In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Pension Rules, 1978:—

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules, in rule 9,—

1. in the marginal heading, “for the expression “Government”, the expression “competent authority” shall be substituted;
2. in sub-rule (1),—
   a. in clause (a),—
      i. for the expression “The Government reserve to themselves”, the expression “The competent authority reserves to itself” shall be substituted;
      ii. for the first proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

    “Provided that before passing an order under this clause, if the pensioner does not agree to such withholding or withdrawal of the pension, the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission shall be consulted by the Government. In respect of pensioners who belonged to service other than the State Service, the Head of the Department concerned shall refer the case to the Government and the Government, after consulting the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission shall intimate the views of the Commission to the Head of the Department concerned for issue of final orders. The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission need not be consulted in cases where the pensioner agrees to withholding or withdrawal of the pension but a copy of the orders passed by the competent authority in such cases shall be sent to the said Commission.”;
   b. in clause (b),—
      i. for the expression
"the Government shall also have the right of ordering recovery", the expression "the competent authority shall also have
the right of ordering recovery" shall be substituted;

(ii) for the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

"Provided that before passing an order under this clause, the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission shall be consulted
by the Government in respect of pensioners belonged to State Service and in respect of pensioners who belonged to service
other than State Service, the Head of the Department concerned, after arriving at the amount of recovery, shall refer the
case to the Government and the Government, after consulting the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission shall intimate the
views of the Commission to the Head of the Department concerned for issue of final orders."

(2) in sub-rule (2).—

(a) in clause (a), for the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

"Provided that where the departmental proceedings are instituted by an authority subordinate to the Government,
that authority shall submit a report recording its findings to the Government in case of pensioners who belonged to the
State Service;

(b) in clause (b), in sub-clause (i), the expression "in respect of pensioners who belonged to State Service" shall
be added at the end;

(2) in sub-rule (5), for the expression "Where the Government decide", the expression "Where the competent
authority decides" shall be substituted;

(3) after sub-rule (6), the following sub-rule shall be added namely:—

"(7) For the purpose of this rule, the term ‘competent authority’ shall mean the Government in respect of the
pensioners who belonged to State Service and the Head of the Department concerned in respect of other pensioners."

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