

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch

No. 6431- F(Y)

Kolkata, 15th of December, 2016

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Discontinuation of payment of pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal

In terms of Rule 4.160(1) of W.B.T.R, 2005 Pensioners / Family Pensioners of different categories can exercise their option to get their pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal. Such categories of the pensioners/family pensioners irrespective of their age and scale of infirmity are required to visit the office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal to receive their pension from the counter. After implementation of the e-Pradan Module under Integrated Financial Management System, pensioners/family pensioners can have their pension directly credited to their Bank accounts on the 1st day of the next month. The matter of dispensing with the system of such counter payment from the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal was under active consideration of the Government since some time past.

After necessary consultation with the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal and careful consideration of all the aspects in the matter, Governor is now pleased to direct that various categories of pensioners including state pensioners, non-Govt. pensioners, other Government Pensioners, other pensioners whose pension liability is borne by the State Government and who draw their pension/family pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal shall be transferred to the Pension Disbursement Office, located at Johar Building, 5th. Floor, P-1, Hyde Lane, Kolkata – 700 073 under the control of Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal or Treasuries or Public Sector Banks (PSB) enlisted as per Part-A of Appendix-15 of WBTR-2005, depending upon the option to be exercised by the Pensioners / Family Pensioners for disbursement from those offices.

The existing Pensioners / Family Pensioners who are drawing pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal shall have to exercise option (Annexure-A) at the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal latest by 31st January, 2017. The process of transferring all PPOs from the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal shall be completed within the month of Feb'2017. No pension shall be disbursed from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal from the month of March, 2017. However, any pension case already received for issue of PPO, from the pension sanctioning authorities with option for drawing pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal shall be finalized and forwarded by the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, to the Pension Disbursement Office or Treasury or PSB after taking revised option for drawal of pension from the pensioner.

After receiving the option (Annexure-A) from the Pensioners / Family Pensioners, the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal shall send the Disburser's half of the PPO by registered post or by special messenger to the concerned Treasury or Pension Disbursement Office or PSB as the case may be within 7(seven) days from the date of receipt of the option. The pensioner's portion of the PPO shall be handed over to the pensioner or sent to the pensioner by registered post. Last payment certificate shall be given on the both halves of the PPO. The commencement of pension from the Pension Disbursement Office or Treasury or PSB shall be made following existing procedure of appearance of pensioner/family pensioner before the Pension Disbursing Officer.

Henceforth, all the pension sanctioning authorities shall not accept any new option for disbursement of pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal with immediate effect. Pension cases pending at the end of pension sanctioning authority having option for drawal of pension from the counter of the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, shall be processed after obtaining revised option of drawing pension as per this order. All pension sanctioning authorities shall amend their "Option Form" for getting pension/family pension from Pension Disbursement Office/Bank branches/Treasuries accordingly.

A help desk will be set up for facilitating the pensioners at the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal for the time being until completion of transfer of all pension cases from the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal to Pension Disbursement Cell or Treasuries or Public Sector Banks (PSB) as the case may be.

Necessary amendment in the West Bengal Treasury Rules, 2005 will be made in due course.

This Order will take immediate effect and is issued in cancellation of Notification No. 6026-F(Y) dated 23.11.2016.

Sd/- P.A.Siddiqui
Secretary
Finance Department

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Accountant General(A&E), West Bengal, 2No Govt. Place(West), Kol-700 001- it is requested to circulate the order to all categories of pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension from the counter of the O/O the AG(A&E) to enable them to submit their option as per enclosed Format to get their pension/family pension.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
_____ Department
3. Sri Sumit Mitra, Network administrator, Finance Department with request to upload the same in the website of Finance Department, Govt of West Bengal
4. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Mitra Buildings, Kolkata-700001
5. The Pension Disbursement Officer, Jahar Building, P-1, Hyde Lane, Kol-73
6. The District Magistrate,-----.
7. The Treasury Officer,-----.
8. The General Manager/ Manager of all concerned link branches of Public Sector Banks in Kolkata


Assistant Secretary
Finance Department

Annexure-A

Application for Transfer of PPO from the Office of the Pr. Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlement), West Bengal to Treasury/PDO/Public Sector Banks vide G.O. no.----- dated _____

To,

The Office of the Pr. Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlement), West Bengal
Treasury Buildings, 2 Govt Place (West)
Kolkata-700001

Sir,

As per GO No. _____ dt. _____ of Finance Department, West Bengal, I hereby opt to receive my pension from

1) _____ Treasury/Pension Disbursement Office, Kolkata situated at Jahar Building, P-1, Hyde Lane as per Procedure laid in Part B of Annexure 15 of the W.B.T. Rules, 2005.

OR

2) Directly from _____ Bank _____ Branch as per Procedure laid in Part A of Annexure 15 of the W.B.T. Rules, 2005.

I am submitting herewith the Pension Payment Order (pensioner's copy) in original.
I am furnishing herein in below the relevant particulars for your kind consideration.

i) Name of the Pensioner/Family Pensioner :

ii) Address of the Pensioner :

iii) Pension Payment Order No :

iv) PPO Issuing Authority :

v) Name and address of the Institution served last:

vi) Date of Retirement of Pensioner :

vii) Date of Death of Pensioner (for family pension cases) : _____

Place :

Date :

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Signature of the Pensioner/Family Pensioner

Enclosure :

1) Pension Payment Order in original

(To be acknowledged by the Office of the Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlement), West Bengal)

Received an application from Shri/ Smt _____ regarding drawal of pensionary benefit from _____ Treasury/ Pension Disbursement Office / _____ Bank/Branch along with the PPO in original.

Place

Date

Concerned Officer of AG(A&E), WB