

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

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

4th March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Payment of arrears to Post-2016 retirees on account of revision of Pension and other retirement benefits.

In continuation to this Department's Office Memorandum No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2021-Part-I-Loose dated 17-09-2022, on the subject cited above, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to decide that additional **1.5% (One and Half percent)** of total pension/family Pension arrears shall be paid to the Post-2016 pensioners/family pensioners, in the month of March 2024. In similar manner, an additional **10% (Ten percent)** of each element of gratuity and leave encashment arrears to the Government employees retired/died in harness between the period 01.01.2016 to 31.01.2022, shall be paid in one instalment in the month of March, 2024.

2. The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is further pleased to decide that additional **3% (Three Percent)** of pension/family pension arrears and additional **10% (Ten percent)** of gratuity and leave encashment arrears shall be paid to the Government employees retired/died in harness between the period 01.01.2016 to 31.01.2022 in the Financial Year 2024-25. The **3% (Three Percent)** of pension/family pension arrears during the Financial Year: 2024-25 shall be paid in instalments @ **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. However, the additional **10% (Ten percent)** of the gratuity and leave encashment arrears shall be paid in one instalment in the month of October 2024. In any case, if the amount of balance arrears of pension, family pension, gratuity and leave encashment 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. 1.07.2022 to 31.03.2024, shall be paid with monthly pension/family pension @ **1.5%** (one and half percent) per month of total arrears, starting from 1st April 2024.

4. In case of Government employees or pensioners who have unfortunately died, the entire outstanding amount of arrears on account of pension/family pension/gratuity/leave encashment, shall be paid in one instalment to the family/legal heir(s)/nominee(s) 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 and family pension arrears in the month of March, 2024 and 3% (Three percent) of pension/family pension arrears in the FY: 2024-25 will be 24.50% of the total arrears, accrued to the post-2016 pensioners/family pensioners. In those cases, where the amount of 20% of pension/ family pension arrears was more than the 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 released to the pensioner/family pensioners to ensure the cumulative payment of 24.50% of total accrued arrears of pension/family pension.
6. All the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDA) including banks and all the Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDO's) in the Govt. Departments will ensure that any extra amount of pension, family pension, gratuity and leave encashment, if recoverable, shall be adjusted from the arrears of respective elements and only balance amount may be paid to the post-2016 pensioners/family pensioners.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the Pension Disbursing Authorities including Public Sector Banks, Drawing and Disbursing Officers that arrears as detailed in para-1 above is drawn and disbursed to the pensioners/family pensioners by in the month of March, 2024 by all means.
8. 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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