Dearness Relief payable in each individual case.
8. All concerned Pension Disbursing Officers are, therefore, requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of Dearness Relief @ 50% to the above eligible categories of pensioners/ family pensioners with effect from 01/01/2024, along with arrear of dearness relief following the above guideline, as applicable, after proper adjustment.
9. Charges for payment of above enhanced rate of dearness relief to the pensioners / family pensioners are debitable to the Government of India/Railway/Defence Accounts under the proper head of account as usual.
10. Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.


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