compensate them for the rise in cost of living beyond average Consumer Price Index 306.3 (as on 01.01.1996) at the rate of 22% w.e.f. 01.07.1996 in supervision of the rate mentioned in the O.M. dated 15.04.98 referred to above. A ready reckoner showing the dearness relief payable from 01.07.1996 onwards in terms of these orders is enclosed.

2. These orders apply to (i) All civilian Central Government pensioners/family pensioners (ii) The Armed forces pensioners, Civilian pensioners paid out of the Defence Services Estimates, (iii) All India Services pensioners (iv) Railway pensioners and (v) The Burra civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government pensioners who are Indian Nationals but receiving pension on behalf of Government of Pakistan, who are in receipt of ad-hoc ex-gratia allowance of Rs.1275/-p.m. in terms of this department's O.M. No.231/97-P&PW(D) dated 23.03.1997.

3. Central Govt. Employees who had drawn lumpsum payment on absorption in a PSU/Autonomous body and have become entitled to restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of pension as well as revision of the restored amount in terms of these orders is enclosed.

4. The following categories of CPF beneficiaries who are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment in terms of this department's O.M. No.45/52/97-P&PW(D) dated 12.07.1997 will also be paid DR @ 14% with effect from 01.07.98 as indicated in the ready reckoner :-

(i) The widows and dependant children of the deceased CPF beneficiary who had retired from service prior to 01.01.1986 or who had died while in service prior to 01.01.1986 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.605/-p.m.

(ii) Central Govt. Employees who had retired on CPF benefits before 21.11.1966 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.654/-, Rs.655/-, Rs.703/- and Rs.956/-.

(iii) Central Govt. Employees who had retired on CPF benefits between the period 18.11.1960 to 31.12.1985 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia @ Rs.600/-with effect from 01.11.1997.

5. Payment of dearness relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher 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. In the case of retired Supreme Court and High Court Judges necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

8. The Accountants General and authorised Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioner etc. on the basis of above instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No.S28-IA/BIA/40-11 dated 23.04.1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Reserve Bank of India Circular No.GANB No.2958/GA-64(ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

9. In their application to the employees belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department these orders issue in consultation with the C&AG.