Sub: Grant of dearness relief to Central Government Pensioners and Pensioners of All India Services, etc.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No.42(14)-P& PW/89(E) dated 17.10.1988 sanctioning one instalment of dearness relief admissible from 1.7.88 and to say that the President is pleased to decide that dearness relief shall be paid to the Central Government pensioners/family pensioners to compensate for the rise in the cost of living beyond the average Consumer Price Index 608 at the following rates w.e.f. 1.1.89 in supersession of the rates mentioned in the O.M. dated 17.10.1988—

Pension / Family Pension per month

(i) Not exceeding Rs.1,750/-
(ii) Exceeding Rs.1,750/- but not exceeding Rs.3,000/-
(iii) Exceeding Rs.3,000/-

1.2 Payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

1.3 Other provisions contained in this Department's O.M. No.2/97-PIC dated 22.4.87 will remain unaltered.

1.4 A ready reckoner showing the dearness relief payable from 1.1.89 onwards in terms of these orders is enclosed.

2.1 These orders apply to all civilian Central Govt. pensioners/family pensioners.

2.2 These orders also apply to—

(i) the widows and dependent children (in receipt of ex-gratia payment of Rs.150/- p.m.) of the deceased CPF beneficiaries who had retired from service prior to 1.1.1986 or who had died while in service prior to 1.1.1986 (vide this Ministry's O.M.No.4(1)/87-P(WP)(PIC) dated 13.6.1988);

(ii) The Central Government employees who had retired on CPF benefits before 18.11.1960 and are in receipt of ex-gratia pension of Rs.168/-, Rs.170/-, Rs.186/- and Rs.285/- w.e.f. 1.1.1986 (vide this Ministry's O.M.No.5(1)/P& PW(PI)) dated 27.9.88); and

(iii) The Armed Forces pensioners, civilian pensioners paid out of the Defence Services Estimates, All India Services pensioners and Railway pensioners.

Rate of Dearness Relief per month

29 % of pension/family pension

22% of pension/family pension

subject to a minimum of Rs.508/-,

19% of pension/family pension subject to a minimum of Rs.660/-.

2.3 In the case of retired Supreme Court and High Court Judges necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

3. The Accountants General and authorised public sector banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners on the basis of the above instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No.528/TA.II/34-80.11 dated 23.4.81 of the C&AG.

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

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New Delhi, 12th May 1989