

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (ESTT-A) DEPARTMENT
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DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6.**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No.FEG. 2498/2017/368

Dated Dispur, the 16th March, 2024

Sub. : Payment of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief to the Serving State Government Employees/State Government Pensioners/Family Pension Holders/Extra Ordinary Pension Holders/ Compassionate Family Pension Holders in revised rates effective from 01/01/2024 applicable for revised pay scale as per A.S.(ROP) Rules, 2017.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Finance Department's OM vide No. FEG.2498/2017/271 dated 28/11/2023 and to say that Governor of Assam is pleased to decide that the Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief (D.A./D.R.) to the State Government employees and the pensioners who are entitled to draw pay & pension as per A.S. (ROP) Rules, 2017 shall be admissible as per rate shown below:

Period from which payable	Rate of D.A./D.R. enhanced	Rate of D.A./D.R. per mensem
From 01/01/2024	4%	50% of Basic Pay/Basic Pension

Note :- The payment on account of D.A./D.R. involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and fraction of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

- 1) The order shall apply to Government employees who are brought over to the revised scale of pay w.e.f. 01/04/2016 and to those who elected to retain the scale of pay that prevailed prior to 01/04/2016. In case of the former, pay for the purpose of D.A. will be as defined in F.R. 9(21) (a) (i) including stagnation increment. Those Govt. employees who exercised option to retain the scale of pay that existed prior to 01/04/2016 shall continue to draw the D.A. as is appropriate to the pay scales in force on 31/03/2016.
- 2) The orders shall also be applicable to work charged employees and to those paid from contingencies and holding posts carrying identical pay scales as applicable to the employees of the regular establishments of corresponding categories.
- 3) The amount sanctioned shall be classified as D.A./D.R. and the expenditure for the purpose will be debit to the detailed head of Salary, Wages or Pension under respective head of account from which Govt. employees draw their pay and the Pensioners draw their pension.
- 4) (i) The enhanced rate of 50% D.A./D.R shall be paid along with monthly pay/pension for the **month of March 2024, in April 2024.**
(ii) The arrear D.A./D.R. with effect from **01/01/2024 to 29/02/2024** shall be paid in **two equal installments** in the months of May and June, 2024 through Bank Accounts of the Employees/Pensioners.
(iii) State Govt. employees whose superannuation was due in the period w.e.f. January, 2024 to February, 2024 may be allowed enhanced rate (50%) of D.A. while computing their leave encashment benefit. Similarly, anyone superannuating in March, April and May 2024, they shall be paid full arrears in the last month of their retirement.
- 5) The Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries in Assam/Authorized Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange for the payment of Dearness Relief to the Pensioners/Family Pension Holders/Extra Ordinary Pension Holders on the basis of this O.M.

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1. The Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Guwahati-29. He is requested kindly to issue General Authority for the purpose of drawal of Dearness allowances by the officers drawing pay on the strength of Pay Slip.
2. The Accountant General (Audit), Assam, Guwahati-29.
3. **The Commissioner & Secretary and Project Director, ASPIRe, ASCFMS, Finance Department for implementation of the enhanced percentage of Dearness Allowance in the Bill Module of the FinAssam Portal to facilitate preparation of Salary Bills accordingly. He is also requested to upload this O.M in the FinAssam homepage as well as in the Bill Module for making it available for the DDOs.**
4. The Chairman, Board of Revenue, Assam/ Chairman, Assam Administrative Tribunal.
5. All Administrative Departments/ Heads of Department, Assam.
6. The Regional Manager, S.B.I./U.B.I./U.C.O. Bank/ Allahabad Bank/ Punjab National Bank/ Canara Bank/ Central Bank of India. He is requested to arrange for release of Dearness Relief to the Pensioners/ Family Pensioners/ Extra-ordinary pension holders at revised rate and also arrear Dearness Relief as mentioned in the Office Memorandum.
7. All Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner & Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
8. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, ARTP&PG Department for information and necessary action.
9. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor of Assam, Kharghuli, Guwahati.
10. The Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, Dispur for information.
11. All Commissioners of Divisions, Assam.
12. The General Administration Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 with a request to circulate the O.M to the Resident Commissioner, Assam Bhawan, New Delhi, all the Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil), Assam and OSD/Liaison Officer, Assam House, Shillong/ Assam House, Mumbai.
13. The Finance (Estt.-B) Department with a request to circulate the same to all the Sr. Financial Advisers/ Financial Advisers/ Finance & Accounts Officers/ Treasury Officers, Assam.
14. The Trade Adviser to the Govt. of Assam, Assam House, 8 Russel Street, Kolkata.
15. The Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati-1.
16. The Judicial Department with a request to circulate the O.M to all District & Session Judges in Assam.
17. The PPS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
18. The PSs to all Hon'ble Ministers, Assam, Dispur.
19. The PS to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur.
20. The Political (Cabinet Cell) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for favour of kind information.
21. The Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu/ N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong.
22. The Principal Secretary, Bodoland Territorial Region, Kokrajhar/ Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council, Dudhnoi, Goalpara/ Lalung (Tiwa) Autonomous Council, Morigaon/ Missing Autonomous Council, Gogamakh, Dhemaji.
23. The President/ Secretary General, Sadou Asom Karmachari Prishad, Panjabari, Guwahati.
24. The General Secretary, Government Pensioners' Association, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.
25. The Director, Printing & Stationery, Assam Government Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 for publication in the next issue of Assam Gazette.
26. The Director, Information & Public Relation, Dispur, Guwahati-6. He is requested to give wide publicity through print and electronic media.
27. The Director of Industries & Commerce, Assam, Udyog Bhawan, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21.
28. The Secretary, Government Pensioners' Association, Assam, West Bengal Branch, Shivangan Apartment, 78, Swami Swarupananda Sarani, 3rd Floor, 4B, P.O. Italgacha, Kolkata-700079.
29. The Master Trainer, ePrastuti, Finance (Estt.-A) Department for uploading the OM in Government Portal (ePrastuti).

By order etc.,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Finance (Estt.-A) Department