GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FINANCE (HRM-V) DEPARTMENT

<u>Cir. Memo No.69/09/A2/HRM.V/2014</u> dated.30-08-2014

Sub: **Pension** – Pensions & Other retirement benefits to the Pensioners who retired on or after 30.06.2014 –Instructions – Issued

Ref: 1. The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

- 2. G.O.Ms.No.97 Finance (PSC) Department, Dt. 07.05.2004.
- 3. G.O.Ms.No.122, Finance (Pen.I) Dept, Dt: 22.05.2014.
- 4. Letter No. TS-H1/501/2014 dt. 09.07.2014 of the DTA, Telangana, Hyderabad.

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In the reference 4th cited, the Director of Treasuries and Accounts Telangana Hyderabad has raised certain issues with regard to payment of pensioanry benefits of the employees who retired on or after 30.06.2014.

- 3. The first issue raised by the DTA is whether pensionary benefits of employees provisionally ordered to serve Government of Telangana, who retired on or after 30-06-2014 should be paid, or withheld, pending final allocation of employees, in the context of enhancement of the age of superannuation in A.P., as the concerned legislation of A.P. provides for re-induction of such of the employees finally allocated to A.P. who have retired before completion of 60 years.
- 4. Section 59 of A.P. Reorganization Act read with para 5 of the eighth schedule thereto provides that the liability in respect of the pension of any officer serving immediately before the appointed day in connection with the affairs of the existing State of Andhra Pradesh and retiring on or after that day, shall be that of the successor State granting him the pension and other retirement benefits; but the portion of the pension and other retirement benefits attributable to the service of any such officer before the appointed day in connection with the affairs of the existing State of Andhra Pradesh shall be allocated between the successor States on the basis of population ratio, and the Government granting the pension shall be entitled to receive from the other successor State its share of the liability.

- 5. There is no separate provision in the above Act in regard to employees provisionally ordered to serve a successor State. As also pointed out by the DTA, payment of pensionary benefits cannot be stalled by the pension disbursing authority once authorized by the Accountant General / State Audit.
- 6. The possibility of some of the employees who retired on or after 30-06-2014 being re-inducted into service in A.P. after being paid pensionary benefits, cannot be made a ground for withholding pensionary benefits, especially as the process of final allocation is likely to take time, in view of the above legal position. The Act provides for a fair distribution of the pension liability between the two successor States with reference to length of service in the composite State and the successor State.
- 7. It is, therefore, clarified to DTA that pensionary benefits need not be withheld in view of the above position. The release of pensionary benefits shall be made conditional, specifying that the same would be liable for prior recovery in case of final allocation to AP leading to re-induction into service. Further, the modalities for transferring the burden of initial disbursement also to AP in respect of such employees who are finally allocated to AP may be worked out in consultation with the A.G.
- 8. The second issue raised by the DTA is whether pensionary benefits in respect of an All India Service Officer who retires from Government of A.P. can be paid by the Joint Director, PPO, Hyderabad as the entire amount in respect of AIS pensioners will be reimbursed by the Government of India. This is not permissible, as the counterpart JD, PPO of A.P. Government has to disburse pensionary benefits of AIS officers allocated to, and retiring in, A.P.

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The Director of State Audit, Telangana Hyderabad.

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