

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
Abstract  
PENSION- EXPEDITIOUS DISPOSAL OF PENSION CASES-NEW PROCEDURE  
TO OBIATE DELAY IN THE ISSUE OF LAST PAY CERTIFICATE-ORDERS  
ISSUED.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**G.O.(P)848/70 Fin.**

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Read: 1. Letter No. Tm iv/ 11-176/Vol.III/88/499 dated 14-8-1968 and 21-9-1970 from  
The Controller of Accounts.  
2. Letter No. 14196/Tech.I(1)67 dated 8-1-1969 from the Director of Treasuries.

ORDER

According to the existing Rules, a pensioner can draw his pension and Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity only on production of the last pay certificate in the Treasury. The Last pay Certificate in respect of a gazetted officer will be issued by the Treasury Officer only after effecting payment of the last salary bill pre-audited by the Audit Department with special reference to any outstanding liabilities (Rule 212 Kerala Treasury Code). The Audit Department can pre-audit the bill only on receipt of the salary bill for the previous month. All this causes delay of, say, 3 to 4 months for the drawal of pension, thereby defeating the efforts made for expediting the settlement of pension cases.

2. Government have examined the question as to how best to get over the above difficulties. It is seen that in the case of those who are governed by the Kerala Service Rules, in many cases, the last salary bill may cover only a part of the liability of the retiring officer, even otherwise, adjustment of liabilities from the Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity is permissible and can be resorted to in all cases. In cases in which liabilities have not been assessed at the time of retirement, the provisions of G.O.(P)422/66/Fin. Dated 14-9-1966 will have to be invoked and either a part or whole of the Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity withheld, as the case may be. In these circumstances, Government do not consider it necessary to hold up payment of liabilities. It is equally not necessary to make a particularly detailed scrutiny or specially audit the last salary bill with reference to any possible liabilities.

3. As the provisions of G.O.(P)422/66/Fin. Dated 14-9-1966 are applicable only to officers governed by Kerala Service Rules, in respect of other officers governed by the Service Rules other than the Kerala Service Rules who are comparatively very few, Government consider that it is neither necessary nor justifiable to retain the systems of special pre-audit of the last salary bill simply to take care of this negligible number of employees. Government are therefore of the view that the last salary bill of all government employees may be therefore of the view that the last salary bill of all government employees may be paid without pre-audit, provided the officer concerned furnishes a written undertaking to the

effect that he is willing to adjust any personal liabilities from his pension. Government consider that, with this undertaking there will be sufficient safeguard and that the I at salary bill of even those who are not governed by admissible can be paid on the basis of this undertaking.

4. Is the circumstances explained above Government are pleased to order that the last salary bill of all officers will be paid in the same manner as their previous bills, subject to the usual checks by the Treasury Officer, provided the Head of the Department certifies that the provisions of G.O.(P)422/66/Fin. Dated 14-9-1966 will be invoked in the case of those who are governed by Kerala Service Rule and the officer concerned furnishes a witted undertaking as mentioned in Para 3 above in the case of officers governed by other Service Rules. The Treasury Officers will below their special attention in respect of last salary bills in the light of the above and will conduct a special scrutiny of all last salary bills. The Director of Treasuries will prescribe further guidelines, if any, necessary, to be followed by the Treasury Officers in the matter of scrutiny of last salary bills.

5. Government however wish to reiterate in this context that in the case of officers appointed on contract, provisional hands, M.L.As Members of Committees and Commissions etc., who are not entitled to any pension or death-cum-retirement gratuity and in the case of re-employed pensioners whose Death-cum-retirement gratuity has already been released, pre-audit of list salary bill will be continued as at present.

6. Necessary amendments to the Kerala Treasury Code will be issued separately.

By order of the Governor,  
P.VELAYUDHAN NAIR,  
Finance Secretary

To

The Controller of Accounts, Kerala, Trivandrum.  
All Heads of Departments and Offices.  
All Departments and Section of the Secretariat.  
The Registrar, High Court(with C.L.)  
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)  
The Secretary, Vigilance Commission (with C.L.)  
The Registrar, University of Kerala (with C.L.)  
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board (with C.L.)  
The Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries to Government.  
The Private Secretaries to the Chief Minister and other Ministers.  
The Secretary to the Governor.  
The Stenographer to the Chief Secretary.  
The Director of Public Relations.

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