



FINANCE (PENSION) DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.474, Dated 30th September, 2009

(Puratasi-14, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2040)

Pension – Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme 1995 – Extension of scheme to the spouse of the pensioners and enhancement of Pensioners' contribution – Orders – Issued.

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 562, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 11.07.1995
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 207, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 22.04.1997
3. G.O. (Ms) No. 404, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 09.10.2001
4. G.O. (Ms) No. 378, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 13.10.2005
5. G.O. (Ms) No. 128, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 12.04.2007
6. G.O. (Ms) No. 440, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 13.09.2007
7. G.O. (Ms) No. 458, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 21.09.2007
8. G.O. (Ms) No. 50, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 19.02.2008
9. G.O. (Ms) No. 188, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 09.05.2008

ORDER:

The Government in their order first read above had constituted a fund called, "**Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund**" to provide financial assistance to pensioners for undergoing specialized treatments / surgeries if they are affected by major ailments. In the Government Order fourth read above, revised consolidated orders were issued showing list of diseases and list of accredited private hospitals for availing assistance by the pensioners under this scheme. In the Government Order fifth, sixth and eighth read above, some new hospitals have been approved for availing assistance for certain specialities under this scheme.

2) In the Government Order ninth read above, orders were issued enhancing the assistance under this scheme to Rs.1,00,000/- or 75% of the actual cost of the treatment whichever is less and the contribution payable by the pensioners to Rs.50/- per month.

3) In the Budget Speech for the year 2009-2010, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance had announced that the benefits of the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme will be extended to the spouse of the pensioners.

4) Though the scheme was introduced as a financially self sustaining scheme, the receipt of funds under the scheme by way of subscription collected from the pensioners is not sufficient to meet the claims received from the pensioners, resulting in a backlog of pending applications for sanction of assistance under the scheme. To meet the deficit in the fund, Government had to sanction grants from time to time, in order to clear the pending claims. In case of extension of this scheme to the spouse of the pensioners, the expenditure and deficit of the fund is expected to increase further. In order to meet the increased expenditure, the Government has decided to enhance the contribution payable by the pensioners towards the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund so as to continue the scheme on self-financing basis to the possible extent.

5) Accordingly, the following orders are issued under Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme :-

- (i) The scheme of Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund 1995 shall apply to the spouse of the pensioners with effect from 17.2.2009.
- (ii) However, there is no change in the maximum ceiling limit of Rs. 1,00,000/- (i.e) assistance under the scheme shall be sanctioned to the maximum extent of Rs. 1,00,000/- or 75% of the actual cost of treatment, whichever is less, for both the pensioner and spouse, combined together.
- (iii) The contribution recoverable from the pensioners' monthly pension towards the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme shall be increased from Rs.50/- to Rs.100/- with effect from 01.09.2009, i.e. the pension payable for the month of September 2009.

6) There shall be no change in other existing rules and conditions for sanction of assistance under the scheme.

7) The Director of Pension is empowered to sanction financial assistance under the scheme to the spouse of the pensioners also subject to eligibility. The Director of Pension is requested to quote the correct name of the specialized advanced surgery / treatment as in the approved list and the name of the private hospital with its serial number in the proceedings for expeditious settlement of claims.

8) The Government also direct that in respect of the treatments / surgeries taken from 17.02.2009 till the date of issue of these orders, the assistance shall be allowed, if otherwise, the other conditions for sanction of assistance are fulfilled.

(By order of the Governor)

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