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To
The Secretary,
G.O.I; Ministry of Commerce
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The Secretary,
GOIM/O Personnel & Pensions- DOP & PW

Subject: Urgent Request for Timely Disbursement of
Dearness Relief and Monthly Pension to
Pensioners of Autonomous Bodies

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you on behalf of Bharat Pensioners Samaj, which represents a large community of pensioners across India. We wish to draw your immediate attention to an issue of critical concern—the delayed payment of the Dearness Relief (DR) installment along with arrears to pensioners of Autonomous Bodies under the Commerce Ministry.

It has come to our notice that the distribution of DR instalments has been unusually late, primarily due to delays in the allocation of funds by your Ministry. This has placed considerable financial strain on many elderly pensioners who rely on these payments, particularly those who are unable to cover essential medical expenses as they are not beneficiaries of CGHS and ECHS.

Furthermore, we have received numerous complaints that certain Autonomous Bodies are not disbursing pensions on the mandated last working day of the month. Instead, payments are deferred to later dates at their discretion, often attributed to staff shortages. This practice causes unnecessary hardship and anxiety among pensioners, affecting their quality of life and well-being.

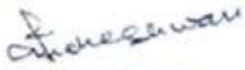
Therefore, we respectfully urge your immediate intervention to:

1. Expedite the release of the Dearness Relief with arrears to affected pensioners at the earliest possible.
2. Issue directives to ensure that all Autonomous Bodies under the Commerce Ministry adhere strictly to the policy of disbursing pensions on the last working day of each month.

We trust that you will address this matter with the urgency it warrants. A prompt response to this letter, confirming the actions that will be taken, would be greatly appreciated and would provide much-needed reassurance to our community.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

Yours sincerely,



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