

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FINANCE(PENSION CELL) DEPARTMENT

No.FEM(PC)5/2005/Pt./30

Dated Shillong, the 4th May, 2009.

NOTIFICATION

Payment of Pension, including family pension, is currently made at the option of the pensioners, either through Treasuries or Public Sector Banks. Government has given due consideration to the merits and demerits of both systems and to improve the system further in the interest of the pensioners and management information system.

After carefully consideration, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to introduce the following alternate system for disbursement of pension.

- A. The system shall be called “**Pension Automated System**” (PAS) of the Government of Meghalaya and shall take effect from the date of issue of this Notification.
- B. Procedure for Pension Automated System :**
 - 01 Treasuries shall be the only Pension Disbursal Authorities and Banks which are members of the Clearing House (s) of the RBI shall be the agencies for payment of pension.
 - 02 Treasuries shall create a databank of all pensioners of the State, which shall include amongst other things the name of the pensioner, the name of his/her spouse, PPO No, that of commencement of pension, date of commencement of deduction towards commuted value of pension and date of restoration of commuted value of pension, Bank/Bank branch and Account No., Amount of Basic pension, rates of Dearness Pension/Dearness Allowance/Medical Allowance, etc.
 - 03 The system of presentation of pension bill by the pensioners shall henceforth be dispensed with. Instead, Treasuries shall auto-generate from the database the monthly pension payable to the pensioners and advise banks to directly credit the monthly pension of pensioners in the respective bank account. In addition, a soft copy of the same shall also be dispatched likewise to the banks to facilitate immediately upload of information into the system of the banks to reduce the processing time to the minimum.
 - 04 Treasuries shall issue to the pensioner a Payment Slip which shall reflect details of the basic pension, dearness relief and medical allowance paid by direct credit to their bank accounts.
 - 05 Banks shall submit to the respective Treasuries a report of pension payment credited to the respective bank accounts of the pensioners.

2. Mandatory opening/furnishing of Bank Account.

Pensioners other than those who are widowers/widows/un-married/family pensioners are required to open a Joint Saving Bank Account with his/her spouse (as recorded in the PPO) in any bank which are member of the Clearing House of the RBI. Other pensioners who are widowers/widows/un-married/family pensioners are also required to open an Individual Saving Bank Account in any bank which are members of the Clearing House of the RBI, if not opened earlier.

All pensioners are to furnish to the Treasury/Sub-Treasury which will conduct disbursement of their monthly pension the name of the Bank, Bank branch and Bank Account No. to which their monthly pension shall be credited directly.

The aforesaid Joint Bank Account or even the Individual Bank Account of the pensioners cannot be operated by a holder of power of attorney.

3. Other Terms and Conditions relating to Life Certificate, Marriage/Re-marriage, Non-employment or Re-employment certificate etc., shall continue to be in force as in the existing system.

4. Check against excess payment in the event of death of a pensioner.

01. At the commencement of Pension Automated System all Pensioner/Family Pensioners shall have to sign an undertaking in a token of having accepted and terms and conditions (laid down in this notification).
02. Personal appearance by a pensioner before the Treasury Officer/Branch Manager shall continue but the frequency shall be increased to half-yearly instead of yearly.
03. Death of pensioner shall be intimated immediately by his or her spouse to the bank and treasury within one month of the demise so as to avoid excess payment/credit to the joint account of the pensioner.
04. If, however any amount has been wrongly credited to the joint account, it shall be recoverable from the joint account and/or any other account held by the pensioner/spouse either individually or jointly. The legal heirs, successors, executors etc., shall also be liable to refund any amount, which has been wrongly credited to the joint account.

5. Implementation of Pension Automated System.

Pension Automated System shall be implemented in phase manner as described here below :

01. In the first phase, only present cases of the pension under the Payroll of treasuries shall be covered.
02. Pension Automated System shall be implemented on a pilot basis in Shillong South Treasuries from July, 2009.
03. Pensioner shall be given at least two months time with effect from May, 2009 to open a Bank account as laid down under Para 2.

04. After the trial run in Shillong South Treasury, the system shall be implemented likewise in other treasuries all over the State within the financial year 2009-2010.
- 05 The second phase of Pension Automated System shall commence from April, 2010 and shall cover all State cases of pension payment through Public Sector Banks including those transferred outside the State.

Director of Accounts and Treasuries shall obtain a copy of the database in respect of the State pension cases disbursed through Public Sector Banks and inform the concerned pensioners to facilitate them through the respective treasuries in the State to fulfil/comply with the procedural formalities laid down under para 2 and 3.

The relevant provisions of Meghalaya Treasury Rules, 1985 and other relevant rules shall be amended in due course.

Sd/-

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Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Finance Department.

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1. The Principal Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya.
2. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary.
3. All Principal Secretaries/Commissioners and Secretaries.
4. The Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. All Administrative Departments/All Heads of Departments.
- 6 All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers.
7. Director of Accounts and Treasuries/All Treasury Officers.
8. Financial Adviser/Finance and Accounts Officers.
9. Regional Manager, State Bank of India/United Bank of India, with a request to communicate and inform all Assistant General Managers and Branch Managers, State Bank of India, United Bank of India in the State.
10. The General Secretary, Meghalaya Pensioners' Association, Lismore Cottage, Bhagyakul, Laitumkhrah, Shillong – 3.
11. Director of Printing and Stationery, Shillong for favour of publication in the next issue of the Meghalaya Gazette and supply 500 printed copies to this Departments.

By Order etc.,

(Shri S. Kharmawphlang)

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