F.No.45/08/2017-FF(P) Government of India/Bharat Sarkar Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya Freedom Fighters & Rehabilitation Division

2nd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110 001, Dated, the 1st May, 2023.

To

The Pr. Chief Controller of Accounts(Home), Ministry of Home Affairs, MDCNS, New Delhi-110 001

Subject: Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Freedom Fighter Pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2023 - regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.45/08/2017-FF(P) dated 01.11.2022(copy enclosed) regarding 36% Dearness Relief to be paid to the freedom fighter pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2022 and to say that recently Dearness Relief in respect of Central Government pensioners has been enhanced by 4% by the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi's O.M. No.42/04/2023-P&PW(D) dated 06.04.2023. Hence, the Dearness Relief admissible to the Central Freedom Fighter/spouse/daughter pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 36% to 40% w.e.f. 01.01.2023. The revised amount of pension for various categories of pensioners after increase of 4% DR, i.e. total 40% Dearness Relief, will be as follows:

SI No.	Category of freedom fighters	Basic amount of pension (per month)	Enhanced amount of pension after adding 40% DR (per month) w.e.f. 01.01.2023
1.	Ex-Andaman Political prisoners/spouses	Rs.30,000/-	Rs.42,000/-
2.	Freedom fighters who suffered outside British India/spouses	Rs.28,000/-	Rs.39,200/-
3.	Other Freedom fighters/ spouses including INA	Rs.26,000/-	Rs.36,400/-
4.	daughters (maximum 3 daughters at any point of time)	would have been admissible to the	50% of the sum that would have been admissible to the freedom fighters, i.e. in the range of Rs.18,200/- to Rs.21,000/-

- Further, it is also clarified that as per Policy Guidelines dated 06.08.2014, TDS is not applicable in respect of Central Samman Pension.
- 3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Copy forwarded for information and similar action to:-

- Chief Controller of Accounts, Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), Bhikaji Cama Place, Trikoot-II, Behind Hotel Hyatt. Regency, New Delhi-110 066.
- 2. Chief Controller of Accounts (Pension and Misc.), 2/10, Jamnagar House, New Delhi- 110 011.
- 3. The Accounts Officer, Office of the Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 003.
- Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/UT Administrations. 4.
- 5. CPPCs of all 23 authorized banks (list attached).
- 6. Private Secretary to JS(FFR).
- All Officers and staff of Freedom Fighter Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, NDCC-7. II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110 001.
- 8. PDMC, FFR Division, MHA.
- 9. IT Cell, MHA, North Block - for uploading this letter on MHA's website in the Document in Public Domain of FFR Division.