

**No.TA(D-I-Pension Scheme)2006/11283**  
Government of Punjab  
Department of Finance  
(Treasuries and Accounts Branch)  
SCO No.110-111, Sector-17-C, Chandigarh

To

All Heads of Departments,  
Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court,  
Commissioners of Divisions,  
District and Session Judges,  
Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab,  
All District Treasury Officers and Treasury Officers,  
in Punjab.

Dated: Chandigarh the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

**Subject: Scheme for payment of pension to Punjab Government pensioners through Public Sector Banks-Credit of pension to Joint Bank Accounts operated by a pensioner with his/her spouse.**

Kindly refer to letter no 173-OSD (F)-77/15157 dated 13.6.77 vide which the Scheme for payment of pensions to Punjab Government pensioners through Public Sector Banks was introduced w.e.f. July, 1977.

2. Under the facility of disbursement of pension through Authorized Banks available to pensioners, a pensioner is entitled to receive his/ her pension by getting it credited to a saving/ current bank account operated individually by him/ her. Para 2 of the **“SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF PENSION OF PUNJAB GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS BY PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS”** outline the present procedure for credit of pension to Bank Account of the Pensioner. However, operation of a joint account is not permitted under the existing scheme.

3. The matter whether pensioners should be given an option to receive pension by getting it credited to their saving or current bank accounts operated jointly with their spouses on the pattern of Govt. of India has been under consideration of the Punjab Government. **It has now been decided to permit credit of pension also to a joint account operated by the Punjab Government Pensioner with his/ her spouse in whose favor an authorization for family pension exists in the Pension Payment Order (PPO).** The joint account of the pensioner with the spouse can be operated either by 'Former or Survivor' or 'Either or Survivor' basis subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- a) Once pension has been credited to a pensioner's bank account, the liability of the Government/ Bank ceases. No further liability arises, even if the spouse wrongly draws the amount.
- b) As pension is payable only during the life of pensioner, his/ her death shall be intimated to the bank at the earliest and in any case within one month of the demise, so that the

bank does not continue crediting monthly pension to the joint account with the spouse, after the death of the pensioner, if however, any amount has been wrongly credited to the joint account it shall be recoverable from the joint account and/ or any other account held by the pensioner/ spouse, either individually or jointly. The legal heirs, successors, executors, etc. shall also be liable to refund any amount, which has been wrongly credited to the joint account.

- c) Provision for nomination for payment or arrears of pension in accordance with the provision of note 4 under rule 5.3(b) of Punjab Financial Rules Vol. 1 and instructions issued from time to time on the subject would continue to be applicable to a joint bank account with pensioner's spouse. This implies that if there is an accepted nomination in accordance with these rules, arrears sanctioned in the Rules shall be payable to the nominee. Revised nomination forms as amended vide Finance Department, Punjab circular letter no. 21(1)83-FR(6) 11991 dated 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1984 are enclosed.

4. Existing pensioner desiring to get their pension credited to a joint account as indicated above are required to submit an application to the branch bank, from where they are presently drawing pension in the enclosed form. This would also be signed by the pensioner's spouse in token of having accepted the terms and conditions laid down in this letter. These instructions are also applicable to the Government servants who will be retiring after the issue of this letter.

5. The existing scheme shall stand modified to the extent indicated above.

You are requested to give wide publicity to these instructions so that pensioners may avail of this benefit.

**Yours faithfully,**

**Special Secretary Finance cum Director (T&A)  
Finance Department Punjab.**

**ENCLOSURE TO LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE**

To

The Branch Manager

\_\_\_\_\_ (Bank)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Branch and Address)

**Sub:                    Payment of pension under PPO No. \_\_\_\_\_ through your bank branch.**

I wish to receive my pension under PPO No. \_\_\_\_\_ by getting it credited to the Saving/ Current bank account No. \_\_\_\_\_ which is operated jointly in your branch by me and my spouse, Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists in the Pension Payment Order (PPO).

I have read and understood the contents of the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance, Punjab, Chandigarh letter No. TA/DDP/Pension/2006/11283 dated 04.09.2006 which contains the following terms and conditions:

- a) Once pension has been credited to a pensioner's bank account, liability of the government/bank ceases. No further liability arises, even if the spouse wrongly draws the amount.
- b) As pension is payable only during the life of a pensioner, his/her death shall be intimated to the bank at the earliest and in any case within one month of the demise, so that the bank does not continue crediting monthly pension to the joint account with the spouse, after the death of the pensioner. If, however, any amount has been wrongly credited to the joint account, it shall be recoverable from the joint account and/or any other account held by the pensioner/spouse either individually or jointly. The legal heirs, successors, executors etc., shall also be liable to refund any amount, which has been wrongly credited to the joint account.
- c) Provisions for nomination for payment of arrears of pension in accordance with the provisions of note 4 under rule 5.3 of Punjab Financial Rules Vol.I and instructions issued from time to time on the subject would continue to be applicable to a joint account with pensioner's spouse. Thus, if there is an accepted nomination in accordance with these rules, arrears in the Rules shall be payable to the nominee.

I accept the above terms and conditions. My spouse too, in token of having accepted those terms and conditions, has put his/her signature below.

1. Signature of Pensioner

2. Signature of Spouse