

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E) TELENGANA,

Subject : Clarification on admissibility on Dearness Relief in respect of those pensioners/family pensioners whose pension/family pension at revised rate has commenced within 01.01.2020 and 31.12.2020 since "No Dearness Relief at present" is shown in the PPOs.

This office is in receipt of certain communications from some banks, authorised to make payment of pensionary benefits to the West Bengal Govt. pensioners with the request to clarify whether the pensioners retired/died-in-harness between the period from 01/01/2020 to 30/12/2020 and authorities/revised authorities for the benefits have been issued by this office at revised rate as per ROPA, 2019 are eligible for dearness relief at present since in the PPO/FPPO issued for such cases it has been mentioned that "No Dearness Relief at Present".

It is stated in this context that Govt. of west Bengal vide their memorandum under No. 535-F (Pen) and 536-F (Pen) both dated 1/10/2019 have issued orders regarding date of effect of ROPA, 2019 w.e.f. 01.01.2020 for both pre and post 2016 pensioners/family pensioners when there was no dearness relief on their revised pension as per ROPA, 2019 within 01.01.2020 and 31.12.2020 which was circulated to all banks vide No. Pen. Co-ordn/345/162 dated 20/01/2020 and Pen. Co-ordn/345/195 dated 12/3/2020. Hence, "No Dearness Relief at present" is shown in the PPOs issued for the pensioners/family pensioners whose date of effect of commencement of revised pension/family pension was between 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020.

However, this office has subsequently circulated orders of commencement/enhancement of Dearness Relief at revised rate to all banks concerned as and when orders for Dearness Relief are issued by Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal to all Pension Disbursing Authorities from time to time w.e.f. 01/01/2020.

As such, it is clarified that the phrase "No Dearness Relief at present" in the Pension Payment orders (Part I) issued for pensioners and family pensioners whose revised pension/family pension commenced between 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 is applicable for that year i.e. for 2020 only and thereafter he/she is entitled to Dearness Relief, if it is otherwise admissible as per extant rule, at the rates and from the dates as allowed by Govt. of West Bengal for their pensioners/family pensioners from time to time and circulated by this office.

Accordingly, based on the instructions issued from this office regarding enhancement of Dearness Relief after issuance of orders from Govt. of West Bengal, all Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to act accordingly without further correspondences in this respect.


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