

New Delhi, the 15th April, 1998

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Grant of dearness relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners - Revised rates effective from 1.1.1998.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M.No. 42/2/97-P&PW(G) dated 27.10.97 sanctioning the revised statements of dearness relief payable from 1.7.1996, 1.1.1997 and 1.7.97 and to say that the President is pleased to decide that dearness relief shall be paid to the Central Government pensioners/family pensioners to compensate them for the rise in cost of living beyond average Consumer Price Index 306.33 (as on 1.1.1996) at the rate of 16% w.e.f. 1.1.1998 in supersession of the rates mentioned in the O.M. dated 27.10.97 referred to above. A ready reckoner showing the dearness relief payable from 1.1.1998 onwards in terms of these orders is enclosed.

2. These orders apply to (i) All civilian Central Government pensioners/family pensioners (ii) The Armed Forces pensioners, Civilian pensioners paid out of the Defence Services Estimates, (iii) All India Services pensioners (iv) Railway pensioners and (v) The Burma civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners - families of displaced Government pensioners from Pakistan who are Indian Nationals but receiving pension on behalf of Government of Pakistan, who are in receipt of ad-hoc ex-gratia allowance of Rs. 1275/- p.m. in terms of this Department's O.M.No. 23/1/97-P&PW(B) dated 23.2.98.

3. Central Govt. Employees who had drawn lumpsum payment on absorption in a PSU/Autonomous body and have become entitled to restoration of 1/3 commuted portion of pension in terms of this Department's O.M. No.4/3/86-P&PW (D) dated 30.9.86 and consolidation of such pension in terms of the O.M. of even No. dated 13.1.1988 will also be entitled to the payment of DR @ 16% with effect from 1.1.98. Since the restored amount is not to be updated to Rupees 1275/- from 1.1.98, the enclosed ready reckoner will not be applicable in their cases. It will be the responsibility of the PDAs including the Nationalised Banks etc. to physically work out the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

4. The following categories of CPF beneficiaries who are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment in terms of this Department's O.M. No.45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.97 will also be paid DR @ 8% with effect from 1.1.98 as indicated in the ready reckoner:-

- (i) The widows and dependent children of the deceased CPF beneficiary who had retired from service prior to 1.1.1985 or who had died while in service prior to 1.1.1985 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.605/- p.m.

(ii) Central Govt. Employees who had retired on CPF benefits before 18.11.1960 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.654/-, Rs.659/-, Rs.703/- and Rs.965/-.

(iii) Central Govt. Employees who had retired on CPF benefits between the period 18.11.1963 to 31.12.1985 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia @ Rs.600/- with effect from 1.11.1997.

5. Payment of dearness relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

6. 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.

7. In the case of retired Supreme Court and High Court Judges necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

8. The Accountants General and authorised Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioner etc. 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 526-TA.11/84-80-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) (CGI)/B1 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

9. In their application to the employees belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department these orders issue in consultation with the C&AG.

Signature
(Indu Gupta)
Director

To: All Ministries/Departments to the Government of India

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Annexure:	Note - EG = Ex-gratia, P / FP = Pension / Family Pension, DR = Dearness Relief from 1.1.88.]											
EG	600	605	654	659	703	965	1682-1687	1688-1693	1694-1700	1701-1706	1707-1712	1713-1718
DR	48	49	53	53	57	78	270	271	272	273	274	275
P/FP	1275-1275	1276-1281	1282-1287	1288-1293	1294-1300	1301-1306	1719-1725	1726-1731	1732-1737	1738-1743	1744-1750	1751-1758
DR	204	205	206	207	207	208	278	279	279	279	280	281
P/FP	1307-1312	1313-1318	1319-1325	1326-1331	1332-1337	1338-1343	1757-1762	1763-1769	1769-1775	1776-1781	1782-1787	1788-1793
DR	210	211	212	213	214	215	282	283	284	285	286	287
P/FP	1344-1350	1351-1356	1357-1362	1363-1368	1369-1375	1376-1381	1794-1800	1801-1806	1807-1812	1813-1818	1819-1825	1826-1831
DR	210	217	218	218	221	221	300	301	301	301	302	303
P/FP	1382-1387	1388-1393	1394-1400	1401-1406	1407-1412	1413-1418	1832-1837	1838-1843	1844-1850	1851-1856	1857-1862	1863-1868
DR	222	223	224	225	225	227	294	295	296	297	298	299
P/FP	1419-1425	1426-1431	1432-1437	1438-1443	1444-1450	1451-1456	1869-1875	1876-1881	1882-1887	1888-1893	1894-1900	1901-1906
DR	228	229	230	231	232	233	300	301	302	303	304	305
P/FP	1457-1462	1463-1468	1469-1475	1476-1481	1482-1487	1488-1493	1907-1912	1913-1918	1919-1925	1926-1931	1932-1937	1938-1943
DR	234	235	236	237	238	239	306	307	308	309	310	311
P/FP	1494-1500	1501-1506	1507-1512	1513-1518	1519-1525	1526-1531	1944-1950	1951-1956	1957-1962	1963-1968	1969-1975	1976-1981
DR	240	241	242	243	244	245	312	313	314	315	316	317
P/FP	1532-1537	1538-1543	1544-1550	1551-1556	1557-1562	1563-1568	1982-1987	1988-1993	1994-2000	2001-2006	2007-2012	2013-2018
DR	246	247	248	249	250	251	318	319	320	321	322	323
P/FP	1569-1575	1576-1581	1582-1587	1588-1593	1594-1600	1601-1606	2019-2025	2026-2031	2032-2037	2038-2043	2044-2050	2051-2056
DR	252	253	254	255	256	257	324	325	326	327	328	329
P/FP	1607-1612	1613-1618	1619-1625	1626-1631	1632-1637	1638-1643	2067-2072	2073-2078	2079-2085	2086-2091	2092-2097	2098-2103
DR	258	259	260	261	262	263	330	331	332	333	334	335