

(3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to order that a further last chance for re-option for pay revision 2004 will be permitted to all State Government employees and teachers coming under State pay scales, in the following cases/circumstances:

- (i) Retrospective promotion ordered prior to the date of effect of option of the employee.
 - (ii) Cases involving retrospective change in pre revision pay consequent on audit scrutiny/objection, or any other reason with reference to which pay in the revised scale was fixed.
 - (iii) Reduction in the revised pay fixed consequent on audit scrutiny, which can be rectified by a change of option.
- (4) The re-option will be subject to the following conditions:
- (i) Arrears on account of re-option will be paid only from the date of filing of re-option.
 - (ii) Re-option shall be exercised in accordance with the general rules for fixation of pay as prescribed in Annexure-2 of the G. O. read as first paper above, including the form of option, prescribed therein.
 - (iii) The excess amount, if any, drawn for the period from the date of original option to the date of effect of re-option will be adjusted in the arrears due on account of revised option. The balance amount, if any has to be refunded in lump before granting the revised pay due to re-option.
 - (iv) As regards retrospective promotion, facility for re-option will be admissible only in cases involving retrospective revision of or change in scale of pay, that takes effect on a date, prior to the date of option exercised by the employee.
 - (v) Re-option shall be exercised within 3 months from the date of the order. No further chance of re-option will be granted for 2004 pay revision.
 - (vi) This permission will be applicable only to pay Revision 2004 and not to earlier pay Revisions and time bound higher grades.
 - (vii) Employees who have retired on or after 1-7-2004 till 30-6-2009 will also be permitted to exercise re-option, subject to the condition that arrears of terminal surrender leave salary shall not be paid.

- (viii) Request for re-option should be submitted to the competent authority/Head of Department and no separate Government sanction is necessary.
- (ix) Doubtful cases, if any, shall be referred to Government by the Head of the Department.

By order of the Governor,

V. P. Joy,
Principal Secretary (Finance).

To

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