GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

Abstract

Judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C)33403/2025 dated 03.02.2026-Complied-Orders Issued.

FINANCE [PENSION-B] DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.8338/2026/FIN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 31-10-2026

Read Judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C)33403/2025 dated 03.02.2026.

ORDER

The petitioner, Fr. Sebastian A.A, retired from service on 31.05.2001 while serving as Principal of St. George College, Aruvithura. Pension was sanctioned with effect from 01.06.2001 vide PPO No. 43208409, and the petitioner had been drawing pension through the State Bank of India, Erattupetta Branch. As per G.O. (P) No.180/06/Fin. dated 18.04.2006, State Service pension was revised with effect from 01.04.2005. Accordingly, the petitioner's pension was revised by the Bank along with that of other State Service pensioners with effect from the said date. However, the Government subsequently ordered revision of pension under the UGC scheme with effect from 01.07.2009. As per G.O.(P) No.211/2011/Fin. dated 07.05.2011, an application in the format prescribed in Appendix II to the said Government Order was required to be submitted to the Pension Disbursing Authority for revision of pension under the UGC scheme. Since the petitioner had not submitted the prescribed application to the Treasury/Bank, the pension revision could not be effected during the period from 07.05.2011 to 15.04.2016. Further, the medical certificates evidencing the treatment allegedly undergone by the petitioner during the period from 07.05.2011 to 15.04.2016 were not made available. The documents furnished by the petitioner relating to hospital treatment pertained only to the period from 2016 onwards. Aggrieved by the denial of the claim, the petitioner filed WP(C) No.33403/2025. The Hon'ble High

Court, vide judgment read above, directed the competent Secretary under the 1st respondent to consider Ext.P15 representation seeking pension revision benefits for the period 2009–2019, taking into account Exts.P4, P11 and P11(a), and to pass appropriate orders within three months after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner or his representative.

In compliance with the direction of the Hon'ble High Court, a notice for personal hearing was issued to the petitioner by registered post. However, the notice was returned undelivered with the postal endorsement on the reverse of the cover stating that the "Addressee is Deceased." Government have examined the matter on merits based on the available records, including Exts.P4, P11, P11(a) and P15, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and decided to reject the request of the petitioner, contained in Ext. P15 representation, for the sanction of pension revision arrears. Thus the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala read above stands complied with.

(By order of the Governor)
JAYASANKAR K G
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

1. The Principal Accountant General(A&E),Keralam,Thiruvananthapuram
2. The Accountant General (Audit-II), Keralam, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Advocate General, Keralam, Ernakulam.
4. The Director of Treasuries, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The Director Of Higher Education, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. The Deputy Director of Collegiate Education. Nattakom P.O Kottayam.
7. The Nodal Officer, www.finance.kerala.gov.in.
8. Stock File / Office Copy (File No.3312572/PEN-B2/55/2025-FIN).

Forwarded /By order

Section Officer