

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FINANCE (PAY REVISION) DEPARTMENT**

No. F(PR) – 62/2017/20

Dated Shillong, the 7th December , 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Meghalaya Pay Commission – Revision of pension of pre – 1.1.2017 pensioners/family pension holders, etc.

The undersigned is directed to say that in pursuance of the Government's decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Meghalaya Pay Commission, announced vide this Department's Resolution No. F(PR) – 49/2017/192 dated the 28th November, 2017, sanction of the Governor of Meghalaya is hereby accorded to the regulation/revision of pension/family pension, with effect from 1st January, 2017, of all pre-1.1.2017 pensioners/family pension holders in the manner indicated in the succeeding paragraphs:-

2. These orders shall apply to all pensioners/family pension holders who were drawing pension/family pension on 1.1.2017 under the Meghalaya Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1983 and the Assam Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1963, as adapted.
3. In these orders, the following terms are used in the sense explained herein below:
 - (a) ***“Existing pensioner/existing family pension holder”*** means a pensioner/family pension holder who was drawing/entitled to pension/family pension on 31.12.2016.
 - (b) ***“Existing pension”*** means the basic pension inclusive of commuted portion, if any. It covers all classes of pension under the Meghalaya Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1983 as also under the adapted Assam Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1963.
 - (c) ***“Existing family pension”*** means the basic family pension drawn/entitled on 31.12.2016 under the Meghalaya Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1983.
- 4.1. The pension/family pension of the pre – 1.1.2017 pensioners/family pension holders shall be fixed/consolidated with effect from 1.1.2017 in the manner indicated below:
 - (i) The existing basic pension (inclusive of commuted portion) / basic family pension shall be multiplied by the factor of 2.68. The amount of revised pension/family pension so arrived at shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
 - (ii) The amount so arrived shall be regarded as consolidated pension/family pension with effect from 1.1.2017.
- 4.2. The fixation of pension will be subject to the provision that the revised/consolidated pension shall, in no case, be lower than fifty percent of the minimum of the pay in the revised pay corresponding to the Pre-1.1.2017 pay scale from which the pensioner had retired.
- 4.3. Since the revised/consolidated pension will be inclusive of commuted portion of pension, if any, the commuted pension will be deducted from the said amount while making monthly disbursements.

4.4.1. The quantum of pension/family pension available to old pensioners/family pension holders shall remain unchanged as follows:-

(i) 80 years to < 85 years	20 % of basic pension/family pension
(ii) 85 years to < 90 years	30% of basic pension/family pension
(iii) 90 years to < 95 years	40% of basic pension/family pension
(iv) 95 years to < 100 years	50% of basic pension/family pension
(v) 100 years and above	100% of basic pension/family pension

4.4.2. The amount of additional pension/family pension shall be distinctly shown in the Pension Payment Order (PPO).

5. The two instalments of Dearness Allowance sanctioned from 1.1.2017 vide O.M. No. F(PR) - 47/2009/Pt.I/84 dated 5th June, 2017 and from 1.7.2017 vide O.M. No. F(PR)-47/2009/Pt.I/88 dated 6th November, 2017 shall be adjusted against the revised Dearness Allowance/Relief becoming due on the revised/consolidated pension/family pension.

6. Where the revised/consolidated pension/family pension in terms of paragraph 4.1. above works out to an amount less than ₹ 8,700.00 per month, the same shall be stepped up to ₹ 8,700.00 per month and shall be regarded as pension/family pension with effect from 1.1.2017. In the case of pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension, the minimum of ₹ 8,700.00 per month will apply to the total of pensions taken together.

7. Where the disability pension under the adapted Assam Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1963, is drawn in addition to invalid pension under the Meghalaya Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1983, the minimum limit of ₹ 8,700.00 per month shall apply to the total of two pensions. Where the disability pension is drawn in isolation, the minimum limit of ₹ 8,700.00 will apply for 100% disability. For lesser degree of disability, the minimum limit will be proportionately less.

8. At present, the employed/re-employed pensioner/family pension holders are not getting Dearness Allowance/Relief on pension/family pension under the extant orders. In their cases the notional Dearness Allowance/Relief which would have been admissible to them but for their employment/re-employment will be taken into account for revision/consolidation of their pension as if they were drawing the Dearness Relief. Their pay will be re-fixed with effect from 1.1.2017 and/or thereafter, as the case may be, with reference to the revised/consolidated pension becoming admissible to them. Dearness Relief will, however, not be admissible to them during the period of employment/re-employment.

9. The cases of government employees who have been permanently absorbed in Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies will be regulated as follows:-

(a) Where the government employees on permanent absorption in Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies continue to draw pension separately from the Government, their pension will be updated in terms of these orders.

(b) In cases where, on permanent absorption in Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies, the terms of absorption permit grant of family pension under the Meghalaya Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1983, the family pension being drawn by family pension holders will be updated in accordance with these orders.

10. All Pension Disbursing Authorities including Public Sector Banks handling disbursement of pension to the State Government pensioners/family pension holders are hereby authorized to pay pension/family pension to existing pensioners/family pension holders at the revised/consolidated rates without any further authorization from the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya/Head of Office, etc. A Table indicating the existing basic pension/basic family pension and the revised/consolidated pension/family pension for ready reference is at **Annexure – I**. The Table may be used where the pensioner/family pensioner is in receipt of a single pension only.
11. Where the pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, consolidation may be made separately in terms of paragraph 4.1. above and the minimum of ₹ 8,700.00 per month may be applied to the total pension from all sources taken together. Wherever the age of pensioner/family pension holder is available on the Pension Payment Order (PPO), the additional pension/family pension may also be paid by the Pension Disbursing Authority immediately without any further authorization from the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya/Head of Office, etc. A suitable entry regarding the revised/consolidated pension/family pension shall be recorded by the Pension Disbursing Authorities in both halves of the Pension Payment Order (PPO). An intimation regarding the disbursement of revised/consolidated pension may be sent by the Pension Disbursing Authorities to the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya/Accounts Officer which issued the PPO in the form given at **Annexure-II** so that the latter can update the Pension Payment Order Register maintained by him. An acknowledgement shall, however, be obtained by the Pension Disbursing Authorities from the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya in this behalf.
12. The revised/consolidated pension/family pension as worked out in accordance with the provisions shall be treated as final “Basic Pension/Basic Family Pension” with effect from 1.1.2017 and shall qualify for grant of Dearness Relief sanctioned thereafter.
13. 40% of arrears of pension/family pension will be paid in the financial year 2017 – 2018. Orders in regard to the release of the balance of the arrears (i.e., 60%) will be issued separately.
14. Action to revise/consolidate pension/family pension in terms of these orders shall be initiated suo moto by the Pension Disbursing Authorities/Head of Office from which the Government employee had retired or where he/she was working prior to his/her demise. It is emphasised that the Pension Sanctioning Authority will, in no case, ask the pensioner/family pension holder to surrender his/her original Pension Payment Order (PPO) for issuing revised/consolidated authority. In case, however, the age of pensioner/family pension holder is not available on the PPO/Office records, the same shall be obtained from the pensioner/family pension holder and indicated in the revised PPO. The authenticity of the age declared by the pensioner/pension holder shall be verified by the Pension Sanctioning Authority. It may also be ensured that a copy of the revised PPO should invariably be endorsed to the pensioner/family pension holder.
15. It is considered desirable that the benefits of these orders should reach the pensioners/family pension holders as expeditiously as possible.

16. The Government orders on Dearness Allowance/Relief sanctioned earlier during the relevant period including the orders on Dearness Allowance/Relief admissible on the revised/consolidated pension/family pension, are given at **Annexure – III**.
17. The expenditure on account of the revised/consolidated pension/family pension, revised rates of Dearness Allowance/Relief, Medical Allowance and Winter Allowance shall be debited to Head of Account to which pension, etc. are accounted for.

Sd/- R.V.Suchiang
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Finance Department

Memo No.F(PR)- 62/2017/20-A

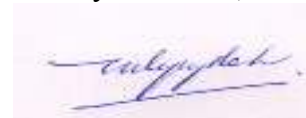
Dated Shillong, the 7th December, 2017

Copy to:-

1. Principal Accountant General (Audit), Meghalaya, Shillong for information (Attention: CASS Section)
2. Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. P.S. to all Principal Secretaries to the Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
6. All Commissioners & Secretaries/Secretaries/Additional Secretaries to the Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. All Administrative Departments.
8. All Heads of Departments.
9. All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil).
10. All Financial Advisers/Finance & Accounts Officers
11. All Treasury Officers with 10 spare copies. A copy of this Order may be endorsed to the Manager(s) of all selected Public Sector Banks handling pension disbursement of the State Government within their respective jurisdiction.
12. Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shillong.
13. Secretary, Meghalaya Public Service Commission, Shillong.
14. The Joint Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Department of the Government and Bank Accounts, Central Office, Central Office Building, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai - 400023.
15. Assistant Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Department of Government & Bank Accounts, Central Office, Opposite Mumbai Central Railway Station, Byculla, Mumbai - 400008 (enclosed 50 copies).
16. The Chief Manager, Central Pension Processing Centre (CPPC), State Bank of India, Zonal Office, Sethi Trust Building, Block – II, 6th Floor, G.S. Road, Bhangagath, Guwahati – 781005 (enclosed 50 copies).
17. Deputy General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Guwahati.
18. The Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Shillong for information and necessary action.
19. The Regional Manager, United Commercial Bank, Guwahati, for information and necessary action.

20. The Regional Manager, United Bank of India, Guwahati, for information and necessary action.
21. The Regional Manager, Bank of Baroda, Guwahati, for information and necessary action.
22. The Manager, S.B.I/U.C.O/U.B.I/Bank of Baroda, Shillong/Tura/Jowai/Nongstoin/Williamnagar/Nongpoh/Baghmara for information and necessary action.
23. UCO Bank, Head Office – II, Operations & Service Department, D.D. Block, 3&4, Sector – I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700064.
24. The General Manager, Andhra Bank, Head Office, Dr. Pattabhi Bhawan, 5-9-11, Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500064.
25. The Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Evening Branch, Police Bazar, Shillong.
26. State Bank of India, Main Branch, Mizoram, Aizawl.
27. State Bank of Travancore, Deputy General Manager, Finance & Accounts, Kerela.
28. Secretary General, Meghalaya State Government Employees' Federation, Shillong.
29. General Secretary, Meghalaya Pensioners' Association, Shillong. Mr. B.E. Wahlang, Lismore Cottage, Bhagyakul, Laitumkhrah, Shillong – 3 with 10 spare copies.
30. State Informatics Officer, NIC, Shillong – This Office Memorandum may please be uploaded on the Website of Finance Department.
31. Director of Printing and Stationery with a request that the Office Memorandum be published in the Gazette of Meghalaya Extraordinary and supply of 300 copies to this Department

By order etc.,



Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Finance (Pay Revision) Department.