OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Implementation of Government’s decision on the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission - Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners etc.

The undersigned is directed to say that in this Department's O.M. of even number dated 21.5.2009 and 11.8.2009 it was provided that in case the information regarding date of birth/age is not available in the PPO or the office records, certain documents, viz. PAN Card, Matriculation certificate, Passport, CGHS Card, Driving licence and Voter’s ID Card, would be accepted as proof of date of birth/age for payment of additional pension/family pension on completion of age of 80 years and above. It was also provided that the Pension Disbursing Authority/Bank will make payment of additional pension/family pension in the above manner, on provisional basis, up to a period of three months from the month in which the proof of age/date of birth is submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner. In such cases, the Pension Disbursing Authority/Bank will immediately send one copy each of the document submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner to the Pay and Account Officer/CPAO for formal authorisation of the additional pension/family pension. The Pension Disbursing Authority/Bank will make payment of additional pension/family pension beyond a period of three months only on receipt of such an authorisation from the Pay and Account Officer. These instructions were reiterated in this Department’s O.M. of even number dated 25.6.2010.

2. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that, in many cases, final authorisation could not be communicated by Pay & Accounts Offices to the Pension Disbursing Banks even after expiry of the stipulated period of three months from the month in which the proof of age/date of birth was submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner on account of non-receipt of sanction from the Heads of Offices.

3. Considering the hardship that is likely to be caused to the old pensioners/family pensioners due to discontinuance of additional pension by the Pension Disbursing Authority/Bank in such cases, it has been decided that where the pensioner/family pensioner has submitted any of the prescribed documents as proof of age/date of birth, etc., payment of additional pension/family pension, on provisional basis, will continue to be made till 31.12.2010 or for a period of six months from the month in which the proof of age/date of birth was submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner, whichever is later. The Heads of Offices may ensure that all formalities regarding sanction may be taken up and additional pension sanctioned within the same period. In case the pensioner/family pensioner is unable to submit any of the documents mentioned in OMs dated 21.5.2009 and 11.8.2009 but claims additional pension based on some other documentary evidence, such cases will be submitted to the administrative Ministry. If the administrative Ministry is satisfied about the claim of the pensioner/family pensioner, it will authorise additional pension/family pension accordingly. The decision of the Administrative Ministry in this regard will be final.

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