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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), WEST BENGAL
TREASURY BUILDINGS::KOLKATA–700 001.

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/DR/67 **Date : 03-07-2026**

Subject : Grant of Dearness Relief with effect from 01-04-2026 to the Kerala Government service pensioners/family pensioners, Ex-gratia pensioners/Ex-gratia family pensioners and pensioners/family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Scheme.

In continuation to this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/DR/38 dated 01-06-2026, this is to state that the Government of Kerala in their GO (P) Nos. 27/2026/FIN and 26/2026/FIN both dated 20-02-2026 has revised the rate of dearness relief payable to their different categories of pension/family pension as under :

(i) In case of service pensioners/family pensioners, Ex-gratia pensioners/ Ex-gratia family pensioners whose pension/family pension has been revised as per GO (P) Nos. 30/2021/Fin. dated 12-02-2021 and 35/2021/Fin. dated 23-02-2021 (circulated vide No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/Revision/122 dated 10-12-2021) the dearness relief will be enhanced from the existing rate of 25% to 35% with effect from 01-04-2026.

(ii) In case of pensioners/family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Schemes who have changed over to revised UGC/AICTE/ME scale from 01-01-2016 or thereafter the dearness relief will be enhanced from the existing rate of 50% to 58% with effect from 01-04-2026.

(iii) In case of pensioners/family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Schemes who are continuing in the 6th UGC/AICTE/ME scale from 01-01-2006 or thereafter, the dearness relief will be enhanced from the existing rate of 239% to 257% with effect from 01-04-2026.

(iv) In case of UGC pensioners/family pensioners whose pension/family pension had been revised as per GO (P) No. 151/2020/Fin. dated 05-11-2020 (this office circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Kerala/Vol.-VIII/Revision-UGC/143 dated 03-03-2021), the dearness relief will be enhanced from the existing rate of 50% to 58% with effect from 01-04-2026.

(v) In case of UGC pensioners/family pensioners who retired/expired while in service on or after 01-01-2016 and whose pension/family pension had not been revised as per GO (P) No. 151/2020/Fin. dated 05-11-2020, the dearness relief will be enhanced from the existing rate of 239% to 257% with effect from 01-04-2026.

2. Payment of dearness relief involving fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

3. Having been authorized by the office of the Accountant General (A&E), Kerala in their authority No. P19/IV/DRSSA/2025-26/202 dated 03-06-2026, it is requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of dearness relief to all eligible Kerala Government pensioners/family pensioners of aforesaid categories at the rate and from the date mentioned above after proper adjustment.

4. The charges on this account should be debitable to the head "8793-I.S.S. A/cs.; Government of Kerala etc."

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Sr. Accounts Officer

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