No. 1(6)/2021/D(Pay/Services-Pt-I
Ministry of Defence
Department of Military Affairs
D(Pay/Services)

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New Delhi, 24 April,2026

To

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

Subject: Payment of Dearness Allowance to Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank including NCs(E) – Revised rates effective from 01.01. 2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Letter No. 1(6)/2021-D(Pay/Services)-Pt-I dated **09th October, 2025** on the subject cited above and to say that the Competent Authority has decided to enhance the Dearness Allowance payable to Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank, including Non-Combatants (Enrolled), from the existing rate of **58% to 60%** with effect from 01.01.2026, in pursuance of Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) OM. No. **1/1(i)/2026-E.II(B), dated the 22nd April, 2026** revising the rates of DA to the Central Government Employees w.e.f 1st Jan, 2026 (copy enclosed).

2. The term 'Basic Pay' in the revised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed Level in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC recommendations accepted by the Government, but does not include any other type of pay like special pay, etc.

3. The Dearness Allowance will continue to be a distinct element of remuneration and will not be treated as pay within the ambit of Pay rules of Defence Force Personnel.

4. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

5. This letter issues with the concurrence of MoD (Finance), vide their ID Note No. 2(2)/2021-AG/PD/37 dated 27th April, 2026 based on Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure)'s O.M. No. **1/1(i)/2026-E. II(B), dated the 22nd April, 2026.**

Yours faithfully,

(Naresh Kumar Tiwari)
Gp Capt
Director (Pay/Services)

Encl: - As above.

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No. 1/1(i)/2026-E.II(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
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Kartavya Bhavan-1, New Delhi.
Dated the 22nd April, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Revision of rates of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees- effective from 01.01.2026.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandum No. 1/4(i)/2025-E.II(B) dated 6th October, 2025 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the President is pleased to decide that the rates of Dearness Allowance payable to Central Government employees, shall be enhanced from **58% to 60% of the Basic Pay with effect from 1st January, 2026.**

2. The term 'Basic Pay' in the revised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed Level in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC recommendations accepted by the Government, but does not include any other type of pay like special pay etc.

3. The Dearness Allowance will continue to be a distinct element of remuneration and will not be treated as pay within the ambit of FR 9(21).

4. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

5. These orders shall also apply to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates and the expenditure will be chargeable to the relevant head of the Defence Services Estimates. In respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways, respectively.

6. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under clause (5) of Article 148 of the Constitution of India.

Hindi version is attached.

(Samir Kumar Das)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Tel: 011 2401 2048

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O/o CAO, DP/Pay/Services/DOEA
No. 176/DP(PS)
Dt. 28/4/2026