In order to overcome such a contingency which hamper expeditious disposal of pension cases, the StateGovernment, after careful consideration, have decided that where Government dues outstanding against a pensioner could not be finalised on the date of retirement due to reasons for which the retired Government servant is responsible, the pension sanctioning authority, immediately after the date of retirement, will issue three reminders under a Registered cover to the pensioner at an interval of fifteen days between each reminder and after a lapse of one month from the date of issue of the last reminder he will finalise the Government dues unilaterally and intimate the same to the Accountant-General, Orissa for releasing the gratuity after recovering the amount from the D. C. R. Gratuity.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. 7794—Pen.-15/91-7

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Subject— Simplification of procedure for sanction of pension

As per the existing procedure laid down in Finance Department O. M. No. Pen-206/85-L/F., dated the lst January 1985, the pension sanctioning authority is required to complete the pension paper of a Government servant before eight months of the date of his retirement and send to the Accountant General, Orissa for verification and issue of authority for payment of pension. Para 7 (a) of the said O. M. provides that where no intimation is received from the Accountant-General one month before the retirement of the employee about issue of pension payment order and where for exceptional reasons the processing of pension paper cannot be completed in time, the pension sanctioning authority before the retirement of the employee, will sanction provisional pension.

It has come to the notice of Government that in several cases provisional pension is not being sanctioned in time and as a result the employee concerned is facing financial difficulties after retirement. This sort of neglagence on the part of the pension sanctioning authorities is to be avoided in any circumstances. Therefore, it is once again impressed upon all pension sanctioning authorities that in the absence of final pension, sanction of provisional pension immediately preferable on the day of retirement is mandatory. Henceforward any lapse of this provision will be seriously viewed. The on usis on the pension sanctioning authority and not the retiring employee even if he has not. made any specific request, However a provisional pension may not be sanctioned if a retiring employee requests in writing that instead of a provisional, he would prefer to wait for sanction of the final pension.

2. Payment of provisional pension is at present, intended for six months only after which the provisional pension is to be treated as final pension. In some cases, it has been noticed that the amount of provisional pension sanctioned by the pension sanctioning authorities is less than the amount of pension to which the retired employee is entitled. In case the said amount of provisional pension is made final after six months the concerned etired employee is put to financial loss for no fault of his. In order to avoid this contingency, the Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to decide that, where the pension sanctionig authority feels that the amount of provisional pension sanctioned is less than the actual amount of pension, he may allow the continuance of the drawal of the provisional pension beyond six months of the date of retirement till the final pension is authorised by the Accountant-General. The procedure outlined in Finance Department Memo. No. 49264 (40)/F., dated the 4th October 1986 for drawal of provisional pension during six months after retirement will also be followed in cases of continuance of provisional ponsion beyond six months of retirement.

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