Grant of Dearness Relief to Himachal Pradesh Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners: Revised rate effective from 01.07.2004 & 01.01.2005.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the department’s O.M. No. Fin (Pen.Rl) 6/98-L dated 23rd October, 2004 read with O.M. No. Fin(Pen.Rl) 6/98-I dated 08.08.2005 and to say that the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to decide that dearness relief payable to the Himachal Pradesh Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced as indicated below to compensate them for the rise of cost of living:-

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<th>Increase in % of Dearness Relief</th>
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<td>01.07.2004 to 31.12.2004</td>
<td>11% to 14% of pension/family pension</td>
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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, will also be entitled for dearness relief at the rate as mentioned above.

6. Dearness relief will now be at a uniform rate it has been decided to dispose with the issue of enclosing ready reckoners alongwith Orders.

With regards,

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the dearness relief orders. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authority, including the Nationalized 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 at 17% will be paid with the pension / family pension for the month of November, 2005 payable in December, 2005. The order for payment of arrears accrued from 01.07.2004 to 31.10.2005 shall be issued separately.

By order

Addl. Chief Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.