

7.18 Provisional Family Pension to the family of Government Servants who die in harness

Finance (Pension) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 85

Dated: 05.03.2002

Read :

1. G.O.(Ms) No.196, Finance (Pension) Department dated:17.5.1999.
2. From Accountant General (A&E) D.O. AG (A&E) PM/1/197 dt.25.2.2002.

ORDER

Under Rule 74 of Tamil Nadu Pension Rules 1978, there is a provision for sanction of provisional Family Pension by head of office where a Non-Self drawing Government Servant die while in service and the head of office shall draw and disburse the Provisional Family Pension and Gratuity to claimant on or after the first day of the month following the month in which the Government servant died.

2) However, as many of the Heads of offices do not act on these rules for sanction of provisional family pension to the families of Government employees who died while in service for one reason or other, the Government have issued orders on the following lines for immediate sanction of provisional Family Pension in the Government orders first read above.

- i. In the case of death of a Government Servant while in service, the head of office shall sanction provisional family pension to the eligible member of the family based on the evidence produced before him about the death of Government Servant in connection with the sanction of lumpsum amount of Rs.5000/- for funeral expenses of the deceased Government Servant and without insisting on legal heirship certificate.
- ii. The sanction order shall be sent to the Pension Pay Officer, Chennai-6 / Treasury Officers/Sub-Treasury Officers for payment of family pension.
- iii. The Pension Pay Officer, Chennai/Treasury Officers/Sub-Treasury Officers shall draw and disburse the provisional family pension based on the sanction order of the Head of Office immediately from the succeeding month after the death of the employee.
- iv. The above provisional family pension shall be regularized after obtaining the authorization of the Accountant-General in due course.
- v. The head of office shall obtain necessary application from the family of deceased Government employee and ensure that the relevant papers including death certificate and legal heirship certificate are forwarded to Accountant General within a fortnight from the date of receipt in the office.

3. It has been brought to the notice of the Government, that the orders issued in the Government order read above have not yet been followed fully as there is some deviation, in the sanctioning authority as laid down in the Pension Rules. The Government have examined the matter in details and decided to issue further orders in this matter in order to quicken the process of sanction of relief to the families of deceased Government employee.

4. Accordingly the following further orders are issued:

- i) The provisional family pension as outlined in G.O. (Ms) No.196, Finance, dated 17.5.99 shall be sanctioned by the Head of Office to the family of a Government servant including Self-drawing Government servant whose pay and allowance are drawn by Head of Office, following the eligible criteria as laid down in Rule 49 of Tamil Nadu Pension Rules 1978 and the same shall be payable for a period of six month. Six months period may be arrived at after the first day of the month following the month in which the Government Servant died. If the proposal in complete shape for admittance

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- of Family Pension has been sent to Accountant General and the final authorization for payment of Family Pension has not been received within six months from the date of death of the Government Servant, the payment of provisional family pension may be continued by the Head of Office for another six months for which separate sanction shall be issued by the Head Office.
- ii) The sanction order along with a formal claim made by the claimant with the requisite information / documents which will include 'D' roll consisting of photo identification certificate of non-drawal of family pension, non-remarriage certificate, a certificate to pay back to Government the amount which was erroneously received, certificate of non drawal of family pension from other source such as family pension from Defense/ Government of India; the bank from which the family pensioner desires to draw family pension with Savings Bank account and the address for communication should be sent to the Pension Disbursing Officer where the family pensioner desires to draw provisional family pension through the Pay and Accounts Officer/Treasury Officer/ Sub-Treasury Officer as the case may be, were pay and allowances of the employee were last drawn prior to death. The Pay and Account Officer/Treasury Officer where the deceased employee last draw his emoluments shall countersign the sanction order attesting the signature of the head of office and forward the complete form to the respective Pension Pay Officer, Chennai, the code allotment and entries in the audit volume will be made by the Pension Pay Office itself.
 - iii) There is no need to open a separate volume. The monthly payment of provisional family pension may be made as one of the additional items in the existing volume itself by allotting a separate code by Pension Pay Officers/ Treasury Officers as stated above. The code will consists of district, year, the letters "PFB" (PFP) (standing for Provisional Family Pension) and the serial number. This entry can be converted into a regular entry as soon as regular family pension is authorized by the Accountant General.
 - iv) The Provisional Family Pension shall be credited to the Savings Bank account of the family pensioner. An undertaking shall be obtained from the beneficiary to pay back to Government the amount which was erroneously sanctioned and received by the beneficiary. Non marriage certificate may be got by self-declaration in the case of widow who crossed 50 years of age.
 - v) Arrears need not be given in respect of past cases and the provisional family pension in such cases shall be sanctioned only from the date of issue of orders.
 - vi) The Head of Office will be made fully accountable that family pension proposals are sent to Accountant General's Office before the end of 2 months positively and in any case before the end of 6 months period. If the regular family pension is not got sanctioned within a reasonable time, the concerned Head of Office, shall be liable for strict disciplinary action.
 - vii) Whenever the Director of Pension or Officials of Directorate of Pension go to districts for pensioners grievances meeting, he may inspect and review the cases of provisional family pension sanctioned under these order to see whether the family pension proposals have been sent to the Accountant General by the Head of Office.
 - viii) This order shall be applicable to self drawing officers other than AIS officers.
 - ix) Necessary amendment to Tamil Nadu Pension Rules, 1978 will be issued separately.

(By order of the Governor)

R.SANTHANAM
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE IN THE PRESENCE OF

Proc.No.

Dated:

Ref : 1. G.O. (Ms) No.196, Finance (Pension) Department, dt:17.5.1999.

2. G.O. (Ms) No.85, Finance (Pension) Department, dt:5.3.2002.

Sanction is accorded for the payment of Provisional Family Pension of Rs. / - p.m. (Rupees only) to Tmt./Thiru./W/o. H/o. Late who died while in service on for a period of six months from the or the regular family pension is authorized by the Accountant General whichever is earlier.

2. The Pension Pay Officer/Treasury Officer/Sub-Treasury Officer is requested to disburse the provisional family pension to Tmt./Thiru. as per G.O. cited. No provision family pension has been drawn and disbursed to Tmt./Thiru. from to till the date of this sanction order.

3. Descriptive roll of Tmt./Thiru. furnished below duly attested.

Specimen Signature :
Photo :
Identification Mark : 1.
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HEAD OF OFFICE