

To,

- (i) All the Accounts and Entitlement Officers in IA&AD
- (ii) DG (Audit), DG (Inspection), DG (A&EC), AC(P), AC(N), Director (P) in Headquarters Office.

**Sub:- Measures for decreasing the pendency of court cases.**

**Sir/ Madam,**

An analysis of 4197 pending court cases in an Accounts and Entitlement office as on 30.6.2008 in Headquarters office has revealed that 70 per cent of the Civil Writ jurisdiction cases were filed against not settlement of the retirement benefits of the State Government employees due to non receipt of the sanction order for retirement benefits from the Department concerned by the AG (A&E). Rest of the 30 per cent cases pertained to matters of transfer of GPF balances to the State Government, against disciplinary proceedings and penalty orders passed as a consequence thereof and transfer orders etc issued by the State Government authorities.

2. With a purpose to reduce the pendency of court cases and also to minimize the fresh cases in future, all the A&E offices are requested to issue a general circular to all the Government Departments to emphasize the need of ensuring timely furnishing of the sanction for retirement benefits in respect of all the retiring State Government employees clearly citing the relevant statutory rules and procedure laid down in the Departmental Manuals/Codes as well as earlier instructions of the AG office on the subject, if any, so as to minimize fresh court cases on account of delay in settlement of retirement benefits due to non receipt of necessary sanction from the State Government Department concerned.

3. While as a co-respondent in such cases the AG has little control on the pendency of the cases, there is scope for more vigilant monitoring of the action to be done by the AG office in matters of finalization of GPF and Pension cases. In such cases that are pending for long for want of necessary documents, the matter should be pursued with the concerned State Government Department vigorously. Clearance meeting should also be fixed by the concerned Sr. Accounts Officers and Group Officer with their counterparts when such case is completed.

**Yours faithfully,**

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