GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Direct Beneficiary Transfer system (DBT) – Additional mode of payment of pension – Incorporating additional provisions under Rule 286B(6) of Kerala Treasury Code, Vol. I – Orders issued.

FINANCE (STREAMLINING) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

Kerala Treasury Code Rules 270 to 286(B), Vol. I describes the rules and procedures to be observed in the payment of pension and its related benefits through various methods in Treasuries. After the successful implementation of IFMS, a new mode of pension payment – Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) – was introduced in Treasuries from 01.04.2016, in which pension is processed directly at a central treasury and credited to the bank account of each pensioner. For the effective implementation of this system and for addressing the grievances raised by pensioners who have opted to draw pension by way of DBT, Director of Treasuries has requested to incorporate some rules to the existing ones.

(2) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to incorporate new provisions under Rules 286B(6), Kerala Treasury Code Vol. I and the same as follows :

1. Kerala State Government Civil Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners, All India Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners under State Government cadre, Kerala Freedom Fighter Pensioners and all other Special Rule Pensioners whose expenditure is met from the Consolidated Fund of State and amount paid in Indian Currency are eligible to get their Pension and related benefits through any Public or Private Sector Bank in India by this system.
2. Pension should not be paid through a 'joint' or "either or survivor" account.
3. Pension should not be paid through an NRI account.
4. If a pensioner is drawing more than one pension (Kerala State Service/Family Pension), it should be drawn through a single Bank Account.
5. For changing the mode of receiving pension or bank account in the case of a pensioner who is drawing pension through this system, a **No Objection Certificate** issued from the Bank authorities should be accompanied with the application of the pensioner.
6. After the date of death of pensioner, Bank authorities should return the entire amount credited as **pension and related benefits** in his/her account, to the nearest treasury by means of **Demand Draft with details of the pensioner.**

7. On the death of a Service Pensioner who is drawing pension through this system, if the respective Family Pensioner wishes to change the mode of receiving Family Pension from **Direct Beneficiary Transfer**, a **No Objection Certificate** issued from the Bank authorities should be accompanied with the application for family pension.
8. Annual Life mustering of a Pensioner, whose pension is paid through this system, can be done by using any of the following methods.
    a. Jeevan Pramaan-Central Government Portal for Digital mustering.
    b. Submitting the Life Certificate issued by competent authorities as per rule to any treasury.
    c. Personal appearance before any Treasury Officer (Treasury Officer should muster the Bank Pensioner after verifying the Pension Payment Order, Bank Pass Book and ID)
9. Family Pensioners who opt this system, can submit the Non Remarriage Certificate, Annual Income Certificate etc., and grievances relating to pension and its disbursement to any treasury.

(3) Necessary amendment to codal provisions will be issued later.

(By order of the Governor)

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