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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Finance (Pension-B) Department

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No.31/85/Fin.

Dated, Trivandrum, 10th April, 1985.

Sub:- Pension - Payment of penal interest at the Market rates in cases of delayed settlement and disbursement of pensionary claims - Regarding.

Ref:- Supreme Court Judgement in SLP (C)No.9425/84 against S.A. No. 10/79 High Court.
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The Supreme Court in the Judgement referred to above has directed that pension and gratuity are no longer a bounty to be distributed by the Government to its employees on their retirement; but have become under the decisions of that Court valuable rights and property in their hands and any culpable delay in settlement and disbursement thereof must be visited with the penalty of payment of interest at the current market rate till actual payment. The direction of the Court is that the liability to pay penal interest on these dues should commence at the expiry of two months from the date of retirement. Government have issued detailed instructions/orders from time to time for the expeditious settlement of pension claims. But still delay is seen occurring in certain cases.

2. In the circumstances all pension sanctioning authorities and Heads of Departments are requested to strictly follow the instructions so far issued and to settle pensionary claims without delay. The documents necessary for the sanctioning of pension and gratuity should be prepared sufficiently earlier so that payment of gratuity amount could be made to the Government servant on the date he retires or on the following day. If in any case Government is forced to pay penal interest due to specific lapse on the part of any officer, he will be held responsible for it and the amount will be recouped from him.

JOSEPHINE ANNE CLARANCE,
Additional Secretary (Finance)

To

All Heads of Department and Offices.

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Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 27.7.1994.

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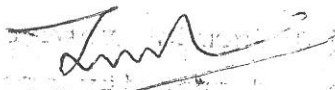
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