

No. 1(4)/89-D(Pen-C)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,
New Delhi, dated the
10th April, 1991.

To

The Chief Controller of Defence Accounts (Pens),
ALLAHABAD.

Subject : Grant of Ex-gratia and Special family pension awards to the NOKs of Defence 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. 10(9)/82/D (Pen-C) dated the 22nd October, 1983, I am directed to inform you that, with a view to avoid delay, it has been decided that the individual claims of officers/JCOs/ORs and their equivalents in Air Force and Navy for grant of ex-gratia and special family pension awards shall be adjudicated by the Pension Sanctioning Authorities viz., CDA (P), CDA (Navy) and CDA (Air Force) on the basis of initial report and an authenticated copy of the certificate to the effect that the Officer/personnel was travelling in the Service Aircraft on bonafide Government/official duty at the material time of fatal accident rendered by the OC of the Unit. Authentication of the certificate will be done by the concerned service HQrs. This delegation would also be applicable to Officers/personnel who sustain injuries in aircraft accident and subsequently dies (on account of such injuries) without joining duties.

2. The powers delegated under this letter would equally be applicable to the following category of personnel involved in fatal accidents while on flying duty or travelling on bonafide duty in Service aircraft:

- (i) Aircrew (including AOP personnel);
- (ii) Para personnel;
- (iii) Air despatch personnel.

3. The provisions of this letter will take effect from the date of issue. Detailed instructions/procedure to be followed by PSAs in this regard would be issued by the CGDA.

4. This issues with the approval of Office of CGDA and concurrence of Finance (Pension) vide their U.O.No. 896/Pen of 1991.

Yours faithfully,

P.L. Kain
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Under Secretary to the Government of India.