

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch

No. 6067-F(P)

Dated, the 30th July, 2013

Sub : GRANT OF INTEREST FREE FESTIVAL ADVANCE TO STATE
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2013.

The undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor has been pleased to order that if a State Government employee whose revised emoluments on 31st March, 2013 exceeded Rs. 22,000/- per month but did not exceed Rs. 30,000/- per month applies for Interest-free festival advance, he may be granted an advance up to a maximum of Rs. 2,500/- only.

The authorities competent to sanction the interest-free festival advance are those mentioned in rule 320 of the West Bengal Financial Rules, Volume-I.

2. The undersigned is further directed to say that the benefit to interest-free festival advance may also be allowed to (a) the whole time piece-rate workers, either permanent or temporary and (b) the employees belonging to work charged/contingent establishments. Such employees drawing revised emoluments exceeding Rs. 22,000/- per month but not exceeding Rs. 30,000/- per month on 31st March, 2013 may be allowed to draw the interest-free festival advance Rs. 2,500/- only if they apply for the same.

3. In case of the employees falling under Para 2 above, the authority sanctioning the advance shall certify after being satisfied that the employees is likely to continue in service until the recovery is completed.

4. The advance will be recovered from the salary of the Government employees concerned in not more than 10 monthly instalments. If the amount of advance is exactly divisible by then, it will be recovered in the equal monthly instalments. If not, the figure obtained by dividing the amount by then should be rounded off to the nearest rupee which will be the amount of each of the first nine monthly instalments, and the balance will be recovered in the tenth monthly instalment. The same method of calculation will apply mutatis-mutandis where the advance will be repaid in less than ten instalments. The recovery of the advance sanctioned under this order will begin either from the salary for the month of November, 2013 or from the salary for the month following the month in which the advance is drawn, whichever is later. However, recovery in all cases should be completed by 31st August, 2014 at the latest.

5. The State Government employees who will retire/leave Government service on a date after the issue of this order but before 1st November, 2013 will not be allowed any festival advance. However, an employee who will retire after 1st November, 2013 will be eligible for interest free festival advance sanctioned in this order subject to the condition that the recovery should be completed on or before the month of his superannuation.

6. (a) Persons who will enter into State Government Service for the first time after 31st March, 2013 but before 1st October, 2013 will be entitled to the benefit of interest free festival advance as sanctioned in this order subject to fulfilment of the terms and conditions laid down and their emoluments for the purpose of payment of advance will be determined on the basis of their emoluments at the time of entry into Government service.

(b) The benefit of interest-free festival advance sanctioned above will also be admissible to the State Government employees who have been appointment on regular or contract basis provided they are not eligible to draw ad-hoc bonus on pro-rata basis sanctioned for accounting year 2012-2013 and provided their regular or contract emoluments did not exceed Rs. 30,000/- per month.

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