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To,

**Shri Prakash Javedker ji ,
Hon'ble Minister for Heavy industries and Public Enterprises,
Govt. of India, New Delhi**

**Subject:- Increase of Dearness Allowance from 17%% to 31% wef 30th June 2021-
regarding.**

Hon'ble Sir,

The Union government on 22 Oct 2020 revised the base year for computing Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers) (CPI-IW) from the present 2001 to 2016 after a gap of 15 years.

The CPI-IW is used as a benchmark for measuring the Dearness Allowance (DA) payable to government employees, dearness relief for pensioners, and wages for industrial workers in the organised sector including PSUs, banks, and insurance companies.

To make the new series comparable with the older one, the Ministry stated that it has to be calculated using a linking factor of 2.88. Taking this into account, the CPI-IW for Sept 2020 is 118, and with the linking factor it works out to be near 340 in the earlier series. However, a linking factor of 2.88 while shifting the base year 2001 to 2016 (after 15 years) is aggressive undervaluation and suppression of impact on price changes.

In essence, DA of Sept 2020 (without freeze) has come down from 26.6% to 18% ie a drastic reduction of 8.6% ! So all Govt employees who were waiting for increase of DA from 17% to 31% from Jul 2021 (after unfreeze) will be in for a surprise when they at-most get increase of 5-6% instead of 14%.

In view of the above stated facts, we earnestly urge upon your kind honour to kindly intervene in the matter and issue necessary instructions to revise the DA for its increase immediately.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Prahlaad Rai)

General Secretary, AIRBSNLEWA

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Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Govt of India, New Delhi