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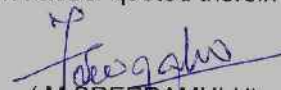
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PERSONNEL BRANCH SERIAL CIRCULAR No.71/2012

Copy of Board's letter No.F[E]III/2008/PN1/12 dated 15.06.2012 is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's letter dated 21.1.2000 quoted therein was circulated under SC No.47/2000 .


(M.SREERAMULU)
SPO/Rules

For Chief Personnel Officer

Copy of Board's letter No. F[E]III/2008/PN1/12 dated 15.06.2012 [RBE No.72/2012]

***Sub: Implementation of recommendations contained in Para 61 of 44th
Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs -
following a time schedule for disbursement of pension - regarding.***

A copy of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare's O.M.No.38/64/98-P&PW(F) dated 01.05.2012 on the above subject is enclosed for information and compliance. These instructions shall apply mutatis mutandis on the Railways also.

2. DOP&PW's earlier instructions dated 05.10.1999 were adopted /circulated vide this office letter No.F[E]III/99/PN1/35 dated 21.1.2000 for compliance.

3. Rule 68 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 referred to in the aforementioned OM dated 01.05.2012 corresponds to Rule 87 of Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 and Rules 56 to 63 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 correspond to Rules 76 to 83, other corresponding rules are as under:

CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972	Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993
64	91
65	85
66	84
67	86
69	10
70	90
71,73	15
72	16
74	88
75,76	Deleted

Sd/-
[Sukhender Kaur]/JDF (E) /RB

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Copy of DOP&PW's O.M.No.38/64/98-P&PW(F) dated 01.05.2012

Sub:Implementation of recommendations contained in Para 61 of 44th Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs- following a time schedule for disbursement of pension - regarding.

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In para 61 of the 44th Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Home Affairs, the Committee observed that timely payment of pension and retirement dues is not being made to the retiring employees of the Union Government. The Committee drew attention to the Employees Provident Fund Scheme and the Notification issued by the Ministry of Labour on 27.10.97 amending the Employees Pension Scheme 1995. In terms of provisions under Employees Provident Fund and Misc., Provisions Act, 1952, the Ministry of Labour inserted a new provision "17A Payment of Pension" which inter-alia says that "in case the Commissioner fails without sufficient cause to settle a claim complete in all respects within 30 days, the Commissioner shall be liable for the delay beyond the said period and penal interest at the rate of 12% per annum may be charged on the benefit amount and the same may be deducted from the salary of the Commissioner". On the same analogy the Committee recommended that similar provisions may be formulated and enforced to ensure timely payment of Pension and retirement dues to the retiring employees of Union Government.

2. Rule 68 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 provides for payment of interest on delayed payment of Gratuity and recovery of interest so paid from the officers responsible for such delay. The recommendations of the Committee on delayed payment of retirement dues was examined in this Department in consultation with Department of Personnel & Training and Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and it was decided to implement the recommendations as below:

- i) All pensioners' dues are to be settled by strictly following the procedure laid down in Rule 56 to 76 of CCS(Pension)Rules, 1972.
- ii) Wherever delays are anticipated, provisional pension should be sanctioned immediately.
- iii) Any delay in processing of pension resulting in pension not being authorised on the last working day of retirement of the government servant, should be reported by the Head of Office to the next higher authority who would watch the settlement of delayed cases.
- iv) In respect of delayed payment of gratuity wherever it results in payment of penal interest at the rate applicable to GPF deposit under Rule 68 of CCS (Pension)Rules 1972, Secretary of the Administrative Ministry or Department would initiate action to fix responsibility at all levels to recover the amount from the concerned Dealing official, Supervisor and Head of Office in proportion to their salary by following the prescribed procedure for the purpose and should be strictly enforced.

- v) Once it has been decided to pay gratuity, the amount should be paid immediately pending a decision regarding payment of interest. This would reduce the interest liability, if any, on payment of delayed gratuity.
- vi) In the matter of delayed payment of leave encashment, the Department of Personnel & Training in their Note dated 2.8.99 has clarified that there was no provision under CCS(Leave)Rules for payment of interest or for fixing responsibility. Moreover, encashment of leave is a benefit granted under Leave Rules and not a pensionary benefit.
- vii) In the matter of CGEGIS, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, in their U.O.No.709/EV/1999 dated 6.8.1999 had clarified that payment under CGEGIS cannot be termed as terminal benefit. As payments under this scheme are made in accordance with the Tables of benefit which takes into account interest upto the date of cessation of service, no interest is payable on account of delayed payments under the scheme. They had also clarified that CGEGIS payment cannot be withheld and no Government dues can be recovered from the accumulation except the amount claimed by the financial institution as due from the employee on account of loans taken for house building purpose.

3. The above recommendations were circulated among all Ministries /Departments vide this Department's OM No. 38/64/98-P&PW(F) dated 05th October, 1999. However, it is noticed that all Ministries /Departments are not strictly following the above instructions. The above instructions provide that, wherever delays are anticipated, provisional pension should be sanctioned immediately. Thus, in case where regular pension is not authorized at the time of retirement, provisional pension should invariably be sanctioned. In spite of these instructions, there have been instances where payment of pension [regular or provisional] is not authorized at the time of retirement. In some cases, the administrative departments have been directed by the Central Administrative Tribunal/Court to pay interest for delay in payment of pension and a number of proposals for payment of interest on delayed pensionary benefits is being forwarded to Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare. Therefore, it is reiterated that all the Ministries /Departments should strictly follow the above recommendations communicated vide this Department's OM dated 05.10.1999.

4. The Ministries /Departments may circulate this O.M among the concerned attached/subordinate /field organizations under the administrative control of the respective Ministries /Departments for strict compliance.

Sd/-
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47/2000	Board have reiterated their instructions on the steps to be taken to ensure timely payment of pension and retirement dues for strict compliance.	71/2012

