

No. 1/1/2020-E-II (B)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
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North Block, New Delhi  
Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Freezing of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners at current rates till July 2021.**

The undersigned is directed to say that in view of the crisis arising out of COVID-19, it has been decided that the additional installment of Dearness Allowance payable to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners, due from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 shall not be paid. The additional installments of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 shall also not be paid. However, Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief at current rates will continue to be paid.

2. As and when the decision to release the future installment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 is taken by the Government, the rates of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief as effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 will be restored prospectively and will be subsumed in the cumulative revised rate effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. No arrears for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 shall be paid.

3 These orders shall be applicable to all Central Government employees and Central Government pensioners.

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To

- (i) All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India (as per standard distribution list).
- (ii) Ministry of Railways
- (iii) Ministry of Defence