

Shimla-171002, the 24th Oct., 2004.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Grant of Dearness Relief to Himachal Pradesh Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners-Revised rate effective from 01-01-2004.

The Undersigned is directed to refer to this department's O.M.No. Fin (Pen)B(10)-6/98-I, dated 29th March, 2004 sanctioning the installement of dearness relief asmissible from 01-07-2003 and to say that the Governor of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to decide that dearness relief shall be paid to the Himachal Pradesh Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners to compensate them for the rise in cost of living beyond average Consumer Price Index 306.33 (as on 01-01-96) at the rate of 61% w.e.f. 01-01-2004 in supersession of the rate mentioned in this department O.M. dated 29th March, 2004 referred to above.

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

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.

4. These orders shall apply to all H.P. Government Pensioners/ Family pensioners.

5. Pensioners of all India Services who have retired from service of the Himachal Pradesh cadre of these services, will also be entitled for dearness relief at the rate of 61% as mentioned above.

6. As dearness relief will now be at a uniform rate of 61%, it has now been decided to dispense with the issue of enclosing ready reckoner alongwith the dearness relief orders. It will now be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authority, including the Nationalised Banks, etc to calculate the quantum of dearness relief payable in each individual case.

7. The Accountant General, Treasury officers and authorized Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners on the basis of these orders immediately.

8. The Dearness Relief on pension & family pension @ 61% will be paid w.e.f. 1-10-2004 i.e. pension/ family pension paid in November, 2004. The arrears on account of Dearness Relief w.e.f. 1-1-2004 to 30-09-2004 on pension/ family pension shall be paid in cash after one year i.e. in the month of Oct, 2005.

Principal Secretary (Finance) to the,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.