OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Grant of dearness relief to pensioners in Implementation of Government's decisions on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

The undersigned is directed to state that in pursuance of Government decisions on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission announced in this Department's Resolution No. 45/86/97-P&PW(A) dated the 30th Sept. 1997, the President is pleased to decide that dearness relief shall be paid to All Central Government pensioners and family pensioners to compensate them for rise in cost of living beyond average CPI 1510 at the uniform rate as below:-

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<th>Period</th>
<th>Rate of DR p.m.</th>
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<td>From 1.7.96 to 31.12.96</td>
<td>4% of pension/family pension</td>
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<td>From 1.1.97 to 30.6.97</td>
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For the purpose of these orders:

(i) Pension/family pension in the case of pre - 1.1.1996 retirees and where family pension was sanctioned prior to 1.1.1996, means the consolidated pension or consolidated family pension as the case may be, effective from 1.1.1996 in terms of orders issued in this Department's OM No. 45/86/97-P&PW(A) Pt. II dated 27th October, 1997.

(ii) In the case of pensioners who retire from service on or after 1.1.1996 or where family pension is sanctioned for the first time on or after 1.1.1996, pension/family pension means the basic pension/basic family pension as the case may be in terms of this Department's OM No. 45/86/97-P&PW(A) Pt. I dated 27th October, 1997.

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 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.

1.4 A ready reckoner showing the dearness relief payable from (i) 1.7.96 to 31.12.96 (ii) 1.1.97 to 30.6.97 and (iii) from 1.7.97 onwards in terms of these orders is enclosed.

2. This Department Office Memorandum No. 42/89/96-P&PW(G) dated 12th Sept., 1996 and 42/297/97-P&PW(G) dated 3rd April, 1997 sanctioning dearness relief to pensioners w.e.f. 1st July, 1996 and 1st Jan., 1997 are hereby superceded. Payments on account of dearness relief made to pensioners/family pensioners in terms of these orders will be adjusted against the dearness relief payable to them under the revised rates in terms of this order. If the entire amount cannot be adjusted from the arrears of dearness relief payable under this order, the balance amount will be adjusted against future payment of dearness relief in terms of this order.

3.1 These orders apply to all civil pensioners.

3.2 These orders apply to Armed Forces pensioners, civilian pensioners paid out of the Defence Services Estimates, All India Service pensioners and Railway pensioners.

3.3 These orders do not apply to retired High Court and Supreme Court Judges, in their case separate orders will be issued by the administrative authorities concerned.


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

6. Hindi version follows.

(SUDHA P. RAO)
Director

To,
All Ministries/Departments to the Government of India.

NOTICE FOR GUIDANCE OF PENSION DISBURSING AUTHORITIES:
No payment of arrears in account of DR from 1.7.1996, 1.1.1997 and 1.7.1997 as per this Order should be made to pre-1996 pensioners/family pensioners as the arrears in their case are to be made with reference to the statement attached to this Department's O.M. No.45/86/97-P&PW(A) Part-II dated 27th October, 1997. After the payment of arrears, future DR may be paid to the pre-1996 pensioners/family pensioners on the basis of this order.

Annexure: [Note - P / FP = Pension / Family Pension, DR = Dearness Relief from 1.7.96, 1.1.97 and 1.7.97.]