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State Government have provided for some reservation or preference for admission to medical/professional colleges for the wards of Defence personnel. It has been noticed that the order of preference differs from State to State in many States, the preference list does not include wards to Gallantry Award winners, ex-Servicemen and serving personnel of Armed Forces, thereby the seats reserved for Defence category are not utilised and are transferred to general pool.

2. Though education is a State subject and Universities are autonomous bodies standardization of preference for admission in Defence quota is desirable to bring about uniformly in the States/UTs. For the purpose of standardization, the following prioritization is recommended:-

Priority - I : Widows/wards of Defence personnel killed in action.

Priority - II : Wards of serving personnel and ex-Servicemen disabled in action.

Priority - III : Widows/Wards of Defence personnel who died in peace time with death attributable to military service.

Priority - IV : Wards of Defence personnel disabled in peace time with disability attributable to military service.

Priority - V : Wards of ex-Servicemen and serving personnel who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards :-

- (1) Param Vir Chakra
- (2) Ashok Chakra
- (3) Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal
- (4) Maha Vir Chakra
- (5) Kirti Chakra
- (6) Uttam Yudh Seva Medal
- (7) Vir Chakra
- (8) Shaurya Chakra
- (9) Yudh Seva Medal
- (10) Sena, Nau Sena, Vayusena Medal
- (11) Mention-in-Despatches

Priority - VI : Wards of ex-Servicemen.

Priority - VII : Wards of serving personnel.

3. Merit list on marks obtained by candidates in qualifying examination may be drawn under each priority category and allotment made as per list/ priority category.

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4. I shall be grateful if you could kindly follow the above prioritisation for admission to medical professional colleges, in respect of wards of Defence category from the coming academic session onwards.

Chief Secretaries
All States/UTs.

Yours sincerely

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