

Now, it has been brought to notice of the Government by some Departments of Government that such bills are not honoured in the Treasury on the ground that the advance/withdrawal has not been sanctioned by the Secretary of the Department as required under Rule 15(3) (b) of G. P. F. (O) Rules.

Secondly, Secretary of the Department, being the sanctioning authority should sign in the sanction order as per Finance Department O. M. No. 32000, dated the 28th November 1975.

In this respect, I am to clarify that in the present cases, Secretary of the Department being the sanctioning authority of such cases passes orders for sanction of advance withdrawal from G. P. F. This sanction order accompanying the bill sent to the Treasury is certainly a valid order signed by a Deputy Secretary/Under-Secretary of the Department conveying the sanction for advance/withdrawal from G. P. F. for Gazetted Officers of the Department of Government. Withholding the bills of large number of Gazetted Officers on this ground has created unnecessary dislocation in the work, which should be avoided.

Hence you are requested to honour the sanction orders conveying the sanction issued from a Government Department in the Secretariat signed by an Officer not below the rank of Under-Secretary in this matter.

Yours faithfully

S. N. PANDA

Deputy Secretary to Government

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

No. 26821—G. P. F.-19/90-F.

Dated the 3rd August 1990

Subject—Rate of interest on the balance of Provident Fund for the year 1990-91

The rate of interest on the accumulated balance in the Provident Funds specified below, for the financial year 1990-91 will be 12 per cent (Twelve per cent) per annum.

- (i) General Provident Fund (Orissa)
- (ii) Contributory Provident Fund (Orissa)
- (iii) Orissa Provident Fund (Sterling Accounts)

Order— Ordered that the Resolution be published in the next issue of the *Orissa Gazette*

P. K. PATNAIK

Secretary to Government