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Government of India
Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, the 28 September 1992

To

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

Subject: Grant of Ordinary Family Pension to families of
Armed Forces Pensioners under Family Pension
Scheme 1964 - Option to draw Family Pension from
Defence/Civil source whichever is more favourable.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a number of representations have been received from the families of Armed Forces pensioners who are drawing their family pension from the Central Govt/State Govt/PSUs/Autonomous bodies where the deceased Armed Forces Pensioners were re-employed. Such family pensioners are representing for being allowed an option to draw military family pension if the same is more beneficial.

2. The question of grant of such an option for drawing ordinary family pension for the Armed Forces service rendered by the Armed Forces pensioners has been under consideration of the Govt for sometime. The President is pleased to decide that the families of the Armed Forces pensioners, who were in receipt of military pension till their death, their widows/eligible members of the families drawing family pension from the Central Civil Ministries/Departments, State Govts/PSUs/Autonomous bodies for the re-employed service of the deceased may now be allowed to exercise an option within two years from the date of issue of this letter or the date of death of the Armed Forces pensioners, whichever is later, to draw ordinary military family pension w.e.f. 1.1.1992, or the date following the date of death of pensioner, whichever is later, foregoing the family pension from the Civil source from that date. Such an option will be exercised in the form prescribed at Appendix to this letter. Those family pensioners who do not opt for drawal of ordinary military family pension within the stipulated period of two years, will be deemed to have opted for continued drawal of ordinary family pension from civil side.

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Action by family pensioners

3. The application Form (as per Appendix) will be submitted in quadruplicate to the authorities indicated below duly countersigned by the Pension Disbursing Authority for civil family pension concerned:-

	<u>Commissioned Officers</u>	<u>Personnel below officer rank</u>
Army	(i) AG's Br/Org. 3&9 West Block III, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110 066 in respect of all officers other than officers of AMC/ADC/MNS.	Respective Record Offices.
	(ii) Director General Medical Services, MPRS(O) 'L' Block, New Delhi-110 011 in r/o Commissioned Officers of AMC/ADC/MNS.	
Air Force	Air HQrs/Dte. of PP&R, West Block VI R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110 066.	Air Force Record Office, Subroto Park, New Delhi-110 010.
Nav	NHQ/Dte. of P&A 'D' Wing, Sena Bhavan, New Delhi-110 011.	Bureau of Sailors, Mankhurd Road, Cheetah Camp, Bombay.

Action by the Civil Family Pension Paying Authority

4. The Civil Pension Paying Authority should scrutinise the entries/complete the entries in Part I of the Application Form and countersign in Part II of the Application Form and hand over the same to the family pensioner for onward transmission to Service HQrs/Record Office concerned along with two copies of passport size photograph duly attested, two specimen signatures duly attested on a separate sheet of paper and two slips each bearing left thumb and finger impressions duly attested on a separate sheet of paper. At this stage no copy of the Application will be retained by Civil Family Pension Paying Authority.

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Action by the Civil Family Pension Paying Authority

Action by the Service HQrs/Record Office concerned

5. The concerned Service HQrs/Record Office on receipt of the application will scrutinise the details furnished by the family pensioner in Part I of the Application Form with reference to the documents available at their end and indicate the amount of ordinary family pension on Defence side likely to be sanctioned or already endorsed in the Service/Retiring Pension Payment Order of the deceased Armed Forces Pensioners in the Part III of the Application Form. In case the family pension from the Civil side is more beneficial, the application form may be returned to the family pensioner with appropriate advice for reconsidering the option. In other cases where military family pension is more advantageous, the Application form will be sent to the re-employing Civil Authority. At this stage no copy of the Application will be retained by Service HQrs/Record Office.

Action by the Re-employing Civil Authorities

6. On receipt of application (Four copies) from the Service HQrs/Record Office concerned, the re-employing Civil Authority shall issue Cancellation PPO effective after the end of nine calendar months from the date three copies of the application form and three copies of Cancellation PPO are forwarded to the Civil Pension Paying Agency after completing Part IV of the Application Form. A copy of the application will be retained by them and suitable entries will be made in the service records of the deceased pensioner.

Action by the Civil Pension Paying Authority

7. The Civil Pension Paying Authority shall complete Part V of the Application form and forward two copies of the same to the concerned service HQrs/Record Office along with two copies of the Cancellation PPO. One copy of application and cancellation PPO each will be retained for his record.

Further Action by the Service HQrs/Record Office concerned

8. The concerned Service HQrs/Record Office will take the following action:-

(a) In cases where simultaneous notification/endorsement of Ordinary Family Pension does not exist on the Service/Retiring Pension Payment Order of the deceased Armed Forces Pensioner, the application shall be processed in the manner as applicable in the case of Pre-64 family pension cases. A copy of the application along with a copy of Cancellation PPO in this case shall be sent to the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authority within one month of receipt of Application form from the Civil Pension Paying Authority. A copy of the Application and Cancellation PPO will be retained in his office.

(b) In cases where simultaneous notification/endorsement or Ordinary Family Pension already exists in the Service/Retiring Pension Payment Order of the deceased Armed Forces pensioner, a copy of the application together with a copy of Cancellation PPO will be sent to the Pension Sanctioning Authority concerned for cancellation of simultaneous notification/endorsement of Ordinary Family Pension Payment Order and issue of fresh Family Pension Payment Order by them. A copy of the application and cancellation PPO will be retained in his office.

Action by the Pension Sanctioning Authority of Armed Forces Pensioners

9. The concerned Pension Sanctioning Authority will scrutinise the Application form with reference to Pension documents available/received in his office and notify the Pension Payment Order sanctioning Ordinary Family Pension in favour of the claimant. Necessary adjustment of the amount on the basis of difference in amount of civil family pension and Ordinary Military Family Pension and Dearness Relief thereon will be worked out by the PSA and indicated in the PPO for payment. The PSA will notify the PPO within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of receipt of claim from the Service HQrs/Record Office.

10. The benefit of option under these orders will accrue with effect from 1.1.1992 or the date following the date of death of the deceased Armed Forces Pensioner, whichever is later. The option is available for one time and once exercised shall be final.

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

12. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Division of this Ministry vide their UO No. 2242-Pen 92 dated 28.9.92.

13. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- x x x x x x
(DIWAN CHAND)
Desk Officer

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