

CIRCULAR NO: 15/93

Sub:- Pension timely settlement of pensionary claims-reg.

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Rules 3 and Notes there under of K.S.R. Part III specify how to deal with cases involving recovery of money from pensioners. They lay down certain time limit for initiation or finalisation of such cases. In case of default, the rule is to take disciplinary action against the officer who fails to adhere to the time limit wide ruling 5 of 116 KSR. III.

Hon'ble High Court has criticized the delay in settling pensionary claims in certain cases. The court has also ordered payment of interest up to 18% pa. in a few cases in which undue delay was noticed.

This office has time and again urged the necessity for settlement of pensionary claims without any delay. But still considerable delay is experienced in settling the liabilities in issuing NLC and release of pensionary benefits. Therefore, it is pointed out that more serious approach is matter.

Besides the existing instructions the following points also may be born in mind, while dealing with cases involving recoveries from officers.

1. All pending Forest advances should be cleared before 31.3.1993. In case this is not possible due to lack of sanction of work estimate etc. the fact should be brought ~~of~~ ~~to~~ to the personal notice of the Conservator of Forests, concerned who shall take urgent necessary action giving top priority.

2. Due intimation (Registered A/D.P) of pending miscellaneous advance should be given to the concerned officer clearly stating that the amount is held as a liability against him. It is up to him to file appeal before appropriate authority and to clear the liability. In case it is found that miscellaneous advance was the result of careless/malafide action of any Officer, disciplinary action should be initiated against such officer.

3. Pendency of appeal in disciplinary case or other cases involving recovery need not be the considered as a ban for effecting recovery/reporting the liability unless there is a stay from a competent authority.

Offices which cause wilful and undue delay in assessing and intimating liabilities will be held responsible for damages arising out of such delay and will be answerable for monetary loss if any, such as amounts becoming irrecoverable, interest paid etc.

5. Formal enquiries involving pensioners as accused should be expedited.

Pension sanctioning authorities of the department are hereby directed to make earnest efforts to finalise all pending pension cases before 31.3.1993.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sd/-  
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests

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Endt. on E1-12193/93 (L.Dis) dt. 21-12-1993.

✓ Copy to E2 section.

Copy to G1 and G2 sections for taking urgent steps in the pending files of disciplinary cases so as to settle the pension cases without further delay.

Copy to E1 Stock file.

Sd/-  
Conservator of Forests,  
Trissur.

Approved for issue/

Rajnarayan  
Superintendent

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