

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

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./ 93 Vol VI/20

Dated 14/05/2026

Subject :: Modified rates of Dearness Relief payable from January 2016 to December 2019

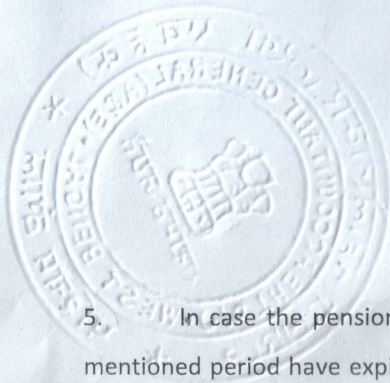
In compliance with the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 05.02.2026 regarding payment of Dearness Allowance (DA)/Dearness Relief (DR) to the **employees/pensioners/family pensioners of West Bengal Government** for the period from 01.04.2008 to 31.12.2019, the Govt. of West Bengal vide notification No. 997-F (P2) dated 13.03.2026 read with corrigendum No. 1086-F(P2) dated 23/03/2026 have decided to pay revised rate of Dearness Relief from January – 2016 to December – 2019 in the first phase.

2. The Government in their clarifications, issued under D.O. letter No. FS-96/2026 dated 07/04/2026, followed by letter No. FS-101/2026 dated 04/05/2026 have communicated this office the modified rates of Dearness relief allowed for their pensioners/family pensioners for the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019 as under :

Date of effect	Rate of dearness relief already sanctioned for payment	Circulated by the O/o the Pr. A.G. (A&E), W.B. under No.	Modified rate of Dearness Relief allowed by Govt.	Rate of Arrears of Dearness Relief (Col 4 – Col 2) to be paid
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
01.01.2016	75%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/145 dated 01/01/2016	100%	25%
01.01.2017	85%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/180 dated 09/01/2017	110%	25%
01.01.2018	100%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/129 dated 23/10/2017	115%	15%
01.01.2019	125%	Pen Co-ordn/93 Vol VI/159 dated 13/11/2018	143%	18%

3. All Pr.AsG/AsG offices are requested to make necessary arrangement for payment of arrears of dearness relief to the West Bengal Government pensioners/family pensioners at the rates as stated in column (5) of the table above through the pension disbursing authorities under their control. Such rates of dearness relief for computation of arrear would be applicable on the pension/family pension drawn by the pensioners/family pensioners for the period 2016-2019 as per ROPA, 2009 (i.e., before implementation of recommendation of latest pay commission under ROPA, 2019).

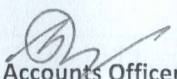
4. Payment of relief on pension/family pension including involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee in each case.



5. In case the pensioners/family pensioners eligible to receive the arrear of dearness relief for the above mentioned period have expired in the meantime, the Government of West Bengal in their Memorandum No. 75-F(Pen) dated 23/03/2026 has stated that in such cases the arrear amount is to be paid to the nominee of the pensioner/family pensioner as mentioned in the PPO/FPPO or as per the nomination documents, if furnished subsequently by the pensioners/family pensioners and accepted by the disbursing authority. In case the disbursing authority identifies that the existing family pensioner is the nominee of the pensioner as per nomination details, the arrear amount may be paid directly to the existing family pensioner. If no nomination detail is available, the arrear amount is to be paid to the legal heir/s on submission of supportive documents by the claimant/s, issued by the competent authority, before the disbursing authority.

6. As informed in the letter dated 04/05/2026 ibid of the Government, in case there is any further change in the rate of dearness relief for the period 2016-2019 for any reason, it will be communicated to all concerned for effecting necessary adjustment from the subsequent payments.

7. The teaching and non teaching pensioner/family pensioners of Non Govt. Educational Institution and Non Govt. Colleges would not come under the ambit of this circular and in their case separate circular will be issued on receipt of specific orders in this context from the respective Administrative Departments.


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