No.2/5/87-PIC

Government of India

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

New Delhi, the 22nd April, 1987.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Grant of Dearness Relief to pensioners in implementation of Government's decisions on the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

The undersigned is direced to state that in pursuance of Government decisions on the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission announced in this Department's Resolution No.2/13 /87-PlC dated the 18th March, 1987, the President is pleased to decide that dearness relief shall be paid to Central Government pensioners and family pensioners to compensate them for rise in cost of living beyond average CPI 608 at the following rates:

Period	Pension/ family pension per month	Rate of deamess relief per month 4% of pension/ family pension. 3% of pension/ family pension subject to a minimum of Rs.70/ 2% of pension subject to a minimum of Rs.90/-8% of pension/ family pension. 6% of pension/ family pension subject to a					
From 1.7.86	(i) Not exceeding Rs.1750/-						
to 31.12.8	(ii) Exceeding Rs.1750/- 6 but not exceeding Rs.3000/- (iii) Exceeding Rs.3000/-						
From 1.1.87 onward	(i) Not exceeding Rs.1750/- (ii) Exceeding Rs.1750/- but not exceeding						
	Rs.3000/- (iii) Exceeding Rs.3000/-	minimum of Rs.140/ 5% of pension subject to a minimum of Rs.180/					

For the purpose of these orders :-

- (i) Pension/family pension in the case of pre 1.1.1986 retirees and where family pension was sanctioned prior to 1.1.1986, means the consolidated pension or consolidated family pension as the case may be, effective from 1.1.1986 in terms of orders issued in this Department's OM No.2/1/87-PIC-I dated 16.4.1987.
- (ii) In the case of pensioners who retire from service on or after 1.1.1986 or where family pension is sanctioned for the first time on or after 1.1.1986, pension/family pension means the basic pension/basic family pension as the case may be in terms of this Department's OM No.2/1/87-PIC-II dated 14.4.1987.
- 1.2 Payment of dearness relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 A ready reckoner showing the dearness relief payable from (i) 1.7.1986 to 31.12.1986 and (ii) from 1.1.1987 onwards in terms of these orders is enclosed.
- 2. This Department Office Memorandum No.42(4)P&PW/86 dated 25th June, 1986, 42(16)P&PW/86 dated 28th August, 1986 and 42(16)P&PW/86 dated 14th October, 1986 sanctioning dearness relief to pensioners w.e.f. 1st April, 1986, 1st June, 1986, and 1st July, 1986 are hereby superseded. Payments on account of dearness relief made to pensioners/family pensioners in terms of these orders will be adjusted against the dearness relief payable to them under the revised pattern in terms of this Order. If the entire amount cannot be adjusted from the arrears of dearness relief payable under this Order, the balance amount will be adjusted against future payment of dearness relief in terms of this Order.
- 3.1 These orders apply to all civil pensioners.
- 3.2 These orders apply to Armed Forces pensioners, civilian pensioners paid out of the Defence Services Estimates, All India Service pensioners and Railway pensioners.
- 3.3 These orders do not apply to retired High Court and Supreme

Court Judges, In their case separate orders will be issued by the administrative authorities concerned.

- 4. The Accountants General and authorised Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners on the basis of above 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 23.4.1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountants General 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.
- 5. An explanatory memorandum for guidance of pension disbursing authorities is enclosed.
- 6. In their application to the employees belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department these orders issue in consultation with the C&AG.
- 7. Hindi version follows.

(M.R. Vaidya)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To All Ministries/Departments to the Government of India.

ANNEXURE-I

Explanatory Memorandum for the Guidance of Pension Disbursing Authorities In accordance with the existing practice dearness relief was being sanctioned to pensioners/family pensioners from time to time as and when there was 8 point rise in the average consumer price index, and four separate sets of rates were being specified in the orders for application to pensioners with reference to their period of retirement or class of pension.

- 2. The above practice has been reviewed in the light of the accepted recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. The features of the revised arrangements are as follows:
- The revised arrangements will apply to price-rise beyond average CPI 608.
- (ii) Dearness Relief will be sanctioned from 1st July, and 1st January every year based on increase in price rise beyond average CPI 608 as on the preceding 30th June or 31st December as the case may be. The accompanying order will continue to remain operative until the Government issues fresh orders based on the position of average CPI on 30.6.1987.
- (iii) One uniform set of rate for each period, as for example laid down in para 1 of the accompanying order will cover all pensioners/family pensioners irrespective of their date of retirtement or date of sanction of family pension or the class of pension, as specified in paragraph 1 of the accompanying orders. In the case of pre-1.1.1986 cases, the dearness relief will be calculated on the consolidated pension or consolidated family pension comprising the pension plus dearness relief upto CPI 608 plus additional benefits sanctioned to them on the basis of Pay Commissions recommendations. Necessary orders specifying the manner in which pension/family pension is to be consolidated as on 1.1.1986 have been issued separately in this Department's O.M. No.2/1/87-PIC.I dated 16.4.87 and the corresponding orders for Armed Forces personnel being issued by the Ministry of Defence. In the case of pension/family pension for post 1.1.1986 cases the dearness relief will be calculated on the basic pension or basic family pension as the case may be.
- (iv) Three instalments of dearness relief beyond average CPI 608 under the old pattern were sanctioned from 1.4.1986, 1.6.1986 and 1.7.1986. The payments made in terms of the said three orders will be adjusted against the dearness relief admissible under the revised pattern in the manner provided

in paragraph 2 of the accompanying order.

- (v) The dearness relief under the revised pattern will also be suspended when the Central Government pensioners / family pensioner is:
- (i) employed/reemployed in a Department/office of the
- Central Government; or

 (ii) employed/re-employed or permanently absorbed in the
 Central or a State Government company, corporations,
 undertaking or autonomous body or in Reserve Bank of India
 or in a Public Sector Bank or in GIC/LIC etc.

in the same manner as under the existing pattern.

(vi) Similarly in the case of pensioners/family pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension, the dearness

relief, where admissible, will be calculated on the total of all pensions taken together.

- (vii) A ready reckoner showing dearness relief on different amount of pension/ family pension from 1.7.86 and 1.1.87 is enclosed for ready reference of the pension disbursing
- (viii) In case there is any doubt about admissibility or otherwise of the dearness relief or its quantum in any individual case, the Pension Disbursing Authorities should always consult the concerned Accounts Officer.Where necessary the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare can also be consulted.

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