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Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
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To

The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff

Subject: Rationalization of casualty pensionary awards for the Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) – Special benefits in cases of death and disability in service prior to 1.1.2006 - reg.

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Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer this Ministry letters No 17(4)/2008(1)/ D(Pen/Policy) dated 11.11.2008 and No 16(6)/2008(1)/D(Pen/Policy) dated 4.5.2009, issued in implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of Sixth CPC for revision of Disability / Liberalized Disability / War injury pension and Special family pension / Dependent pension (Special) / Liberalized family pension / Dependent pension (Liberalized) / 2nd life award (in case of PBOR) for the Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) retired / discharged / died / invalided out from service prior to 1.1.2006.

2. The question of grant of modified parity between pre-2006 and post-2006 Armed Forces pensioners drawing pension under casualty pensionary awards has been under consideration of the Government for quite some time. The President is pleased to decide the following provisions mentioned in succeeding paragraphs for revision of pension / family pension for pre-2006 Armed Forces pensioners / family pensioners drawing pension under casualty pensionary awards-

Special Family Pension

3. The special family pension revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 60% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death, subject to a minimum of Rs. 7,000/- per month.

Dependent Pension (Special)

4. The dependent pension (special) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 50% of the special family pension worked out based on 60% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death, subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,500/- per month.

Second Life Award (Special Family Pension) in respect of PBOR including Non Combatants (Enrolled)

5. The second life award (special family pension) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 50% of the special family pension worked out based on 60% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death, subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,500/- per month.

Liberalized Family Pension

6. The liberalized family pension revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death.

6.1 In case where child/children of an Armed Force personnel is in receipt of Liberalized family pension, the revised pension of all children together in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 60% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death subject to a minimum of Rs. 7,000/- per month.

Dependent Pension (Liberalized)

7. The dependent pension (liberalized) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 75% (in case both parents are alive) and 60% (in case of single parent / dependent brother(s) and sister(s)) of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death.

Second Life Award (Liberalized family pension) in respect of PBOR including Non Combatants (Enrolled)

8. The second life award (liberalized family pension) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 60% of the Liberalized family pension worked out based on the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death.

Disability Pension

9. The disability element revised in terms of Para 2.2 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 30% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Forces personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment for 100% disability.

9.1 For disability less than 100%, the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability already accepted.

9.2 In cases where permanent disability is not less than 60%, the disability pension (i.e. total of service element revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 plus disability element) shall not be less than 60% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment, subject to minimum of Rs. 7,000/- per month.

Liberalized Disability Pension

10. The disability element revised in terms of Para 2.2 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 30% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment for 100% disability.

10.1 For disability less than 100%, the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability already accepted. However, in no case the revised liberalized disability pension (i.e. aggregate of service element revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 plus disability element) shall be less than 80% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment.

War Injury Pension

11. The rates of war injury element revised in terms of Para 2.3 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 100% in case of invalidment and 60% in case of retirement/discharge, of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment for 100% disability.

11.1 For disability less than 100%, the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability already accepted.

11.2 However, the aggregate of service element (revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009) and war injury element shall not exceed the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable / minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment. The ceiling on aggregate of war injury pension with reference to minimum of the pay in the revised pay structure, applicable from 1.1.2006, as stated above shall stand removed with effect from 1.7.2009.

12. All other terms and conditions for revision of pension /family pension in respect of pre-2006 Armed Forces pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension under casualty pensionary awards which are not affected by the provisions of this letter will remain unchanged.

13. The actual benefit accrued on account of these orders shall be payable with effect from 1.1.2006.

14. All Pension Disbursing Agencies (PDAs) handling disbursement of pension to the Defence pensioners are hereby authorized to pay revised disability / liberalized disability / war injury pension / special / liberalized family pension to the existing pensioners under these orders without any further authorization from the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authorities. However, PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad will issue further suitable implementation instructions while circulating these orders to all the PDAs concerned. Action as prescribed in Para 16.4 of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 may also be taken by the PDAs in the cases covered under these orders.

15. This issues with the concurrence of Finance division of this Ministry vide their UO No 553/Fin/Pen/2011 dated 15.02.2011 .

16. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully

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