

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No.35603—Pen-30/90-F.

The 23rd October 1990

Subject—Expenditious disposal of pension cases

On retirement, when a Government servant ceases to draw pay and allowances, he should be given pension when it is due. Government in Finance Department have issued instruction from time to time for simplification of procedure for sanction of pension, gratuity to the retired Government servants. It has been enjoined in the Office Memorandum dated the 1st January 1986 that every Head of Office is required to adhere to the schedule for timely preparation of pension papers well in advance of the date of retirement. According to instructions, the processing of pension papers should be completed 8 months in advance of the date of retirement. It has however been brought to the notice of Government by the Accountant-General that the pension papers are not being sent to the office of Accountant-General as per the time schedule proscribed. Besides, the pension papers are sent in incomplete manner which causes much delay in issue of P.P.O. and G.P.O. in favour of the retired Government servants. Similarly family pension cases are not sent to the Accountant-General Office immediately after the death of the Government servant, but after long periods of delay ranging from one month to 20 years. Such delay in payment of pension/family pension has been adversely commented on the floor of the Assembly. In some cases, the Government servants are taking recourse to the Court of law where the Court while upholding the prayer of the petitioners direct payment of interest at the rate of 12% per annum for abnormal delay in finalising pension/family pension cases. The Court has also stipulated that responsibility should be fixed on the concerned Officer for the delay. This not only puts the Government in an embarrassing position but also puts undue strain on the State exchequer. To avoid such contingencies, it is once again emphasised that the pension sanctioning authorities/Head of Office should adhere to the instructions contained in the Finance Department Office Memorandum, dated the 1st January, 1986 for timely processing of pension papers i.e. 8 months before the date of retirement and the same should be sent to Accountant-General Office at least six months before retirement. The pension papers should be completed in all respects and free from defects. The Pension Sanctioning Authorities/Head of Office are to check up the pension papers with reference to the check lists prescribed in G. O. No. 41441, dated the 8th November 1989.

The lists of persons due to retire within 24—30 months should also be furnished to Accountant-General/Finance Department regularly as per instructions contained in Office Memorandum dated the 1st January 1986.

Any failure to observe the above guidelines will be seriously viewed.

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Secretary to Government

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No. 37516 (219)—Pen.77/90-F.

The 9th November 1990

To

All Departments of Government/All Heads of Department

Subject:—Expeditious steps for vacating the stay Order of Orissa Administrative Tribunal in respect of cases filed before the Tribunal for challenging the date of superannuation or other service benefits.

The undersigned is directed to say that it has come to the notice of Finance Department that the Government employees are often filing applications before the State Administrative Tribunal challenging their valid date of superannuation on various reasons and also relating to other service benefits.