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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar,  
Ministry of Defence/Raksha Mantralaya,  
New Delhi, the 20th November, 1986.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Revised Scheme for payment of Defence Pensions by Public Sector Banks.

A scheme for payment of pension to Defence Pensioners (including, Defence Civilian Pensioners and Pensioners of the Defence Accounts Department, General Reserve of Engineer Forces and Coast Guard) through the Public Sector Banks (State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and the nationalised Banks) was introduced from 1st April, 1977 in selected States and from 1.4.1978 in all the States. Detailed instructions in this regard were issued under this Ministry's O.M. 5(1)/76/D(Pension/services) dated the 15th March, 1977 as amended from time to time. Apart from the Treasuries, PAOs/DPDOs, a large number of Defence Pensioners are now drawing their pension under the Bank scheme.

2. The existing procedure for payment of pensions to Defence Pensioners by Public Sector Banks provides for routing of the Pension Payment Orders notified by the Pension Sanctioning Authorities, through the Treasury Officer/DPDOs/PAOs who allot Ts/PS Numbers to each pensioner and forward the same to the concerned Link Branch of the Public Sector Bank. The Treasury Officers/DPDOs/PAOs also maintain a record of Pension Documents transferred by them to the Public Sector Banks. The Link Branch transmits the PPOs to the Paying Branch, opted by the Pensioners, for making the pension payment. The Treasury Officers/DPDOs/PAOs receive the PPOs issued by the Pension Sanctioning Authorities through the Record Offices/Head of Offices, except in the case of Commissioned Officers where the PPOs are transmitted by the Pension Sanctioning Authority direct to the TO/DPOs/PAOs.

3. Due to numerous agencies through which the PPOs are transmitted, the documents do not always reach the Paying Branch of the Public Sector Bank before the due date of retirement. This has been causing some avoidable delays in disbursement of pension resulting in hardship to the pensioners.

4. As pensioners are entitled to pension after life time of Public Service, Government have been considering for sometime, feasibility of eliminating the role of Treasury Offices/PAOs/DPDOs in the process, with a view to avoiding such delays in transmission of the pension documents to the paying Branch of the Public Sector Banks and ensuring payment of pension on the due date after one's retirement.

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partial modification of the instructions on the Scheme already circulated vide this Ministry's O.M. ibid., it has now been decided in consultation with the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare, the Finance Division of the Ministry of Defence, the Audit Department and the Reserve Bank of India to introduce the following changes in the existing Bank Scheme w.e.f. 1st January, 1987:

4.1. Defence Pensioners desirous of drawing their pension from a Public Sector Bank will indicate their option to draw pension from a particular branch in the application for pension indicating station, paying Branch of Public Sector Bank and Savings/Current Account No. The Pension Payment Orders notifying various types of pensionary awards and corrigendum/amendment thereto will be forwarded to the concerned Link Branch of the P.S.B. by the respective pension sanctioning authority direct in the case of Commissioned Officers and their families, and through the Record Offices of Army Unit/Corps, Bureau of Sailors, Bombay and Air Force Record Office, New Delhi in the case of personnel below Officer rank and their families belonging to Army, Navy and Air Force respectively, and through respective Head of Offices in the case of Defence Civilians and their family members including DAD, GREF and Coast Guard pensioners.

4.2. ZONAL OFFICES:

To facilitate payment of pensions to Defence pensioners correctly, the Public Sector Banks, in the case of any doubt, may seek clarifications from the undermentioned offices in the matter relating to the pensionary entitlements in respect of the pensioners paid by them. The Officers from these offices will also visit the bank branches to brief the PSBs in regard to the matters relating to payment of pensionary entitlements. The jurisdiction of these offices from whom the PSBs will seek advice is also indicated against each:

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| 1. | CDA (Pensions),<br>ALLAHABAD.        | Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa,<br>West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh,<br>Meghalaya, Assam, Nagaland,<br>Tripura, Sikkim,<br>Arunachal Pradesh. |
| 2. | CDA (PD), Sena Bhavan,<br>New Delhi. | Punjab, Haryana, Himachal<br>Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu<br>& Kashmir and Union Terri-<br>tories of Delhi and<br>Chandigarh.             |
| 3. | C.D.A. (Navy)<br>Bombay.             | Maharashtra, Gujrat, Goa,<br>Daman & Diu, Dadra and<br>Nagar Haveli.   |
| 4. | D.C.D.A. (PD)<br>Madras.             | Tamilnadu, Andhra<br>Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala<br>Pondicherry and<br>Lakshadweep.   |

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5. Details regarding functions of the Link Branches and Paying Branches of the P.S.B.s and procedure to be followed regarding payment of pension and reliefs thereon, transfer of pension accounts, accounting of pension payment, various certificates/declaration/undertakings to be submitted by the pensioners are outlined in the brochure of the Bank Scheme, a cyclostyled copy of which is attached.

INITIAL ACTION

6. Pension Sanctioning Authorities: (CDA(P)/CDA(Navy)/CDA(AirForce)

- (i) The Pension Sanctioning authorities would supply to the Manager/Agent of the Link Branches of each P.S.B. specimen of uncoloured embossing seal which will be affixed on the PPOs issued by each of the above authorities.
- (ii) They will also send to the Manager/Agent of the Link Branches of each P.S.B. specimen signatures of Accounts Officers of their Offices authorised to sign Pension Payment Orders every year in the month of December which will be valid for the next Calender Year.
- (iii) C.D.A.(Pensions), Allahabad who is the competent authority to audit Pension Payments will also send to the Manager/Agent of the link branch of each PSB specimen signature of Accounts Officers authorised to sign payment authority letters regarding payment of arrears of pension, Life Time Arrears.
- (iv) Any change in the Accounts Officer, authorised to sign Pension Payment Order/letter of authority will be communicated by CDA(P)/CDA(Navy)/C.D.A(A.F.) to the link branches of the P.S.B.s.

7. Treasury/PAOs/DPDOs

The District Treasury Officer/PAO/DPDO will send a copy of the special seal of the Treasury/PAO/DPDO together with his specimen signatures (countersigned by the Manager RBI/SBI conducting Government business at the Station) to the Manager/Agent of the Link Branch of each PSB situated within his jurisdiction to facilitate transfer of PPOs from T.O./PAOs/D.P.D.O. to PSB concerned within the jurisdiction of T.O./PAOs/DPDO.

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8. The Public Sector Banks in the specified States/Centre would furnish (i) two hundred copies of the names and addresses of their Link Branches together with that of other paying branches linked to them to CDA(Pensions) Allahabad, and a copy each to CDA(Navy) Bombay and CDA(Air Force), New Delhi. The CDA(P) will circulate them to all the Record Offices, the three Services Headquarters and this Ministry. (ii) Intimate the details of existing pensioners as on the date of implementation of the scheme in Form D-I, to CDA(P), Link Branch/Paying Branch-wise.

9. The aforesaid initial action and other preparatory work should be completed by 15th December, 1986 so as to ensure commencement of the revised scheme w.e.f. 1-1-1987.

10. Printed copies of the revised Scheme incorporating the changes will be sent shortly.

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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

The Chief of the Army Staff  
The Chief of the Naval Staff  
The Chief of the Air Staff.

Copy forwarded to:-

The Controller General of Defence Accounts, New Delhi  
The Deputy Director of Audit, Defence Services, New Delhi  
Dy. Director of Audit, Defence Services, Allahabad  
\*\* The Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Allahabad  
Controller of Defence Accounts (Air Force) Delhi  
Controller of Defence Accounts (Navy), Bombay.  
The Controller of Defence Accounts, Patna  
CDA (NC), Jammu Cantt-3.  
CDA (NC) Jullundur Office, Jullundur City (Punjab).  
CDA (Fys), Calcutta-72  
CDA (O), Pune-I.  
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CDA (ORs) South, Madras-18.  
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CDA (CC), Meerut  
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Copy also forwarded to:-

1. Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi ...  
with spare copies for circulation to all Accountant  
Generals.
2. The Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Department  
of Govt. Accounts & Banking, Central Office, Bombay-  
400023 - It is requested that copies of instructions  
may be circulated to all Public Sector Banks for necessary  
action.
3. The Chief Accountant, State Bank of India, 11, Parliamen  
Street, New Delhi - It is requested that the copies may  
be circulated to all Branches of State Bank of India and  
its subsidiaries.
4. Finance Secretaries of all State and Union Territory  
Governments and Administrations.