Government of West Bengal Department of Mass Education & Library Services Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata -91

No. 1180-MEE/Sectt./EM/O/10M-18/09

Dated, Kolkata, the 13th November, 2009.

Memorandum

Sub: Revision of pension/family pension of pre-01.01.2006 pensioners/family pensioners - Implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission.

The undersigned is directed to say that in pursuance of the State Government's decision of the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission; West Bengal, the Governor has been pleased to revise the Pension/Family Pension of the Pre-2006 Pensioners/Family Pensioners who were employees of Non-Government Educational Institutions/Voluntary Organisations sponsored/ aided by the Mass Education Extension & Library Services Department, Government of West Bengal with effect from 01.04.2008 in the manner indicated in the following paragraphs.

2. These orders will apply to all Pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners who were drawing Pension/Family Pension on 31.12.2005 under The West Bengal Recognised Non-Government Educational Institution Employees (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) Scheme, 1981 read with Memorandum no. 157-Edn(B) dated 13.6.90 of the School Education Department and Memorandum no. 2026-Edn(MEE) dated 24.12.99 of the Mass Education Extension Department.

3. In these orders –

- a) "Existing pensioners" or Existing Family Pensioners" means pensioners who were drawing/ entitled to pension/family pension on 31.12.2005.
- b) "Existing pension" means the basic pension inclusive of commuted portion, if any, due on 31.12.2005. It covers all classes of Pension as under The West Bengal Recognised Educational institution Employees (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) scheme, 1981 or any other orders) issued by the State Government for such employees from time to time.
- c) "Existing family pension" means the basic family pension due on 31.12.2005 under The West Bengal Recognised Non-Government Educational Institution Employees (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) Scheme, 1981, in terms of Memorandum no. 157-Edn(B) dated 13.6.90 or the consolidated family pension as per Memorandum no. 38-SE(B) dated 6.3.96 all of which has since been amended in terms of Memorandum no. 2026-Edn(MEE) dated 24.12.99.
- d) "Dearness pension" means Dearness Relief equal to 50% of the basic pension.

4.1. The pension/ family pension of the existing Pre-2006 Pensioners/ Family Pensioners will be consolidated with effect from 01.01.2006 by adding together –

- a) The existing pension/family pension;
- b) Dearness Pension, where applicable, @ 50% of basic pension/family pension on notional basis;

- c) Dearness Relief up to AICPI(IW) average index 536 (base year 1982= 100), i.e. @24% of basic pension/ basic family pension plus Dearness Pension @ 50% of the basic pension/ basic family pension, wherever applicable, on notional basis;
- d) Fitment weightage @ 40% of the existing pension/family pension provided the total amount so arrived at is less than Rs. 3,300/-, the same shall be stepped up to Rs. 3,300/-.

The amount so arrived at will be regarded as consolidated pension/ family pension notionally with effect from 01.01.2006 with actual effect from 01.04.2008.

4.2. In the case of pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension, the overall ceiling of Rs. 3,300/- will apply to the total of all pensions taken together.

4.3. The upper ceiling on pension/family pension as laid down in Memorandum no. 2026-Edn(MEE) dated 24.12.99 has been increased to Rs.22,950/-(Rupees twenty two thousand nine hundred & fifty) only and Rs. 13,770/- (Rupees thirteen thousand seven hundred & seventy) only respectively.

4.4. The fixation of pension will be subject to the provision that the revised pension, in no case, shall be lower than 50% of the minimum of the Pay in the Pay Band plus the Grade Pay in the revised Pay Structure corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner has retired.

4.5. The quantum of pension/family pension available to the old pensioners/ family pensioners shall be increased as follows:

Age of Pensioners

From 80 years to less than 85 years From 85 years to less than 90 years From 90 years to less than 95 years From 95 years to less than 100 years 100 years and above

Additional Quantum of Pension

20% of revised basic pension/ family pension 30% of revised basic pension/ family pension 40% of revised basic pension/ family pension 50% of revised basic pension/ family pension 100% of revised basic pension/ family pension

The amount of additional pension will be shown distinctly in the pension payment order.

5. Extraordinary pension sanctioned to the pensioners prior to 01.01.2006 will also be consolidated if any of the pensioners is in receipt of pension on 01.01.2006 by taking together all the units as single unit and thereafter his/her share may be paid in the same proportion as was previously paid.

6. All the Treasury Officers disbursing pension to the pensioners/family pensioners in question are hereby authorized to pay pension/family pension, etc. to the existing pensioners/ family pensioners at the consolidated rates without any further authorization from the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal. The Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal will issue authority for this payment to all Public Sector Banks in Kolkata and also to the Accountant Generals of other States. A table indicating the existing pension/family pension and consolidated pension/ family pension is enclosed as Annexure-1 with this Memorandum for ready reference. This table

may be used where the pensioners in receipt of a single pension only. Where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, consolidation may be done separately in terms of paragraph 4.1 and as indicated in paragraph 4.2, the overall ceiling of Rs. 3,300/- may be applied to total pension from all sources taken together.

7. A suitable entry regarding the revised consolidated pension shall be made by the Treasury Officer/Pension Disbursing Officer in both halves of the Pension Payment Order. An intimation regarding the disbursement of revised pension may be sent by the Treasury Officer/Pension Disbursing Officer to the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance. Government of West Bengal, who issued the Pension Payment Order in the Form given as Annexure-II to this memorandum to enable the latter to update the Pension Payment Order Register maintained by them.

The Public Sector Banks in Kolkata will also send such intimation in the prescribed form to the D.P.P.G., Government of West Bengal. An acknowledgement shall be obtained by concerned Treasury Officers/ Pension Disbursing Officers from the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal in this respect.

8. The consolidated pension/ family pension as worked out in accordance with paragraph 4.1 to 4.5 above shall be treated as final "Basic Pension" with effect from 01.04.2008 and shall qualify for grant of relief on pension sanctioned thereafter.

9. The arrears of pension in respect of the period from 01.04.2008 to 31.03.2009 on account of consolidation of pension/family pension shall be paid in 8(eight) instalments beginning with monthly pension from 1st August, 2009. If any pensioner/family pensioner has expired during this period, the arrear pension may be paid to his/her nominee(s) or In case if there is no nomination to his/her legal heirs.

10. Where the Pension is increased due to consolidation, such increased pension/family pension will not be considered for further consideration.

11. This Memorandum issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 635-F (Pen.) Gr. P (Pay) dated 28.10.09.

Sd/-Dipankar Mukhopadhyay Principal Secretary

ANNEXURE-II

Form of intimation by the Pension Disbursing Authority to the P.P.O. Issuing authority regarding Consolidation of Pension In terms of the Mass Education, Extension & Library Services Department Memo No. 1180-MEE/Sectt, Dated, 13th November, 2009.

To The Director of Pension, Provident Fund & Group Insurance, West Bengal, Purta Bhaban, 2nd Floor, Salt lake, Kolkata-700091.

- 1. Name of Pensioner/ Family pensioner:
- 2. Pension Payment Order No.:
- 3. Computation of consolidated pension and/or family pension:

| | Pension | Family Pension (Normal) | Family Pension (Enhanced) |
|---|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (i) Existing Pension (inclusive of commuted Portion/ family pension) | | | |
| (ii) Dearness pension, where Applicable @ 50% of basic pension/family Pension. | | | |
| (iii) Dearness relief ® 24% of basic pension/ basic family pension + dearness Pension & 50% of the basic pension/ basic family pension, where applicable. | | | |
| (iv) Fitment weightage @40% of the existing pension/ family pension. | | | |
| (v) Consolidated pension / family pension (i+ii+iii+iv) | | | |

N.B.: It not applicable, draw a line across

4. Additional remarks, if any:

Signature of the Pension Disbursing Authority