



FINANCE (PENSION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.No.557, Dated 30th December, 2008

(Margazhi-15, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2039)

PONGAL FESTIVAL, 2009 – Grant of Pongal Prize to Pensioners / Family Pensioners - Orders - Issued.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.4, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 5th January, 2008.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 556, Finance (Allowances) Department, dated 30.12.2008

ORDER:

The Government sanction a lumpsum Pongal Prize amount of Rs.300/- (Rupees three hundred only) to all pensioners including adhoc pensioners of all categories and family pensioners of Government including All India Service, Aided Educational Institutions and Local Bodies.

2. This order shall be applicable to all the existing pensioners / family pensioners mentioned in paragraph 1 above. The Pongal Prize amount shall not be admissible to those employees who retired on or after 30th December, 2008 and to the families of those employees who died in harness on or after 30th December, 2008.

3. Those who have retired / died in harness during the period from 1st October, 2007 to 29th December, 2008 are not eligible for the Pongal Prize amount if they are paid Adhoc Bonus / Special Adhoc Bonus as per the orders issued in the Government Order second read above. For this purpose, the pension disbursing officers shall obtain non-drawal certificates from the departments concerned before making payment to these pensioners.

4. This order is not applicable to the following categories of pensioners:-
 - i) Special pensioners such as Ulema Pensioners, State Freedom Fighters Pensioners and Social Pension for Scholars and Eminent persons, etc.
 - ii) Family pensioners who are appointed on compassionate grounds if adhoc bonus / special adhoc bonus is paid to them as applicable to the employees in service.

5. The Government also direct that the procedure indicated below be followed for disbursement of Pongal Prize amount in respect of pensioners / family pensioners coming under the Pension Pilot Scheme;

- i) In respect of those pensioners / family pensioners to whom pension / family pension is sent by Money order at Government cost, the Pongal prize amount also shall be sent by Money Order at the Government cost.
- ii) In respect of pensioners / family pensioners to whom pension / family pension is paid through Banks,
 - a) In Pension Pay Office, Chennai and District Treasuries/Sub Treasuries where the cheque system of payment of bills / Electronic Clearing System is in vogue, the Pension Pay Officer, Chennai and District Treasury officers/Sub Treasury officers are permitted to issue cheques and send the cheques to the respective paying branches of the bank with a covering list of pensioners / family pensioners for crediting the amount to the pensioners' / family pensioners' savings bank account.
 - b) As regards Banking Sub-Treasuries where the cheque system of payment of bills/Electronic Clearing System is not in vogue, the Sub Treasury Officers are permitted to get Banker's cheque / Bank draft and send them to the respective pensioners for crediting the amount to the pensioners' / family pensioners' savings bank account.
 - c) As regards Non-Banking Sub-Treasuries, the Sub-Treasury Officers are permitted to draw the Pongal prize amount and arrange to send the same to the respective paying branches of the bank for crediting the amount to the pensioners' / family pensioners' savings bank account.

6. In respect of pensioners / family pensioners coming under the Public Sector Bank Scheme, all Public Sector Banks are authorised to credit the amount to the pensioners' / family pensioners' account.

7. In respect of pensioners / family pensioners for whom expenditure is met from State Funds, the expenditure shall be debited to "2071. Pensions and Other Retirement Benefits - 01. Civil – 800. Other Expenditure - I. Non-Plan - AF. Pongal prize to Pensioners and Family Pensioners - 27. Pensions - 09. Others (D.P. Code 2071 01 800 AF 2799)". In respect of pensioners / family pensioners of Local Bodies for whom expenditure is met from the fund maintained by the Director of Local Fund Audit or Municipal Funds, as the case may be, the expenditure shall be met from the respective funds referred to above.

8. The Pongal Prize amount sanctioned above shall be paid to the eligible pensioners / family pensioners immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. GNANADESIKAN,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
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 The Reserve Bank of India, Chennai - 600 001.
 The Reserve Bank of India, Department of Government and Bank Accounts,
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