

No. 65/1/34-UTFII(12)-2024/ 4356
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Chandigarh, dated the 15.03.2024 *

To

All Heads of Departments/Offices,
 Chandigarh Administration

Subject: Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners-Revised rate effective from 01.01.2024.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer on the subject noted above and to enclose herewith the Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare letter No.42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 13.03.2023 regarding grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/ family pensioners.

2. The Chandigarh Administration is pleased to adopt the abovesaid letter dated 13.03.2024 in favour of pensioners/ family pensioners of Chandigarh Administration, who were retired in Punjab Civil Services Rules i.e. on or before 31.03.2022 as well as retired in Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules i.e. on or after 01.04.2022 thereby enhancing the rate of Dearness Relief from 46% to 50%, in pursuance of Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs notification No.G.S.4.230 (E) dated 29.03.2022 circulated by the Chandigarh Administration, Department of Personnel vide letter No.28/17/94-IH(7)-2022/5169 dated 30.03.2022.

Finance & Planning Officer,
 for Finance Secretary,
 Chandigarh Administration

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A copy alongwith its enclosure is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action: -

- iv. The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab & U.T., Chandigarh.
- v. The Treasury Officer, Central Treasury, U.T. Chandigarh.
- vi. The Director Information Technology, Union Territory, Chandigarh for uploading the same on Chandigarh Administration web portal.

Finance & Planning Officer,
 for Finance Secretary,
 Chandigarh Administration

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A copy, alongwith its enclosure, is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action: -

1. The Lead District Manager (LDM), Punjab National Bank, Sector 17, Chandigarh. It is requested that the contents of this communication may be circulated to all the Pension Paying Bank Branches for compliance and release of arrears.
2. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Central Pension Accounting Office, Ministry of Finance, GOI, Block II, Tricoot Complex, Bhikaji Cama Palace, New Delhi, 110066
3. The Manager, OBC(CPPC), Plot No. 5, Sector-32, Institutional Area, Gurgaon.
4. The Manager, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Sector-17, Chandigarh.
5. The Manager, State Bank of India, Sector-7 (Madhya Marg), Chandigarh.
6. The AGM, State Bank of India, Centralized Pension Processing Cell, Sector-5, Panchkula, Haryana.

P.T.O.

No. 42/02/2024-P&PW(D)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan
Khan Market, New Delhi-110003
Date :- 13th March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners – Revised rate effective from 01.01.2024-reg

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/04/2023-P&PW(D) dated 27.10.2023 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 46% to 50% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/family pension) w.e.f 01st January, 2024.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to the following categories:-

- (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D) Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years.
- (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates.
- (iii) All India Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (iv) Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension.
- (vi) The Burma Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/ Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

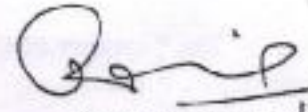
4. The payment of arrears of Dearness Relief shall not be made before the date of disbursement of pension/family pension of March, 2024.

5. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 52 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 and this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended from time to time. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

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6. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.
7. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.
8. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of Dearness Relief to Pensioners/Family Pensioners on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, II/34-80-II dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.
9. In so far as the persons serving in Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.
10. This issues in accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/1/2024-E-II (B) dated 12.03.2024.

Hindi version will follow.


(Ravinder Kumar) 13/3/24
Director

1. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries and AGs of all States/UTs.
3. CMDs/CPPCs of all authorised Pension Disbursing Banks
4. C&AG of India, UPSC, etc. as per standard endorsement list.
5. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for Information.