

PRESS NOTE
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Unjust, say pensioners

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However, while implementing it, the government delinked pension from the post one had retired from and adopted a common minimum pay of pay band and made it applicable to all pre-006 pensioners. Pre-revised pay-scales have been clubbed in one pay band. The resultant reduction in basic pension varies from Rs 165 to Rs 3,650 per month. All representations of pensioners have been rejected. It is high time the discontentment is addressed.

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ORIGINAL PRESS NOTE

Pre-2006 Pensioners forced to take Legal Course

Pre-2006 pensioners retiring from almost all pay scales up to Joint Secretary and equivalent/Major General level (S 4 to S 29) have been forced to seek justice from the Judiciary as their pensions after 6th CPC have been fixed at a much lower level.

5th CPC, for the first time, evolved the principle of Modified Parity which means that pension, in no case, be less than 50% of the minimum of the corresponding 5th CPC revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired. 6th CPC endorsed this modified parity and in keeping with its continuity, their recommendation accepted by Union Cabinet envisaged that pension of pre-2006 pensioners, in no case, shall be lower than 50% of the sum of the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the prerevised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired. However, while implementing it, the Govt. delinked the pension from the post one had retired from and adopted a common minimum pay of pay band and made it applicable to all the pre 2006 pensioners carrying different duties and responsibilities whose pre revised pay scales have been clubbed in one pay band (6 in PB 4 & 9 in PB 3). The resultant reduction in basic pension varies from 165 to 3650 pm. All representations of pensioners made individually or through pensioners associations have been summarily rejected by the Govt. forcing the pensioners to seek legal remedy in the evening of their life with lot of financial burden.

There are 13 cases filed by the pensioners of Central & State Govt. and Defence, 6 in Central Administrative Tribunals, 4 in High Courts and 3 in Armed Forces tribunals. For want of reply from the Government, cases are being adjourned every time putting heavy financial burden on Senior Citizens. It is high time that the genuine wide spread discontentment amongst the pensioners is addressed by the Govt. in implementing the accepted recommendations in letter and spirit and save the pensioners from long drawn legal battle.

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