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The Secretary  
Department of Public Enterprises  
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Respected Sir,

Subject: Concern Regarding Delay in Release of Consumer Price Index and IDA Orders

We are compelled to express our concern regarding the unusual delay in the release of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) and the subsequent issuance of orders for the Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) from 2024 onwards. The delayed publication of the CPI-IW by the Labour Bureau has adversely impacted the timely announcement of IDA increases by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE).

For instance, the All-India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for November 2024, based on the 2016=100 series, was only released on 6th January 2025. Despite this, the orders for the increased IDA have not been issued as of 22nd January 2025.

This delay has significant consequences, including an additional month of waiting for drawal and payment by the paying authorities. The impact is particularly severe on pensioners, who face increased financial hardship due to inflation while awaiting the revised payments. These avoidable delays could be curtailed with more streamlined processes, ensuring that the orders are issued promptly following the release of the CPI-IW.

It is to draw your urgent attention to this matter and urge you to expedite the issuance of the pending IDA orders without further delay. which will alleviate the burden on a large number of pensioners and employees.

Yours sincerely,

(V Vara Prasad)  
General Secretary