## GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No.F.8(2)-FIN(G)/99

Dated, Agartala the 10th July, 2007.

## MEMORANDUM

## Subject: Conversion of Dearness Relief equal to 50% of the present Pension of the State Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners into Dearness pension and release of further installment of DR @ 2% w.e.f. 1-7-2007.

The State Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners are in receipt of Dearness Relief @ 69% over the Basic Pension with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. Now the Governor, Tripura is pleased to decide that in case of existing pensioners/family pensioners, Dearness Relief equal to 50% of the present basic pension shall with effect from 1-7-2007 be converted into Dearness Pension and shown distinctly as **Dearness Pension (DP)**. Other than this, the limit of maximum and minimum pension/family pension will remain unchanged and there is no need to revise the same in the PPO. Governor is further pleased to decide grant of one more installment of DR @ 2% over present pension/family pension + Dearness Pension with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007.

2. Dearness Relief converted into Dearness Pension would be deducted from the existing rate of Dearness Relief. At present Dearness Relief is payable at the rate of 69% as per Finance Department Memo No.F.8(2)-FIN(G)/99 dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Consequently, Dearness Relief from 1-7-2007 (pension for the month of July 2007 payable in August 2007) would be payable at the rate of **21%** (19% + 2%) on Basic pension/family pension and Dearness Pension.

3. Other than this benefit of computation of DR, the merger will have no impact upon admissibility of rates of any other allowances/benefits. Those will continue to be guided as per existing admissible rates without impact of merger. In this respect, it is clarified that the instant decision will have no impact upon the retired officers of Tripura Judicial Service as they had already been provided this benefit along with others separately.

4. To ensure that the employees who will be retiring from 1-7-2007 do not face any difficulty in fixation of pension, as a special dispensation in their case, DA equal to 50% of the basic pay would be treated as a part of basic pay for purposes of computation of pension in respect of basic pay received by them prior to 1-7-2007. Consequently, element of dearness

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pension will exist only for pensioners retired from Government of Tripura upto 30-06-2007.

 In respect of entitlement of retirement benefits for employees who will be retiring from 1-7-2007 and limit of minimum pension following clarifications should be followed:

- There will be no change in the existing formula and ceiling limit for gratuity.
- Employees who will retire on or after 1-7-2007 will be entitled to get the benefit of pension computation as indicated in Para (4) above and accordingly they will be entitled to get commutation benefit upto 40% of the pension as per their given option.
- iii) Amount of Family pension shall be computed for an employee who will retire on or after 1-7-2007 taking 30% of his/her Basic pay + Dearness Pay last drawn.
- iv) From 1-7-2007, Dearness Allowance equal to 50% of Basic Pay of the employee drawn prior to 1-7-2007 is treated as Dearness Pay and taken into account as "emoluments" for computing pension/family pension. Consequently, for the employees who will retire from 1-7-2007 onwards, in their cases minimum pension/family pension will be treated as enhanced to Rs.1950/-. It is further clarified that this minimum pension prescribed is applicable only in respect of original pension i.e. before commutation. In cases where family pension is divisible in equal shares amongst two or more widows, twin children, principal of minimum pension of Rs.1300/- (for retirement upto 30-6-2007) and Rs.1950/- (for retirement from 1-7-2007 onwards) per mensem will apply to the original pension and not to be divided share of each widow/ child.

6. The benefit provided under this Memorandum will be applicable for those pensioners/family pensioners/retiring employees who are getting /entitled to get retirement benefits under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 as adopted in the State of Tripura.

7. Total admissible amount of DA shall be worked out in whole rupee, fraction of a rupee below 50 (fifty) paise shall be ignored. While fraction of 50 (fifty) paise and above shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

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