

No. 2/6/97-FP1/188

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

(FINANCE PERSONNEL BRANCH-1)

Dated Chandigarh, the 9th January, 1998.

To

All Heads of Departments,
Commissioners of Divisions,
Registrar, High Court of Punjab & Haryana,
District and Sessions Judges, and
Deputy Commissioners in the State.

Subject :—Implementation of the recommendations of the Fourth Punjab Pay Commission—Rural Area Allowance.

Sir,

I am directed to say that after careful consideration of the recommendations of the Fourth Punjab Pay Commission, on the subject cited above, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to sanction revised Rural Area Allowance at the rate of 6% of the revised basic pay with effect from the 1st September, 1997. The Rural Area Allowance shall be admissible only to those employees who are posted in rural areas (i. e. in villages and not in the cities/towns/NACs.).

2. The admissible Rural Area Allowance to the concerned employees shall be paid in cash from the 1st January, 1998 and arrears of the admissible Rural Area Allowance upto the 31st December, 1997 would be paid in two instalments. Fifty per cent of the arrears would be given to the employees with their salaries for January, 1998 and the remaining 50% of the arrears with their salaries in April, 1998. In each case, half of the due payment would be paid in cash and the other half being credited to their General Provident Fund Accounts. The interest on the contributions to be made to the General Provident Fund Accounts of the employees in the month of January, 1998 and April, 1998, shall accrue from the 1st February, 1998 and the 1st May, 1998, respectively.

3. Where any Government employee was, during the said period, not eligible to subscribe to the Provident Fund, the drawal of arrears of the Rural Area Allowance shall be deferred till the employee concerned becomes eligible to contribute to Provident Fund and the Provident Fund Account is opened in his/her name. In such a case, as and when the Provident Fund Account is opened and the amount of Rural Area Allowance is credited thereto, interest will accrue from the 1st February, 1998 and the 1st May, 1998, respectively, as the case may be. The Government employees, who have retired or have closed their General Provident Fund Accounts before the issue of this letter or who might close their Accounts by the time the arrears are drawn, shall be paid the arrears of Rural Area Allowance in cash.

Yours faithfully,

(MANJIT SINGH)

Joint Secretary, Finance.

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- (v) the Pay and Accounts Officer, Punjab Bhawan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi; and
- (vi) the Director (E.G.), Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Pay Research Unit, New Delhi.

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