

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
AUDIT BRANCH**

No. 3274-F

Kolkata, the 21st March, 2001.

MEMORANDUM

Consequent upon revision of pay scales and allowances as per provisions of W.B.S. (R.O.P.A) Rules, 1998 as laid down in Notification No. 7306-F, dt. 16.10.98, all kinds of special pays have been abolished with effect from 1.1.96. Since publication of the aforesaid rules, several references, representations, etc. have been received from different Deptts. and Associations seeking clarifications as regards continuous of shorthand allowance. Special pay previously drawn by the Steno-Typists etc. with effect from 1.1.96 and merging or otherwise of such special pay with the unrevised pay scale while fixing pay in the revised pay scale.

After careful examination of the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission in its report in Vol.-I Pt.-II and having regard also to the rules of recruitment of the posts of Steno-Typist/ Steno-Typist-Clerk/Bench Clerk-cum- Stenographer etc. it has been decided that the special pay of Rs. 80/-p.m. which was being drawn by the Steno-Typist/Steno-Typist-Clerk/Bench Clerk-cum-Stenographer etc. in the pre-1998 pay scales is of the nature of additional remuneration and is not, therefore, to be included in the existing emoluments for the purpose of fixation of pay in the revised scales of 1996. Past cases of pay fixation, if any, decided otherwise, should be reviewed in accordance with this order.

The Governor has now been pleased to order that Steno-Typist under Common Category and Steno-Typist-Clerk and Bench Clerk-cum-Stenographer under the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, West Bengal and similar posts elsewhere who were in receipt of shorthand allowance/special pay @ Rs. 80/- p.m. in addition to unrevised pay scales No. 6, 9 and 10 as the case may be, shall be allowed to draw additional remuneration at the enhanced rate @ Rs. 120/- p.m. in addition to revised grade pay under the provisions of W.B.S. (R.O.P.A.) Rules, 1998 with effect from 1.1.96 notionally and with effect from 1.4.97 actually.

The arrears on account of this revision of the Additional remuneration will be guided by the relevant provision of W.B.S. (R.O.P.A.) Rules, 1998.

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