

# **Centre fails to implement SC order on pensions**

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Since no new notification has been issued, thousands of central government pensioners are still in the dark as to when the Union Government would disburse the arrears. The government owes them arrears since January 1, 2006 after an anomaly under the Sixth Pay Commission was corrected.

On July 29, 2013, the double bench of the Supreme Court had dismissed the special leave petition of the Union Government at the preliminary stage filed against the Delhi High Court verdict on the issue.

A 93-year-old retired Railways employee, Jagjeet Singh, has been running from pillar to post to find out when his revised pension in arrears would be disbursed. Recently, the government had clubbed all the pay scales in each of the pay band together and began paying the minimum amount due to pensioners in each pay band.

The Sixth Pay Commission had introduced broad pay bands, replacing individual scales, and had provided that pension of employees, who retired prior to 2006, will not be less than 50 per cent of the minimum emoluments in the pay band plus grade pay with effect from January 1, 2006.

The said recommendation was accepted and implemented. However, the government later stated that the "minimum pay" would imply the minimum pay of the pay band itself and not the minimum pay corresponding to the fitment of the scale held prior to 2006.

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