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Air HQ/24229/171/PP&R-3/4930/Pen-C,  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Defence,  
New Delhi, the 26th June, 1978.

The Chief of the Army Staff  
The Chief of the Naval Staff  
The Chief of the Air Staff  
The Director General, Ordnance Factories, Calcutta  
The Director General, Inspection  
The Director General, Lands and Cantonment  
The Director General, Armed Forces, Medical Services  
The Director General, Coal Dept.  
The Scientific Adviser.

Subject: - EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO THE FAMILIES OF PERSONNEL  
TRAVELLING BY SERVICE AIRCRAFT ON DUTY AND DYING  
AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENT TO THE AIRCRAFT.

Sir,

In supersession of this Ministry's letter No. Air HQ/24229/171/PP&R/11645/Pen-C dated 24 Nov. 72, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment on an ex-gratia basis, at the uniform rate of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) in each case to the families of Armed Forces Personnel and Civilians paid from Defence Services Estimates who die, while travelling by Service Aircraft as passengers in the course of the performance of their official duties (excluding those who travel on leave), as a result of accidents to the aircraft. The families of the following categories of personnel involved in fatal accidents to the aircraft, while on flying duty or being carried on duty in service aircraft, will also equally be eligible for these ex-gratia payments:-

- (a) Aircrew (including AOP personnel)
- (b) Para personnel
- (c) Air despatch personnel.

2. The mode of payment, namely, how much amount out of the total ex-gratia award will be paid in one lump sum, how much as a long-term bank-deposit and for what duration etc. will be decided by the respective Service Headquarters in case of Service Personnel and by the Ministry of Defence in case of Civilians paid from Defence Services Estimates.

The ex-gratia payments in question will be in addition to the special family pensionary awards/widow's pension etc. under C.S. (E.O.F.) Rules as admissible. The payment in each case will be sanctioned with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance (Finance).

The above orders will take effect from 1st November, 1977.

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5. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance (Defence) vide their u.o. No.108-S/Pen of 1978.

Yours faithfully,

(V.Y. Narayan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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