No. Fin-C-B(7)-4/2002  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Finance (Regulations) Department.

Dated Shimla-171002, the 15th October, 2003.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Grant of Dearness Allowance to the employees of the State Government w.e.f. 01.01.2003.

In continuation to this Department's Office Memorandum of even number dated 26th December, 2002, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to order that the Dearness Allowance payable to the employees of the Government of Himachal Pradesh shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 52% to 55% of pay w.e.f. 1st January, 2003.

2. The term "PAY" for the purpose of calculation of Dearness Allowance, shall remain the same as defined in para 2 of this Department O.M. No. Fin(C-B(7)-3/98 dated 27th May, 1999 and in respect of such employees who have opted to retain pre-revised pay scales or whose scales have not yet been revised, the term "PAY" shall be the same as defined in para 2 and note below para 2 of this Department O.M. No. Fin(C)-B(7)-3/98 dated 8th November, 1999.

3. The admissible Dearness Allowance shall be paid in cash w.e.f. 01.10.2003 and the arrears accrued from 01.01.2003 to 30.09.2003 shall be credited to the General Provident Fund Accounts of the employees and interest thereon shall be from 01-11-2003. The entire credited amount will be held back for one year. The Government employees, who have retired or have closed their GPF Accounts, shall be paid the arrears in cash.

In case of such Government employees who are not eligible to subscribe to the Provident Fund, the drawal of arrear shall be deferred till Provident Fund account is opened in his/ her name OR the arrears may be paid through purchase of National Small Savings Certificates of an amount equal to the nearest 5.100/- and the balance amount may be paid in cash. The option of waiting till a GPF account is available or purchase of NSS certificate may be given to such employees.
5. The Dearness Allowance will continue to be a distinct element of remuneration and will not be treated as pay.

6. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fraction of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fraction of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

7. These orders are applicable to regular and work-charged employees of the State Government.

(Purnima Chauhan)
Additional Secretary (FIN (REG)) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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All Administrative Departments of the Government of Himachal Pradesh.


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