

Government rejects demands for DA Merger & reduction in Period for Restoration of Pension – Reply query under RTI

Government has rejected the demands for DA Merger & reduction in Period for Restoration of Pension – as per the reply to the query under RTI raised by the BPS – extract of which are as under:

Two items of representation dated 14.12.2011 are concerned with this Desk. One of the items is "*Merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Pension*". In this regard Department of Expenditure vide its OM dated 4th March, 2011 has intimated that as per para 2(v) of Government Resolution No. 1/1/2008-IC dated 29th August, 2008, the Government has accepted the 6th CPC recommendation to the effect that the merger of dearness allowance with basic pay at any stage is not recommended. Regarding second item on "Restoration of commuted portion of pension after 12 years" it is stated that in the light of Sixth Central Pay Commission's recommendations, it has not been found feasible to reduce the period of restoration of the commuted portion of pension to 12 years from the present level of 15 years.