

No. 8/3/2007 - FF(P)
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi -110 003.
Dated the 13th November 2007

To

The Chief Controller of Accounts,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi-110 001.

Subject: Grant of Dearness Relief to the freedom fighters and their eligible dependents under the *Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension* (SSSP) Scheme, 1980.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 8/8/97-FF(P) dated 16/20th August, 1997 enhancing the rate of monthly pension to various categories of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents under the *Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension* (SSSP) Scheme, 1980 effective from August 15, 1997. In para 2 of the said letter it was mentioned that pension be linked with the price index in an appropriate manner. The matter was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure and, accordingly this Ministry issued a letter No. 8/8/97-FF(P) dated 14th October 1998 granting dearness relief to various categories of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents @ 7 % of the pension or family/dependent pension with effect from August 1st 1998 taking All India Consumer Price Index (AICPI) IW in June, 1997 as the base. Dearness Relief @ 13% w.e.f. 1.8.1999, @ 4% w.e.f. 1.8.2000, @ 4% w.e.f. 1.8.2001, @ 6% w.e.f. 1.8.2002, @ 5% w.e.f. 1.8.2003, @ 5% w.e.f. 1.8.2004 and @ 6% w.e.f. 15.8.2005, @ 8% w.e.f. 1.8.2006 (totaling to 58% of the pension amount). Another installment of dearness relief @ 10% to freedom fighters has become due w.e.f. 1.8.2007.

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, and it has been decided to grant another instalment of dearness relief to various categories of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents under the *Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension* (SSSP) Scheme, 1980, @ 10% with effect from August 1, 2007 taking (AICPI) IW in June, 1997 as the base. The total dearness relief payable to various categories of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents

would, thus be 68% (i.e., 7% + 13% + 4% + 4% + 6% +5% +5% +6% +8% +10%) with effect from 1.8.2007.

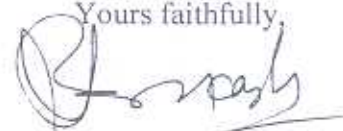
3. Dearness relief payable with effect from 1.8.2007, in terms of these orders, to various categories of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents under the *Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension (SSSP) Scheme, 1980*, would be as under: -

S. No.	Category	Rate of monthly pension w.e.f. 2.10.2006 (Rs.)	Dearness Relief @ 68% of the monthly pension payable with effect from 1.8.2007 (Rs.)
1 (a)	Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners	7,330/-	4,984/-
(b)	Freedom Fighters who suffered outside British India (other than INA)	6,830/-	4,644/-
2	Other Freedom Fighters	6,330/-	4,304/-
3	Widow/widower of above categories of freedom fighters	Entitlement same as of the respective deceased freedom fighter	Entitlement same as of the respective deceased freedom fighter
4	Unmarried/unemployed daughters (a) Eldest daughter (b) Other two daughters [Subject to a maximum of three, such daughters at a time]	1,500/- each to all the three daughters	1,020/- each to all the three daughters
5	Mother and Father	1,000/- each	680/- each

4. You are therefore, requested to issue necessary instructions to all concerned to modify the existing pension payments orders (PPO) of the freedom fighter pensioners and their eligible dependents in each case so as to effect commencement of payment of dearness relief to the extent indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance vide their U.O. No. 534/EV/07 dated 26.10.2007 and Integrated Finance Division Ministry of Home Affairs vide their Dy.No. 2291/Fin.-V/07 dated 29.10.2007.

Yours faithfully,



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New Delhi, the 13th November, 2007

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi-110 001 (Attention: Shri Mohinder Kumar, Under Secretary (E.V)).
2. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. It is requested that all Accountants General may be advised to issue necessary instructions to all the Treasury Officers for making payment of dearness relief as per the rates mentioned above with effect from 1.8.2007.
3. The Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Department of Accounts & Expenditure, Mumbai. It is requested that necessary instructions be issued to the nationalized banks for making payment of dearness relief as per the rates mentioned above with effect from 1.8.2007.
4. Chief Controller of Accounts, Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), Bhikaji Kama Place, Trikoot-II, Behind Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi - 110066.
5. Chief Controller of Accounts (Pension and Misc.), Jamnagar House, N.D.-110011
6. The Accounts Officer, Office of the Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi-110 003.
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8. Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
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11. PS to MOS(G), MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
12. Private Secretaries to HS / Secretary (BM) / JS(FFR) / AS &FA(H).
13. All Officers and staff of Freedom Fighters Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
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