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Government have time and again directed all the Pension Sanctioning Authorities as well as Heads of Departments for the speedy settlement of pension cases. The delay occurred in issuing Liability Certificates/Non-Liability Certificates has been frequently agitated before the Hon'ble High Court, and eventually Government become constrained to pay interest at the market rate to the pensioners for the belated payment of D. C. R. G. etc. In most of the cases, delay in issuing NLC/LC is due to the fixing of liabilities of officers who are handling Government money. In a recent judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, it has been ordered to recover the interest at market rate for the amount of loss sustained by Government, from such officers who are responsible for the loss due to their negligence.

Accordingly all Pension Sanctioning Authorities and Heads of Departments are once again reminded that, the officers who are handling public money are solely responsible for any loss of public money like misappropriation, theft etc. due to their negligence. Before finalising the Liability of such officers the Pension Sanctioning Authority/Heads of Departments have to quantify the loss, and workout the interest at the prevailing market rate, from the date of loss to the date of issuing of LC/NLC for adjusting against the eligible D. C. R. G. payable to the retired officers. The existing orders to finalise the liability before the date of retirement will be in force without any modification.

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