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To
General Secretaries of all affiliates

For circulation among members of Governing Council, State Secretaries, Special Invitees and Advisors of AIBPARC.

Dear Comrades,

SUB: Freezing of DA to central government employees and DR to Central government Pensioners.

We have come across the Government Notification dated 23.04.20 and noted the contents with profound anxiety and anguish. We consider it to be an extremely harsh move at a most inopportune moment for the following reasons:

1. we are now passing through a phase of global disaster which has also affected our country in an adverse manner. The employees of the government are extending their services to the nation by undertaking all hazards and risks to their lives and families. This step may demotivate such citizens.

2. we cannot conceal our disappointment and disapproval when we see that the Pensioners have also been adversely touched upon. This is well known to everyone that the older citizens are the most vulnerable group. They have been advised to remain under complete lock down for their safety as well as the safety of the society. It is a time when they require more money in hand and curtailment is inhuman and shocking.

3. There are different ways and means available before the Government to arrange for funds than to touch upon **the Pensioners**.

We, being an organisation of older citizens, make an earnest appeal to the Union Government to re-visit the issue with compassion and roll back the decision.

With best wishes,
Suprita Sarkar
General Secretary,
AIBPARC.