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To
The Secretary,
Department of Public Enterprises (DPE),
Ministry of Finance,
Government of India
New Delhi

To
The Secretary,
Department of Expenditure,
Ministry of Finance,
Government of India
New Delhi

Respected Sir/Madam,

Subject: Request to minimise delay in issue of IDA orders w.e.f. 01.01.2026 in view of hardship to IDA pensioners

We are compelled to submit this representation in view of the growing anxiety and hardship among IDA pensioners across CPSEs, seeking early issuance of the DPE Office Memorandum for IDA revision w.e.f. 01.01.2026 and, more importantly, examination of measures to reduce delays in future.

The Labour Bureau has promptly released the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for November 2025 on 31-12-2025, strictly as per the pre-notified calendar. On receipt of CPI-IW data, IDA orders are normally expected to be issued in time so as to enable implementation of the increase/decrease in the very month in which it falls due, except on a few occasions in the past. However, of late, the issuance of IDA orders is getting delayed, resulting in implementation slipping to the subsequent month. Such delays in issue of orders by DPE directly impact pensioners, who are among the most vulnerable sections and depend on timely DA/IDA to cope with the rising cost of living.

Further, most pension payments are now being processed through software-based modules. For example, in the telecom sector, pensions are handled through the "SAMPANN" system. At present, such systems do not provide for automatic calculation and drawal of IDA arrears. Consequently, arrears have to be worked out manually by Pension Disbursing Authorities. This involves substantial additional workload for staff, consumes considerable time, and results in further avoidable delay in crediting arrears to pensioners' accounts, even after IDA orders are issued.

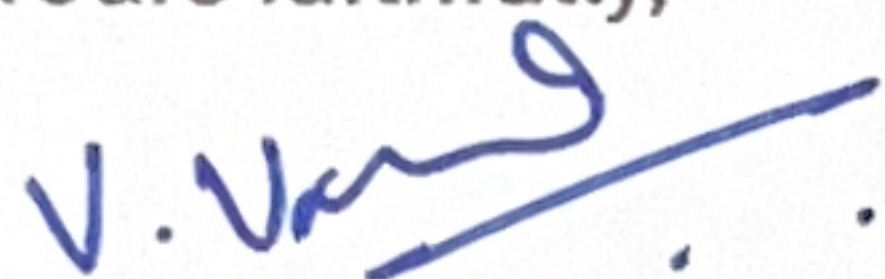
In this background, we humbly request the Department to kindly:

1. Expedite issuance of the IDA order w.e.f. 01.01.2026, and
2. Examine institutional measures to minimise delays in future, including timely release of DPE orders and coordination with concerned authorities to enable system-based auto-calculation of IDA arrears in pension software platforms.

Such steps will greatly help in ensuring prompt payment of revised IDA and arrears, and will alleviate unnecessary hardship to lakhs of IDA pensioners.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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V Vara Prasad
General Secretary
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