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Subject : Shifting of liabilities of pensionary benefits from State Government to Central Government in respect of Divisional Accountant/Divisional Accounts Officer of Indian Audit and Accounts Department

The liabilities of pensionary benefits in respect of Divisional Accountants / Divisional Accounts Officers (DAs/DAOs) of Indian Audits and Accounts Department who are confirmed in their cadre, though guided by CCS (Pension) Rules' 1972, are entirely borne by the respective State Governments and met out of their Consolidated Fund. In absence of uniform system for authorization of pensionary benefits for such cadre, the PPO/FPPO of the DAs/DAOs of the State of West Bengal is issued by the Accountant General (A&E), W.B. through the Central Pension Accounting Office, New Delhi (CPAO) at present. Few State Accountants General office, however, issue PPO/FPPO in such cases like other State Government pensioners, i.e. not routed through the CPAO. Accordingly, Pension Payment Orders (PPOs) in respect of the DAs/DAOs of those states, opted to draw pension from treasuries / banks within the State of West Bengal, have been issued by this office, as is being done in respect of other Government pensioners, on the strength of the Special Seal Authorities received from the respective state Accountants General.

Now, to solve this discrepancy and in order to have a uniformity in authorization of pensionary benefits in such cases, the Government of India, Ministry of Finance has decided in consultation with the Controller General of Accounts and Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare to transfer the liabilities of payment of pensionary benefits in respect of the Divisional Accountants / Divisional Accounts Officer (DAs / DAOs) from the State Government to the Central Government.

In view of the above, all Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to return the PPOs/FPPOs (both Disbursers' as well as Pensioners' portion), issued by this office in favour of such retired DAs/DAOs of other state, guided by Central Rules, to this office with last payment certificate for onward transmission of the ~~same to the respective state Accountants General for~~

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authorization of pension/family pension afresh through the Central Pension Accounting Office, New Delhi like other Central Government pensioners.

In case, pension/family pension in respect of any such category of DA/DAO of the State of West Bengal is being drawn from the treasury/bank in West Bengal or in other state on the strength of PPO or Special Seal Authority as the case may be, issued by this office (i.e. not through CPAO), the same may also be returned to this office by the disbursing authorities/Accountants General office of other states along with last payment certificate for taking further action.

Apart from the last payment certificate as mentioned above, the information/documents specified in the attached annexures may also be forwarded to this office along with the PPO/FPPO to avoid delay in further authorization of the benefit.

The PPOs/FPPOs in respect of the DAs/DAOs who are drawing pension/family pension in terms of Pension Rules of the respective State Governments (ie, not under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972) are, however, not required to be returned since they will continue to draw the benefits as hitherto.

All Pension Disbursing Authorities/Accountants General office are requested to take necessary steps to bring this fact to the notice of such categories of pensioners/family pensioners and do the needful following the guidelines stated above.

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Encl : As stated

  
Accounts Officer  
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