

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

PENSION – EXPENDITIOUS DISPOSAL OF PENSION CASES - APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL OFFICER AND HIS POWERS - ORDERS ISSUED.

PUBLIC (SPECIAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O (P) 674/65.

Dated, Trivandrum, the 10th November 1965.

Read: 1 G.O (RT) 1190 DATED 28-5-1962 OF the public (Special) Department

2. G.O (MS) 590/63 Fin (Pen) dated 19th November 1963.
3. Letter D.O NO pr Misc /65- dated 14-10-1965 from the Accountant General.

ORDER

Government have been taking various steps from time to time to overcome the difficulties which stand in the way of quick settlement of pension claims and to reduce their pendency . In May 1962 a Special Officer was appointed in the cadre of Assistant Secretary to Government to expenditure the disposal of pension cases . This officer with his very limited powers could not effectively deal with the problem and accordingly the Accountant General suggested to Government in August 1963 that a high powered officer may be appointed for the purpose Shri T.M George Director of Treasuries and Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to Government was accordingly appointed as part –time Special officer for pension . He was functioning as such till his reversion to the Audit Department on the expiry of the period of his deputation to State Service .

2. During the period from December, 1963 to May, 1965 the Special Officer settled a large number of complicated and long pending pension case. After the special Officer relinquished charge in May, 1965 the accountant general has pointed out that the department action on the cases reported by the accountant general is not as prompt as it used to be. Governments also feel that there is necessity for reviving the appointment of the special officer

For the disposal of the cases of retirement / death for the period ending 31-3-1965. Accordingly they are pleased to appoint to Shri P Velayudhan Nair , Secretary to Governor as EX- Officio Additional Secretary (Finance Department till the end of February , 1966 abolishing the existing post of Assistant Secretary sanctioned in G.O read as 1st paper above . Shri .M Gopalakrishna Menon, Deputy Secretary (Finance) on leave is appointed in the post . The unexpired portion of his leave is rescinded and he is directed to join duty forthwith.

3 The two Sections of the Finance Department now working under the Assistant Secretary (Pension Special) will hereafter be under the ex- officio Additional Secretary (Finance) and Special officer (Pensions) . An additional post of Stenographer on Rs 50200 is also created till the end of February 1966 for duty with the Deputy Secretary. The expenditure will be debited to 19 C (a) (v) A.

4. In addition to the general powers that the Special Officer can exercise as Additional Secretary to Government he shall have the following powers

- (a) To sanction pension extending the concessions contemplated under the rules.
- (b) To pass final orders on - questions affecting liability outstanding against retired officers
- (c) To sanction investigation outstanding against retired officers
- (d) To sanction investigation of arrear claims to pay
- (e) To allow the counting or otherwise of periods of service which could not be verified either by records or by collateral evidence
- (f) To exercise the powers of the Finance Department in passing orders in relaxation of rules.
- (g) To deal with all aspects of pension cases including fixation of pay and pension contribution where these hinder the settlement of pension cases .
- (h) To summarily dispose of all issues which stand in the way of settlement of a case in such discretionary manner as he deems fit in connection with his duties .

5. The Special Officer will deal with only cases of retirements / deaths up to 31-3-1965 NO PENSION cases relating to the period from 1-4-1965 shall be referred to the Special Officer . It will be the responsibility of the departmental pension sanctioning authorities to ensure that the current case up to 31-12-1965 are disposed of by March 1966 and those arising between 1-1-1966 and 31-3-1966 by the end of June , 1966 , Thereafter pension case should be disposed of within three months of the retirement of officers .

By order of the Governor,
G. BHASKARAN NAIR,
Secretary to Government.

To,

The Accountant General (These issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department)

Shri P. Velayudhan Nair, Secretary to Governor.

The Secretary to Governor.

Shri M. Gopalakrishna Menon.

The Finance Department.

The director of Treasuries.

The Director of public Relations

The Stock File.
