

**Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Pension Branch**

No. 136-F (Pen)

Dated, Kolkata, the 9th February, 2009.

MEMORANDUM

Sub: Grant of Dearness Relief to State Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners with effect from March 1, 2009.

In continuation of this Department Memo No. 698-F(Pen) dated 21.10.2008 sanctioning an instalment of relief to the State Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners with effect from November 1,2008 the undersigned is directed to state that the Governor is pleased to decide that the State Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners shall draw Dearness Relief @ 47% of basic pension and dearness pension taken together with effect from. March 1.2009 onwards in supersession of the rate mentioned in the Order dated 21.10.2008 as mentioned above,

2) The calculation of Dearness Relief shall be made taking into account the Basic Pension and Dearness Pension as introduced in this Department Memo No. 2415-F dated 27.3.2007.

3) Payment of relief on Pension/Family Pension involving a fraction of rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4) It will now be the responsibility of the Pension Disbursing Authority to calculate the quantum of relief on Pension/Family Pension payable in each individual case.

5) For the purpose of payment of relief sanctioned herein, the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal will issue authority to the Public Sector Banks in Kolkata and the Accountant General of other States.

6) The Treasury/Sub-Treasury Officers in this State will give effect to this order without the authority of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal.

7) This benefit of Dearness Relief as has been sanctioned in the aforesaid Memorandum for the State Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners will also be allowed to the teaching and Non-teaching pensioners of State aided Non Government Educational Institutions and Pensioners of Statutory Bodies Government Undertakings/ Panchayats including Panchayat Karmee and Municipal Corporations/Municipalities/Local Bodies etc. who are in receipt of Dearness Relief @ 41% of basic pension and Dearness Pension taken together with effect from November 1, 2008. In such cases the respective Administrative Department may sanction the benefit of Dearness Relief @ 47% with effect from March 1, 2009 to the pensioners concerned under their control calculating the amount of relief in terms of Finance Department's Memo No. 2415-F dated 27.3.2007 without making any further reference to Pension Branch of this Department.

It has also been decided that in the case of Public Undertakings/Statutory Bodies the additional expenditure should be borne by such Undertakings/Bodies themselves out of their own resources or out of financial assistance provided for them in the budget and that no additional financial assistance will be given to them on account of sanction of this instalment of Dearness Relief.

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