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To,

The PCDA (P), Allahabad-211014

Subject:

- (i) Grant of Family Pension and gratuity to the eligible member of the family of an employee/pensioner/family pensioner reported missing-consolidated instructions regarding.
- (ii) Change in date of birth/age of family pension for payment of additional pension.

Reference:

- (i) Your letters bearing No. Gts/Tech/0113/LXIV dated 31.03.2014.
- (ii) Gts/Tech/0167/XVII dated 06.06.2014.

Government of India, Ministry of Defence, Department of Exservicemen Welfare vide their letters No. 1(1)/2010-D(Pension/Policy) & No. 1(11)/2009-D(Pen/Pol.) dated 23rd December, 2014 have issued orders on the above subject matters. The same have been uploaded on Dept. of ESW website viz. www.desw.gov.in that may please be downloaded and circulate to all concerned with necessary implementation instructions for further necessary action. The copy of the implementation instructions may also be uploaded on your website under intimation to this HQrs. Office.

≤d − (AK Malviya) AO (AT-P)

Dated: 31/12/2014

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No. 1(1)/2010-D(Pension/Policy) Government of India, Ministry of Defence. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, the 23 December 2014

To

The Chief of the Army Staff, The Chief of the Naval Staff, The Chief of the Air Staff,

SUBJECT: Grant of Family Pension and gratuity to the eligible member of the family of an employee/pensioner/family pensioner reported missing-consolidated instructions regarding.

Sir,

The Provisions for grant of Ordinary family pension and DCRG to the eligible members of families of the deceased Armed Forces Personnel/ Pensioners are contained in AI 51/80 and AI 8/S/70 as modified from time to time. The instructions regarding grant of family pension and gratuity to the eligible member of the Family of an Armed Forces Personnel/Pensioner reported missing have been issued vide this Ministry's letter No 12(16)86/D(Pen/Ser) dated 03.06.1988 and No 12(16)/86/D(Pen/Ser) dated 23.03.1992. Clarifications/amendments in this regard have also been issued vide letter No. 12(16)/85/D(Pen/Ser) dated 26.08.1993, letter No. 1(1)/2010/D(Pen/Pol) dated 15.02.2011 and MoD letter No. 1 (1)/2012/D(Pen/Pol) dated 05.06.2013.

- 2. It has now been decided to issue consolidated instructions in supersession of previous instructions as mentioned above regarding grant of family pension to the eligible members of family of the Armed Forces Personnel / pensioner/ family pensioner reported missing and whose whereabouts are not known. It includes those kidnapped by insurgents/terrorists but does not include those who disappear after committing frauds/ crime/ desertion etc.
- 3. In the case of a missing Armed Forces Personnel/pensioner / family pensioner, the family can apply for the grant of family pension, amount of salary due, leave encashment due and the amount of DSOP/AFPP fund and gratuity (whatever has not already been received) to the IHQ/ Record office concerned, where the officers and JCOs/ORs in Army and equivalent in Navy and Air Force, had last served, six months after lodging of police report. The family pension and/or retirement gratuity may be sanctioned by the respective Pension Sanctioning Authority's (PSAs) after observing the following formalities:-
- (i) The family must lodge a report with the concerned Police station and obtain a report from the police, that the Armed Forces Personnel/pensioner / family pensioner has not been traced despite all efforts made by them. The report may be a First Information report or any other report such as a Daily Diary/General Diary Entry, filed by the Police authorities concerned, as per the practice prevalent in the state/UT.
- (ii) An indemnity bond should be taken from the nominee/dependents of the Armed Forces Personnel/pensioner / family pensioner that all the payments will be adjusted against the payments due to the Armed Forces Personnel/pensioner / family pensioner in case she/he appears on the scene and makes any claim.

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- 4. In the case of a missing Armed Forces Personnel, the family pension, at the ordinary or enhanced rate, as applicable, will accrue from the expiry of leave or the date up to which pay and allowances have been paid or the date of the police report, whichever is later. In the case of a missing pensioner/family pensioner, it will accrue from the date of the police report or from the date immediately succeeding the date till which pension/family pension had been paid, whichever is later.
- 5. The retirement gratuity will be paid to the family within three months of the date of application. In case of any delay, the interest shall be paid at the applicable rates and responsibility for delay shall be fixed. The difference between the death gratuity and retirement gratuity shall be payable after the death of the employee is conclusively established or on the expiry of the period of seven years from the date of the police report.
- 6. Before sanctioning the payment of gratuity, Service HQrs/ Records office will assess all Government dues outstanding against the employee/pensioner and affect their recovery in accordance with instruction in force.
- 7. The amount of salary due, leave encashment due and the amount of DSOP/ AFPP fund will be paid to the family in the first instance as per the nominations made by the Armed Forces Personnel / pensioner on filing of a police report and submission of an indemnity bond as indicated above.
- 8. The benefits to be sanctioned to the family / nominee of the missing Armed Forces Personnel / pensioner will be based on and regulated as per the emoluments drawn by him/her as on the last date he/she was on duty including authorized periods of leave.
- 9. Formats of separate Indemnity Bonds to be used in the case of missing Armed Forces Personnel, missing pensioners and missing family pensioners are available at the official website of PCDA (Pension) Allahabad.

10. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence(Finance) vide their ID No. 10(3)/2010/Fin/Pen dated 08/12/2014.

11. Hindi version will follow.

(Prem Parkash) Under Secretary (Pension/Policy)

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No 1(11)/2009-D(Pen/Pol)

Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare
New Delhi- 110011

Dated: 23rd December 2014

To

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

SUBJECT: Change in date of birth/age of family pensioners for payment of additional pension.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions issued vide GOI, MOD letter no. 17(4)/2008(1)-D(Pen/Policy) dated 11.11.2008 and GOI, MOD letter No. 1(11)/2009-D(Pen/Policy) dated 18th Aug 2009, additional pension/family pension is allowed on the basis of the date of birth/age recorded in the Pension Payment Order/Discharge Certificate or other office records. Only in cases where the details regarding date of birth/age are not available in the PPO/Discharge Certificate or Office records, additional pension/family pension to old pensioners/family pensioners has been allowed on the basis of following documents-

(a) PAN Card

- (b) Matriculation certificate (containing information regarding date of birth
- (c) Passport
- (d) ECHS Card
- (e) Driving License (if it contains date of birth)
- (f) Election I D Card
- 2. Some representations have been received in the MOD regarding the hardship being caused to old family pensioners in getting the additional pension on account of incorrect recording of the date of birth/age in the PPO. They have been requesting for allowing the change of date of birth in the PPO on the basis of the documents prescribed in Para 1 above. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and (after issue of Deptt. of P&PW OM No. 1/23/2012- P&PW (E) dated 13.09.2012) following decisions have been taken:-
- (i) Since the date of birth/age of the armed forces personnel is recorded in the PPO on the basis of service records and the date of discharge/retirement/superannuation etc is determined on the basis of this date of birth/age there would be no question of allowing change in the date of berth /age of the retired/deceased pensioner in the PPO. The matter has been examined further. Considering the difficulty in producing any of the above mentioned documents as proof of age by the old pensioners. It has now been decided that the Aadhaar Card issued by UIDAI may also be accepted as proof of date of birth/age for payment of additional pension/ family pension on completion of 80 years of age or above.
- (ii) The request for change of date of birth/age of the family pensioner (Parents and Spouse) in the PPO may be submitted by the armed forces pensioner/family pensioner, to the concerned Record Office in case of JCO/ORs and, service HQrs in case of Commissioned Officers along with at least one of the documents mentioned in Para 1 above/ Aadhaar Card and declaration on a non-judicial stamp paper regarding the correct date of birth of the family pensioner. If the Head of the Department/ Record Office is satisfied then the change in the date of birth of the family pensioner may be allowed provided a bona-fide mistake has been made in recording the date of birth in the PPO. As the entry in the PPO needs to be rectified, it would be carried out by PSA by issuing the Corr PPO on the advice of OIC Records/Head of Office.

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- (iii) No other document except as indicated in Para 1 above and Aadhaar Card issued by UIDAI will be accepted for change in date of birth/age of the family pensioner in the PPO.
- 3. In order to avoid any possibility of recording an incorrect date of birth in the PPO, in future the Armed Forces Personnel would be required to submit one of the documents indicated / in Para 1 above or Aadhaar Card issued by UIDAI as proof of date of birth of spouse or parents along with the details of family as indicated in service records of service officer/personnel. In the case of children, certificate of birth from the Municipal authorities or from the local Panchayat or from the head of a recognized school if he/she is studying in such a school or from a Board of Education may be accepted as proof of age.
- 4. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence(Finance) vide their ID No. 31(7)/09/FIN/PEN dated 21/11/2014.

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Yours faithfully,

(Prem Prakash)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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