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Government of India
Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, the 30th March 1992.

To

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

Sub: Ex-gratia family pension to the families of
deceased Reservists

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Regulation 155 of Pension Regulations for Army Part-1(1961) as amended vide CS 119/X/70 and corresponding provisions in the Pension Regulations for Navy and Air Force, and to state that prior to 1.3.68, a Reservist on his discharge from service on completion of terms of engagement of combined colour and Reserve service had an option to draw either monthly Reservist pension or one time lumpsum Reservist Gratuity in lieu of monthly pension. The option once exercised was final. A Reservist who opted to draw one time lump sum Reservist Gratuity in lieu of monthly pension was not entitled to any pension and consequently, his family was also not eligible for ordinary family pension.

2. The President is now pleased to decide that the widows and dependent children of the deceased Reservists who had, opted to receive one time lumpsum gratuity in lieu of pension vide Rules 155 and 156 of Pension Regulations Part I shall be granted ex-gratia family pension of Rs. 150/- p.m. with effect from 1st January 1992 or from the date following the date of death of the deceased Reservist, whichever is later.

3. The definition of 'family' and other conditions for eligibility for ex-gratia family pension shall be the same as prescribed for grant of ordinary family pension.

4. The eligible member of the family will apply in the Application Form given in Appendix to this letter (in triplicate) and submit the same to the Record Office concerned. The Record Offices will scrutinize the details furnished by the claimant with reference to the documents available at their end and satisfy themselves regarding the genuineness and eligibility of the claimant. Thereafter, the application alongwith endorsement by the Record Officer will be forwarded to CCDA(Pens) Allahabad alongwith the service records of the deceased reservist. CCDA(Pens) will notify the ex-gratia family pension by issuing necessary Pension Payment Order, after verifying the eligibility of the claimant.

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5. Dearness Relief will also be admissible to the Recipients of ex-gratia family pension, as admissible in the case of pensioners/family pensioners.

6. The Pension Regulations for the three Services shall be amended in due course.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division vide their I.D. No. 630/Pens of 1992.

8. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

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(DR. S.K. SHARMA)
Director (Pensions)

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