No. Fin.(Pen)A(3)-1/2021-Part-II Government of Himachal Pradesh Finance (Pension) Department

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

# 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

#### **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject:

Payment of arrears to pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners on account of revision of pension/ family pension.

In continuation to this Department's Office Memorandum No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2021 dated 17-09-2022, on the subject cited above, the undersigned is directed to say that the Governor Himachal Pradesh is pleased to decide that an additional **1.5%** (*One and Half percent*) of total arrears of pension/family pension shall be drawn and disbursed to pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners in the month of March, 2024.

2. The Governor Himachal Pradesh is further pleased to decide that an additional **3%** (*Three percent*) of total pension/family pension arrears shall be paid to the pre-2016- pensioners/ family pensioners, during the Financial Year 2024-25. The **3%** (*Three percent*) of pension/family pension arrears in the Financial Year 2024-25 shall be paid in instalments **(a) 0.25%** of the total pension/family pension arrears starting with the monthly pension/family pension of March, 2024, payable in the month of April, 2024. In any case, if the amount of balance arrears remains less than Rs. 5000/- (Five thousand), such arrears, shall be paid in lumpsum as final instalment.

3. The arrears accrued to the Government pensioners/family pensioners including AIS pensioners, on account of release of 4% of Dearness Relief w.e.f. 1.7.2022 to 31.3.2024, shall be paid with monthly pension/family pension @ 1.5% (one and half percent) per month of the DR arrears, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

4. In case of Government pensioners/family pensioners who have unfortunately died, the entire outstanding amount of arrears on account of pension/family pension shall be paid in lump-sum to the nominee(s)/legal heirs, as the case may be, within two months from the date of issuance of these orders.

5. The total cumulative arrears, after release of **1.50%** (*One and Half percent*) of pension/ family pension arrears in the month of March, 2024 and **3%** (*Three percent*) of pension/family pension arrears during the FY: 2024-25 will be 24.50% of the total arrears, accrued to the pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners. In those cases, where the amount of 20% of pension/family pension arrears was more than restricted amount of Rs. 50000/- (Fifty Thousand), in terms of the Government Office Memorandum No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2021 dated 17.09.2022, the differential amount of 20% shall also be paid to the

pensioner/family pensioners, to ensure the cumulative payment of 24.50% of total accrued arrears of pension/family Pension.

6. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, instalment of interim relief already paid vide this Department Office Memoranda No. Fin(Pen)B(10)-6/98-III dated 02.08.2016, 04.08.2017, 09.02.2018, 20.03.2018 and twelve instalment of dearness relief sanctioned earlier vide Office Memoranda No. Fin(Pen)B (10)-6/98-III dated 03.10.2016, 07.04.2017, 11.09.2017, 08.01.2018, 30.10.2018, O.M. No.Fin(Pen) B(10)-6/98-IV dated 18.02.2019, 21.08.2019, 07.03.2020, 15.09.2021 respectively are required to be adjusted against the pension/family pension arrears.

7. In case the amount of pension/family pension arrears as stated in para-1 & 2 above, is not sufficient to adjust the amount of interim relief and dearness relief already paid and any amount still remains to be adjusted, the same shall be adjusted against the future release of pension/family pension arrears and dearness relief.

8. It shall be responsibility of Pension Disbursing Authorities including Public Sector Banks to ensure that the entire amounts are adjusted as stated above at the earliest from the arrears and only the balance amount may be paid to the pensioners/family pensioners.

9. The methodology/formulation for release of balance arrears beyond the FY: 2024-25 shall be issued in due course of time.

# By Order Principal Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

# All the Administrative Departments Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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