

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Finance Department

CIRCULAR N MEMORANDUM

NO 7/77/Fin (Pen B2)

Dated Trivandrum 27th January 1977.

Sub: - Pension - Expenditure settlement of pension Instructions issued

Ref: - Circular NO 14/Pen. Sp1 A2/64 Fin dated 18/3/1965.

In spite of the strict directions issued to the Heads of Departments and officers for the expeditious settlement of liabilities against the officers who are on the verge of retirement or against these already retired, slackness on the part of the officers are noticed in finalizing the liabilities and in the speedy settlement of pension cases.

2. Recently a case has come to the notice of Government where the issue of non liability certificate was delayed thereby causing hardship to a retired employee. While issuing the Non Liability Certificate in respect of a particular employee the Head of the Department has observed that an objection raised by the Accountant General was pending clearance. In the same letter the Head of the Department stated that as the officer was discharging his duties in good faith no personal liability can be placed on him.

3. But a controversy was going on between the Accountant General and the Department on the question which formed the basis of the audit objection.

4. Whatever be the outcome of the audit objection, no personal monetary liability could be fixed against the officer. As per the instructions issued in the circular cited liability could be fixed only under the following categories

- i. Personal dues like excess pay drawn etc
- ii. Physical; loss of cash or stores
- iii. Loss or extra expenditure arising out of administrative lapses like payment of demurrage charges, purposes effected in violation store purchase rules etc, resulting in extra expenditure.

5. Recovery in cash is called for in respect of (i) & (ii) above. As regards (iii) cash recovery should ordinarily arise only if under any of the above categories.

6. As such, Government once again invite the attention of all Heads of Departments and offices to circular No 14/Pen SP1 a2/64 Fin dated 18-3-1965 and request them to follow the instructions contained therein in the matter of fixation of liability, so that retired officers may not suffer unnecessarily.

By order of the Governor.

K.T THOMAS.
Deputy Secretary.

To

ALL Heads of Departments and offices.

E5, 2251/77? (1Dis) dated 28-4-1977.

Copy to all Subordinate Officers for information and guidance.

- .. all Branch Officers and section Heads in office.
- .. stock File.

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum.