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

> 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110 001, Dated, the March , 2024.

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. 01.01.2024 -regarding

Sir,

To

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.45/08/2017-FF(P) dated 27.10.2023(copy enclosed) regarding 44% Dearness Relief to be paid to the freedom fighter pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2023 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.42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 13.03.2024. Hence, the Dearness Relief admissible to the Central Freedom Fighter/spouse/daughter pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 44% to 48% w.e.f. 01.01.2024. The revised amount of pension for various categories of pensioners after increase of 4% DR, i.e. total 48% Dearness Relief, will be as follows:

SI No.	Category of freedom fighters	Basic amount of pension (per month)	Enhanced amount of pension after adding 48% DR (per month) w.e.f. 01.01.2024
1.	Ex-Andaman Political prisoners/spouses		Rs.44,400/-
2.	Freedom fighters who suffered outside British India/spouses	Rs.28,000/-	Rs.41,400/-
3.	Other Freedom fighters/ spouses including INA	Rs.26,000/-	Rs.38,480/-
	(maximum 3 daughters at any point of time)	been admissible to the freedom	50% of the sum that would have been admissible to the freedom fighters, i.e. in the range of Rs.19,240/- to Rs.22,200/-

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2. 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.

ours ithfully, R. C. Meer Direct

Copy forwarded for information and similar action to:-

1. 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.

4. Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/UT Administrations.

5. CPPCs of all 23 authorized banks (list attached).

6. Private Secretary to JS(FFR).

7. All Officers and staff of Freedom Fighter Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, NDCC-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.

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