

No. 1-1/2020/D (Pay/Services)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, the 24th April 2020

To,

The Chief of the Army Staff
The Chief of the Air Staff
The Chief of the Naval Staff

Subject: Freezing of Dearness Allowance to Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank including NCs (E).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No. 1/1/2020-E-II (B) dated 23-4-2020 on the subject noted above and to say that in view of the crisis arising out of COVID-19, it has been decided that the additional installment of Dearness Allowance payable to the Defence Service Personnel due from 1st January 2020 shall not be paid. The additional installments of Dearness Allowance due from 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 shall also not be paid. However, Dearness Allowance at current rates will continue to be paid.

2. As and when the decision to release the future installment of Dearness Allowance due from 1st July 2021 is taken by the Government, the rates of Dearness Allowance as effective from 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 will be restored prospectively and will be subsumed in the cumulative revised rate effective from 1st July 2021. No arrears for the period from 1st January 2020 till 30th June 2021 shall be paid.

3. These orders are issued in line with Ministry of Finance OM No. 1/1/2020-E-II(B) dated 23.4.2020.

Yours faithfully,



(A.K. Tewari)

Deputy Secretary

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