



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Finance Department – COVID-19 – Freezing of Dearness Allowance to the State Government employees and Government pensioners/family pensioners at current rates till July 2021 – Orders – Issued.

Finance (PC&TA) Department

G.O.MS.No. 95

Dated: 06-11-2020.

Read the following:-

1. Office Memorandum No.1/1/2020-E-II(B), Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Government of India, New Delhi, dated 23-04-2020.

ORDER:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recognised the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic. Recognising the extreme danger to public health and safety, preventive measures to deal with the spread of COVID-19 pandemic were initiated by the State Government in coordination with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, starting with the imposition of a complete lock-down from the 24th of March 2020, followed from time to time with the issuance of guidelines & the implementation of strict containment measures including inter-alia travel restrictions, social distancing measures, closure of entertainment, hospitality, non-essential shops & services, and increased testing, in order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The imposition of the lock-down measures has brought economic activities across all sectors to a standstill, dramatically impacting the realisation of revenue by the State from all the sources. Further, the continued detection and reporting of the COVID-19 cases is a bellwether towards the slow revival of economic activity & continued adverse impact on revenue realisation to the State exchequer. Thus, the need to shore up the financial resources of the State for allocation to health care and allied services & for providing support to the sections of society rendered vulnerable by the COVID-19 pandemic, becomes a pressing imperative for the Government.

3. In the reference 1st read above, the Government of India has directed that in view of the crisis arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the additional instalment of Dearness Allowance payable to the Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners, due from 1st January 2020 shall not be paid. The additional instalments of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 shall also not be paid. As and when the decision to release the future instalment of Dearness Allowance & Dearness Relief due from 1st July 2021 is taken by the Government of India, the rates of Dearness Allowance & Dearness Relief as effective from 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 will be restored prospectively & will be subsumed in the cumulative revised rate effective from 1st July 2021. No arrears for the period from 1st January 2020 till 30th June 2021 shall be paid.

4. Following the orders issued by the Government of India, and after careful consideration of the economic consequences of the measures required to fight the COVID-19 outbreak, the consequent reduction of revenue inflows & the extra burden imposed on the State's resources to contain the epidemic and to provide relief to the people affected/likely to be affected, the Government hereby order for adoption of the decision of the Government of India for the freezing of Dearness Allowance at the current rates till July 2021 for the State Government employees and Pensioners/ Family Pensioners.

5. The additional instalment of Dearness Allowance payable to State Government employees and Dearness Relief to Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners, due from 1st January 2020 shall not be paid. The additional instalments of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 shall also not be paid. As & when the decision to release the future instalment of Dearness Allowance / Dearness Relief due from 1st July 2021 is taken by the Government, the rates of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief as effective from 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 will be restored prospectively and will be subsumed in the cumulative revised rate effective from 1st July 2021. No arrears for the period from 1st January, 2020 till 30th June, 2021 shall be paid.

6. This order shall be applicable to the teaching and non-teaching staff working in Government and aided educational institutions, Polytechnics, employees under local bodies, employees governed by the University Grants Commission/All India Council for Technical Education scales of pay & all the other employees drawing pay in the prescribed Level of Pay in the Revised Scales, 2015. This order is also applicable to Judicial officers who are drawing National Judicial Pay Commission Scales & those drawing ICAR scales.

7. Further, this order also applicable to Employees of Zilla Parishads Municipalities, Municipal Corporations who are on regular pay scales and work charged employees who are drawing regular pay scale & employees of State Govt. undertakings/ Corporations/Local bodies/Autonomous institutions under the control of State Government whose Dearness Allowance orders are regulated with reference to orders issued by the State Government from time to time.

8. A copy of this order is available in the Internet and can be accessed at <https://goir.ap.gov.in> and www.apfinance.gov.in.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

All Special Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries to Government (with a request to communicate to all concerned all Departments of Secretariat.)

The Principal Secretary to Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Principal Secretary / Secretary to the Chief Minister & Private Secretaries to all Ministers.

The A.G (A&E) / Prl. A.G. (G&SSA) / A.G.(E&RSA), A.P. & Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, AP, Ibrahimpatnam.

The Director of State Audit, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.

The Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.

All Heads of Departments including Collectors, Superintendents of Police and District Judges.

The Registrar, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, at Vijayawada.

The Registrar, A.P. Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. TRANSCO, A.P. GENCO, VidyuthSoudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

The Vice Chairman and Managing Director, A.P. State Road Transport Corporation, NTR Admin Block, PNBS, Vijayawada.

All the Joint Directors of Works Projects.

All the District Treasury Officers.

All the Chief Executive Officers of all Zilla Parishads.

All the secretaries to Agricultural Market Committees (through the commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P.)

All the Secretaries of Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas(through the Director of Public Libraries, A.P. Mangalagiri.)

All Commissioners/Special Officers of Municipalities/ Corporations.

All the Recognized Service Associations.

The Registrar of all the Universities.

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