GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA LAW DEPARTMENT <u>SECRETARIAT : AGARTALA</u>

F.No.1(1)-SECY/LAW/MISC/2019(PART-II)/**4796-863** Dated, Agartala the 04th February, 2024

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Revision of Allowances of retired Judicial Officers/ Family Pensioners of the Tripura Judicial Service in compliance of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 04.01.2024 in WP(C) No. 643 of 2015 (All India Judges Association Vs Union of India& Ors.)

In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C)No. 643 of 2015 in All India Judges Association Vs. Union of India and others dated 04-01-2023 for implementation of Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC) recommendations regarding Revision of allowances payable to the retired Judicial Officers/ Family Pensioners of District and Sub-ordinate Judiciary in the State, and in Supersession of all existing Notifications/Memos on this matter, the Governor of Tripura is pleased to accord sanction to implement the recommendations of Second National Judicial Pay Commission Recommendations as accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and accordingly, pleased to order the following in respect of retired Judicial Officers/ Family Pensioners of Tripura Judicial Service viz;

A) EARNED LEAVE ENCASHMENT (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):

The retired Judicial Officers, ie., pensioners, shall be entitled to encash upto 300 days Earned Leave (EL) at the time of retirement. In case while granting leave encashment at the time of retirement, the leave encashment availed during service stand adjusted, shall be paid the amount of the so adjusted earned leave, at the time of retirement, within a period of 3(three) months.

B) DOMESTIC HELP ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):

- 1. The Domestic Help Allowance to the pensioners and family pensioners shall be available at the following rates **with effect from 01.01.2016** :
 - (a) Pensioner Rs.9,000/ per month.
 - (b) Family Pensioners Rs.7,000/ per month.
- 2. This allowance shall stand increased by 30% on completion of five years from 01.01.2016, i.e., w.e.f. 01.01.2021.

(C) MEDICAL ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) AND MEDICAL FACILITIES:

1. Fixed medical allowance shall be payable @₹ 4,000/- per month to the pensioner and family pensioners with effect from 01.01.2016.

2. The spouse or other dependents of retired / deceased Judicial Officers, who are drawing family pension, shall also be eligible for medical facilities / re-imbursement at par with the pensioners of the Tripura Judicial Service.

3. (a) The District & Sessions Judges or Registry of the High Court [in respect of District & Sessions Judges] shall be empowered to address Credit letters to the concerned hospitals where the Judicial Pensioner/ Family Pensioner has been or to be admitted as inpatient.

(b) For the pensioners and family pensioners, a medical card on the line of what is being issued in Delhi **as shown in Appendix-I** annexed herewith shall be issued by the District & Sessions Judge concerned.

(c) In the case of emergency, Retired Judicial Officers as well as Family Pensioners can take treatment in any nearest private hospital, not necessarily a Govt. notified hospital and seek re-imbursement as per the usual procedure. If necessary, credit letter shall be issued for this purpose.

4. On submission of the estimate given by the recognized/ empanelled hospital, 80% shall be sanction as advance, subject to preliminary scrutiny by the District & Sessions Judge or a District Judge (Grade-I Officer) of equivalent rank authorized by the Registry of the High Court. The balance shall be re-imbursed on certification by the designated civil surgeon or official of the Directorate of Medical and Health Services as the case may be. If the Govt. approved rates are not available for any particular item, the certifying officer shall have due regard to the rates generally charged in the hospitals concerned. Though there needs to be scrutiny before sanctioning the payment in view of the tendency to exaggerate the estimates, the extent of disallowance shall be disclosed by the certifying authority. The bills send by the District Judge for scrutiny of the designated civil surgeon/ officer of Health Directorate shall be cleared within a maximum period of one month from the date of receipt.

5. The retired Judicial Officers and the Family Pensioners who have settled down in another State shall have the facility to claim medical re-imbursement/ advance from the State from which she/ he is drawing pension/ family pension.

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6. The cost of treatment including room charges/ test undergone in any Govt. / Govt. Notified/ recognized hospitals/ pathological labs in an emergency or otherwise shall be re-imbursed to the pensioners/ family pensioners who have settled in another State after retirement even though such hospital or lab is not recognized in the State of Tripura.

7. The Registry of the High Court shall examine whether the notified/empanelled hospitals sufficiently cater to the needs of the Pensioners/ Family Pensioners of Tripura Judicial Service and send proposal to the State Government in the Health & Family Welfare Department for notifying additional hospitals/pathological labs to the extent it is considered necessary.

8. All medical facilities including cashless medical facilities as recommended by the SNJPC and as approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to which the retired Judicial Officers including their spouses and other dependents/ family pensioners are entitled to, can be availed in the Hospitals currently empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).

The Pension Disbursing Authorities shall be deemed to be authorised to make payment of arrears on accounts of the revision of the allowances under this notification, immediately after adjusting the amounts already paid in the prerevised rates, and the amount of revised allowances shall be paid with the revised pension/ family pension. The Pension Disbursing Authorities are hereby authorised to comply the above, without waiting for any further notification/ memo/order from the State Government, as this notification is issued with the concurrence of the State Government in the Finance Department.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department, Govt. of Tripura vide U.O. No. 680-FIN(ESTT.-II)/2024 dated 23.02.2024 and U.O. No. 01-FIN(ESTT.-II)/2024 dated 01.04.2024 and also with the approval of the State Government conveyed vide U.O. No. 296-CS/2024, dated 03.04.2024.

By Order & in the name of the Governor,

My 04/04/24

(Sanjoy Bhattacharjee) LR & Secretary, Law Government of Tripura

Copy to:-

- 1. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Tripura.
- 2. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura.
- 3. The PA/PS to all Ministers, Government of Tripura.
- 4. The PS/PA to the Chief Secretary, Tripura.
- 5. The Accountant General (A&E), Tripura, Agartala.
- 6. The Accountant General (Audit), Tripura, Agartala.
- 7. The Ld. Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Tripura, Agartala.

8. The Ex-Officio Secretary to the Committee for Service Conditions of the District Judiciary (CSCDJ) (Ld. Registrar General, High Court of Tripura) as constituted

vide Notification No.F.41(74)-HC/2018-24/1349 dated 19th January, 2024 by the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura.

9. The District & Sessions Judge, West Tripura, Agartala/ Sepahijala, Sonamura/ Gomati, Udaipur/ South Tripura, Belonia/ Khowai District, Khowai/ Dhalai,

Ambassa/ Unakoti, Kailashahar/ North Tripura, Dharmanagar for information & doing the needful.

10. The Judge, Family Court, West Tripura, Agartala / Sepahijala, Sonamura/Gomati, Udaipur/ South Tripura, Belonia/ Khowai District, Khowai/ Dhalai, Ambassa / Unakoti, Kailashahar/ North Tripura, Dharmanagar for information & doing the needful.

11. The Director, Tripura Judicial Academy, Narsingarh, Agartala.

12. The Member Secretary, Tripura State Legal Service Authority, Agartala for information.

13. The Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Sepahijala, Bishalgarh/ Dhalai, Kamalpur.

14. The CJM-cum-Civil Judge (Sr. Div.), West Tripura, Agartala.

15. The Secretary, Tripura Public Service Commission, Agartala.

16. <u>The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Tripura for information</u> <u>and necessary action. He is requested to ensure the availability of requisite funds</u> <u>under the relevant Head of Accounts for disbursal of the arrears in due time.</u>

17. The Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Tripura, Agartala for information and necessary action.

18. The Under Secretary (DDO), GA (SA)/ Under Secretary, Finance (Establishment Branch) Department, Govt. of Tripura for doing the needful in respect to the Judicial Officers who were posted in the Law Department.

19. All Treasury/ Sub-Treasury Officers, Tripura.

20. All Pension Disbursing Banks/ their Head/Controlling Offices for kind information and necessary compliance.

21. The Secretary, Tripura Retired Judge's Association, "Dinesh Smriti", Krishnagar, Natunpalli, Near Chatra Sangha, Agartala-799001.

22. The Director, I.T. Department, Indranagar, Agartala, with a request to publish the Notification in the 'Notice' Section of the Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department's Official website.

23. <u>The Manager, Tripura Govt. Press, Agartala for publication of the</u> Notification in the next issue of Tripura Gazette.

24. The Section Officer (Accounts Desk/ Establishment Desk/ Library Desk), Law Department, Government of Tripura for information.

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(R.S.Bhattacharya) DLR & Deputy Secretary, Law Government of Tripura (<u>Head of Office</u>)

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