

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

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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.



