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Secretary Govt. Of India, D/o Pension & Pensioners Welfare, Patel Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001 (CC: By Email: secy-arpg@nic.in)

Dear Sir,

Subject:- Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners — Delinking of revised pension from qualifying service of 33 years – regarding Grant of the consolidated Pension (as per Para 4.1 of OM Dated 1-9-2008) provided that the Revised Pension being not lower than the minimum of the Corresponding Scale (as per Para 4.2 of OM Dated 1-9-2008).

Reference: DOP&PW OM No.38/37/08-P&PW (A) Dated 1-9-2008 & 6-4-2016

In reference to DOPPW / GOI orders cited above — Delinking of revised pension from qualifying service of 33 years of Pre-2006 pensioners, we request you to please consider the following submissions:

1. MANY PRE-2006 PENSIONERS WITH LESS THAN 33 YEARS QS (QUALIFYING SERVICE), PARTICULARLY THOSE RETIRING FROM PBS 1 TO 3, ARE DRAWING PENSION (*WITH PRO-RATA CUT*) W.E.F 1-1-2006 AS PER PARA 4.1 OF OM DATED 1-9-2008 REG; REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS AS PER 6TH CPC REPORT.

2. The revised pension after the issuing of OM dated 6-4-2016, in their case, has now been restricted to minimum revised pension as per table issued under OM dated 28-1-2013 i.e. 50% of the sum of minimum of pay in the pay band and the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired, as arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No.I/I/2008-IC dated 30th August, 2008.

3. The revised pension after 6th CPC is regulated as per DOP OM dated 1-9-2008 under which the PRIMARY pension (termed as Consolidated pension) is governed by Para 4.1 which stipulates the revised pension to be 2.26 times the basic pension as drawn on 31-12-2005 (under 5th CPC).

- i) The above consolidated pension is further subject to the proviso under Para 4.2 which stipulates that the revised pension so worked out under Para 4.1 shall not be lower than 50 % of the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which the pensioner has retired. In other words, this is the minimum pension for a pre-2006 pensioner.
- ii) It is also pertinent to add here, that while "stepping up pension" the stipulation under Para 2 of the OM dated 28-1-2013 did not make any distinction between the pensioners drawing pension under Para 4.1 or 4.2 and stepping up applied in both the cases.
- iii) Since the basic pension as on 31-12-2005 was linked with QS of 33 years (as per extant rules at that time) were getting pro rata, those pensioners with less than 33 years QS were getting pro rata pension i.e. less than full pension. The basic pension as on 31-12-2005 being itself less, the revised consolidated pension after multiplication with 2.26 will continue to be less than the full entitlement.

- iv) There is a need to notionally rework the basic pension as on 31-12-2005 discounting the effect of pro rata reduction to achieve full justice.
- v) It does not stand to reason that pensioners governed by the PRIMARY formula under Para 4.1 should be deprived of delinking their pension with less than 33 years and that the benefit of removal of pro-rata reduction of pension for less than 33 years of service will be available to only those who were allowed higher pension under an enabling provision (Para 4.2) related to the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which they retired.
- vi) It is the revised pension of pre-2006 pensioners which is purported to be delinked from QS of 33 years as per OM dated 6-4-2016 and, therefore, it applies to both categories of pensioners whether their pension was fixed under Para 4.1 or 4.2.

4. It is, therefore, requested that pension of all concerned Pre-2006 Pensioners may please be revised delinking the QS from 33 years and the Revised Consolidated Pension be fixed vide Para 4.1 of OM Dated 1-9-2008 – i.e. as per Fitment Table in Annexure I thereof with the proviso that the revised consolidated pension shall not be lower than 50% of the minimum of the pay in the Pay Band and the grade pay (wherever applicable) corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale as per fitment table without pro-rata reduction of pension even if they had qualifying service of less than 33 years at the time of retirement.

Hoping for favourable consideration, and thanking in anticipation, with regards,

Yours truly,

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