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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Finance Department,Circular No. PEN-1779/CR-1328/SER-4,
Mantralaya, Bombay 400 032, dated 1st November 1979.C I R C U L A R

With a view to eliminating delay in sanctioning and payment of pension to a retiring Government employee detailed instructions have been issued from time to time by Government and Accountant General in the past. Rules reckoning the qualifying service and regulating pensionable pay and pension have also been simplified. In spite of all these measures it is noticed that considerable delay in accord- ing sanction to and payment of retirement benefits persists in a number of cases. This is a matter of serious concern for every one who has a role to play in finalisation of pension cases by the due date particularly since non-payment of retirement benefits by the due date causes avoidable pecuniary hardship to a retired Government employee. Government desires to impress upon the Heads of Departments/ Offices the urgency with which claims for retirement benefits need to be settled and the need for ensuring sanction to admissible retirement benefits by the time a Government employee retires and pay- ment thereof on the due date. Government is therefore, pleased to direct that :-

(i) Heads of Departments/Offices should pay personal attention to pension claims and take energetic steps to see that they are finalised in time so that a retired Government employee starts getting his pension on the due date i.e. if a Government employee retired on the 30th September, he gets his pension on the 1st Novem- ber of the same year.

(ii) any delay in sanction to and payment of retirement benefits will be viewed with serious concern and investigated with a view to taking appropriate disciplinary action against those found to be responsible for the same.

(iii) to impress upon the pension sanctioning authorities that it being their primary responsibility of finalising pension claims in time, they will be personally held responsible for delay in sanctioning pensions. Government therefore, expects that in their own interest they should take a detailed review of all pending pension claims and also those which would arise in future with a view to locating precisely the bottlenecks in their progress and keep a constant vigilant watch over the progress of such claims so that no pension claim remains pending by the date of retirement of a Government employee.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

V. PRABHAKAR,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.