GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No. Pen-42/2010 - 18028 /F Dt. 06-04-2010

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Revision of pension/family pension in respect of pre-2006 retired Part-III Judges of Orissa High Court those who are elevated from Orissa Senior Judicial Service cadre w.e.f. 1.1.2006.

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Sixth Central Pay Commission and subsequent recommendation made by the Fitment Committee appointed by the State Government the pension/family pension of the pre-2006 and post-2006 State Government pensioners/family pensioners has been revised w.e.f. 1.1.2006 in Finance Department O.M. No.3667/F dated 19.1.2009 and Resolution No.3653/F dated 19.1.2009 respectively.

2. But, the pension/family pension of the retired elevated Judges of the Orissa High Court belonging to State Judicial cadre have not been revised w.e.f. 1.1.2006 in terms of the F.D. O.M. and the Resolution referred in para -1 above since they had been allowed higher benefits of pay and pension w.e.f. 1.7.1996 on recommendations of the Shetty Commission adopting in principle the measures taken by the Karnataka Government as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

3. The Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice) in their letter No.11016/1/2009-Jus dated 27.2.2009 have intimated the Accountant General of all States for revision of pension/family pension of pre-2006 retired Part-III Judges of High Court and Supreme Court w.e.f. 1.1.2006 in terms of Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare’s O.M. No.F.No.38/37/08 P&PW (A) dated 1st Sept. 2008 w.e.f. 1.1.2006 as in the case of Central Government employees subject to adoption of said Office Memorandum dated 1.9.2008 by the respective State Government to grant the benefit of increased pension on similar lines to their employees including the members of State Higher Judicial Service and in this regard, the direction of the Supreme Court of India in CMP No.18044 of 1988 in the matter of Justice M.L. Jain –Vrs- Union of India and others circulated to the State Governments by the Department has been referred to.
4. In case of Justice M.L. Jain –Vrs- Union of India and others, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgement dated 18.8.1988 in CMP No.18044 did not appreciate the decision of the Ministry of Law and Justice giving liberty to the different State Governments to decide the retirement benefits of the Part-III Judges of High Court elevated from their State Senior Judicial cadre and opined that there should be a parity between the pension drawn by the petitioner and the other High Court Judges in India.

5. With a view to considering all aspects of this issue a meeting was held on 11.2.2010 under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Finance Department where the Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, Principal Secretary to Government, Law Department and the Registrar (Vigilance) Orissa High Court were the participants and after threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken in the meeting.

i) The State Government may adopt the Government of India O.M. No.38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 1.09.2008 exclusively in respect of the pre-2006 retired Part-III (elevated) Judges of the Orissa High Court as regards revision of their pension/family pension w.e.f. 1.1.2006 as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 18.8.1988 in case of Justice M.L. Jain –Vrs- Union of India in CMP No.18044 of 1988 as communicated by the Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice) in their letter No.L-11016/1/2009-Jus dated 27.2.2009 addressed to the Accountant Generals of all States.

ii) In the meantime, Mr. Justice E. Padmanavan Committee has been set up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for considering revision of pay and allowance and pension of the Judicial Officers of different States and the report/recommendations of the Committee is awaited which will also be applicable in case of Part-III (elevated) Judges of the Orissa High Court. As regards revision of pension/family pension w.e.f. 1.1.2006 in respect of Judicial Officers of the State including post-2006 retired Part-III (elevated) Judges of the Orissa High Court, the report/recommendation of Mr. Justice E. Padmanavan Committee may be awaited.
6. After careful consideration of the above aspects the State Government have been pleased to adopt the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare Office Memorandum No. F.No.38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 1st Sept. 2008 as regards revision of pension/family pension exclusively in respect of pre-2006 retired Part-III Judges of the Orissa High Court who had been elevated from Orissa Senior Judicial service cadre subject to the condition that the revised pension along with the special additional pension w.e.f. 1.1.2006 as applicable to the pre-2006 retired Part-III Judges of the High Court shall not exceed the ceiling fixed in the Part-III of the First Schedule of the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 as amended by the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) in their Notification dated 9.1.2009.

(J.K. Mohapatra)
Principal Secretary to Government

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