

**7.22 Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity-Payment of interest on delayed payment -
Delegation of powers and guidelines**

Finance (Pension) Department

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ORDER

At present, sanction of interest for delayed payment of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity is accorded by the respective administrative department in consultation with the Finance Department.

2. Of late, instances have come to the notice of Government that inordinate delay is experience in the payment of interest. In order to avoid administrative delay and also with a view to make payment quickly, the Government direct that the Secretaries of Departments of the Secretariat be empowered to accord sanction for the payment of interest on belated payment of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity without seeking the concurrence of the Finance Department.

3. The Departments of Secretariat are requested to ensure that in all cases where interest has to be paid action should be taken to fix responsibility for the delay and disciplinary action should be taken against the officer responsible for it. For this purpose, all heads of departments are requested to send a consolidated annual return for the department as a whole to the concerned administrative department of Secretariat of the interest paid and action taken by them to recover the loss. Such annual return should be sent in the last week of January of the succeeding year.

4. The following instructions are also issued for the guidance of the Departments in this regard:

- i) No interest shall be payable in cases where the delay in the payment of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity is due to the institution of departmental or judicial proceedings against the Government Servant concerned unless a specific determination is made that Government Servant is not guilty of the charges preferred against him in the proceedings.
- ii) The interest has to be paid for the period of delay in the Heads of Offices only and not otherwise.
- iii) The Scheme is applicable to all cases of entitlement and not to be based on the cause for entitlement.
- iv) The Scheme is applicable only to Government pensioners and not to other category of pensioners.

5. Necessary amendment to Tamil Nadu Pension Rules, 1978 will be issued separately.

(By order of the Governor)

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