



State Government took a big decision in the Interest of Pensioners

Why in News?

As per information provided by the Department of Public Relations, Madhya Pradesh on August 31, 2023, the State Government has taken a major decision in the interest of pensioners and has sanctioned dearness relief at the rate of 221% on basic pension/family pension and 42% in the seventh pay scale w.e.f. July 1, 2023. The enhanced amount will be payable from August, 2023.

Key Points:

- According to the information, the increase rate of dearness relief in the sixth pay scale has increased by 9% and the rate of dearness relief in the seventh pay scale has increased by 4%. Earlier, they were getting dearness relief at the rate of 212% on basic pension/family pension in the sixth pay scale and 38% in the seventh pay scale from July 1, 2023.
- According to the order, dearness relief will also be payable on additional pension payable to pensioners aged 80 years or more. Dearness relief will be payable on superannuation, retirement, disability and compensation pension.
- Employees dismissed or removed from service will also be eligible for dearness relief on the compassionate allowance accepted. Dearness relief will also be payable to pensioners receiving family pension and extraordinary pension as per the relevant orders of the Finance Department.
- If a person has been kept in service on compassionate grounds due to the death of his spouse, then in such cases dearness relief on family pension will not be eligible.
- If he/she is in service at the time of death of the spouse, he/she will be eligible for dearness relief on family pension payable on account of death of the spouse. Such pensioners, who have commuted a part of their pension, will be paid dearness relief on their basic pension.
- This order will also be applicable to such retired employees of the State Government, who have drawn lump sum amount on merger in Undertakings/Autonomous Institutions/Boards/Corporations etc. and who have become eligible for repatriation of one-third of the pension.
- The fraction of rupee due on payment of dearness relief shall be rounded off to the next rupee. Director Pension has been instructed to conduct sample checking in bank branches and in case of discrepancy, to adjust it in the next month's payments.
- All pension disbursing officers have been directed to ensure payment of approved dearness relief to pensioners keeping in mind the provisions of Madhya Pradesh Treasury Code 2020.