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Providing relief to the Public Officers/ pensioners, who could not be sent on retirement on due date and who could not submit their application online due to COVID 19 crisis even though they were sent on retirement and entitled to the pension

Having taken into consideration the inconvenience faced by the Public Officers/ pensioners, who could not be sent on retirement on due date and who could not submit their application online even though they were sent on retirement and entitled to the pension, due to the inability to prepare their pension as a result of the delay occurred in office functions owing to the health and safety measures taken by the Government considering the COVID19 pandemic, Government has decided to pay a monthly allowance in lieu of the pension, until they are paid pension in the proper manner.

02. This monthly allowance will be paid to the following officers/pensioners instead of the pension.

- a) Officers, who have retired from Public/Provincial Public Service but not properly sent on retirement during the period from 01 February this year (Including the said date) up to the date on which this circular was issued,
- b) Pensioners, who have not submitted online their application even though they have been sent on retirement as at the effective date of this circular,
- c) Officers in public/provincial public service, who were in the service as at the effective date of this circular but due to retire in coming April or May,

03. Following conditions should be applied in the payment of this allowance paid in lieu of the pension.

- a) Monthly allowance to be paid is Rs. 25,000.
- b) This allowance should be paid strictly for the coming month of April and May and no arrears should be paid for the months prior to aforesaid months.
- c) This allowance should not be paid to the Pensioners, who have been sent on retirement subject to section 12 of the Pension Minute.
- d) The allowance should be paid by the Ministry/ Department, where the pensioner served for the last time.

- e) Even though a special monthly allowance is paid for coming months of April and May as per b) above, such period should never be considered as a period served by the respective pensioner in public/ provincial public service after retirement.
- f) When the pension of the respective pensioner is prepared by the Director General of Pensions, the difference between the pension and the aforesaid allowance, where the pension is lower than the allowance mentioned in (a) above, will be calculated and recovered either from the pension gratuity or pension of the pensioner then it will be referred by the Director General of Pensions to the Ministry/ Department, which paid the allowance to the pensioner. In case where the paid allowance is lower than the pension, the Director General of Pensions will take action to pay the difference to the respective pensioner.
- g) Action should be taken to pay this allowance to the pensioners on the same dates on which the salaries of coming months of April and May are paid to the permanent officers in public service.

04. Action will be taken by the Director General of Pensions to pay the relevant allowance also to the pensioners, who have submitted online their pension application from 01 February (Including the above date) of this year up to the date on which this circular was issued but of whom relevant documents have not been submitted duly by the institution, subject to above mentioned provisions.

05. This Circular is issued on the instructions of the Presidential Secretariat and with the concurrence of General Treasury.

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