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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
New Delhi, the: 15th May, 1995.

To

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

Subject:- ENDORSEMENT OF FAMILY PENSION ENTITLEMENT IN
THE PPO OF LIVING PENSIONERS IN THE CASE OF
HANDICAPPED CHILD(REN).

Sir,

I am directed to say that in Ministry of Defence OM No.6(4)/87/1369/B/D(Pen/Sers) dated 30th June, 1988, it is laid down that the family pension entitlement be endorsed in the PPOs of living Armed Forces pensioners in whose case simultaneous notification of Ordinary Family Pension does not exist in the Pension Circular/Pension Payment Order, so as to avoid delay in finalisation of family pension claims. A handicapped child who is suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or is physically crippled or disabled so as to render him or her unable to earn a living even after attaining limitation age, has been made eligible for family pension for life vide Ministry of Defence letter No.A/49601/AG/PS4(e)/3363/B/D(Pen/Sers) dated 27th August, 1987. The condition of manifestation of the disability before retirement/death in harness of service personnel has also been dispensed with vide Ministry of Defence letter No.PC No.A/49601/AG/PS-4(e)/1243/B/D(Pen/Sers) dated 7th November, 1991. Unlike as in the case of spouse, the name(s) of child(ren) of the pensioner is (are) not indicated in the PPO. Accordingly, the fact of the disability of the child is also not mentioned in the details contained in the PPO. Therefore, only in the case of spouse of the pensioner, the payment of family pension becomes automatic on production of the death certificate and in other cases, the family pension is to be authorised by the authority who sanctioned the original pension. The fact that the disability of any particular type is not mentioned in the PPO should normally not impose any hardship in grant of family pension to such a child.

2. It has been represented that in the case of a mentally handicapped child, it becomes difficult to claim family pension when his or her turn for family pension comes. In order to expedite sanction of family pension in such cases, it has been decided to follow the following procedure.

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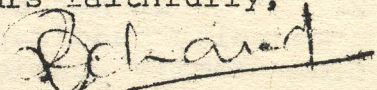
3. Names of all children whether the child/children is/are handicapped shall be indicated at Para 10 of application form of endorsement of family pension entitlement in the PPOs of living pensioners as per Ministry of Defence O.M. dated 30.6.88 at the time of his retirement. Where the names of eligible children have not been mentioned or cannot be mentioned in the said form for various reasons e.g. when the child is a post-retiral one or in case of post-retiral manifestation of disability of the child, the pensioner, if he so desires can furnish a list of eligible children to the concerned authorities mentioned in para 2.3. of Annexure to this Ministry's O.M. dated 30.6.88 interalia indicating whether any child is handicapped or not. The list will be accompanied by the attested photo-copies of birth certificates of the children issued by the competent authority viz. Village Pradhan/School authority/Nagar Mahapalika etc. and countersigned by the ROs/Service HQrs. The receipt of this list shall be acknowledged by the ROs/Service HQrs. to the pensioners mentioning details of eligible children taken on record. The ROs/Service HQrs. will forward the list to the Pension Sanctioning Authority and the same will be acknowledged by the PSA indicating that the details of eligible children have been taken on record. The acknowledgement given to the pensioners by the ROs/Service HQrs. may be preserved by the members of the family of the pensioner for production at the time of submission of claim for family pension on their own turn to the ROs/Service HQrs. In case of mentally retarded children or minor who would draw pension through a guardian the responsibility of producing this acknowledgement will devolve on the guardian. The production of acknowledgement will, however, not be precondition to the processing of claims for family pensions.

4. This issues with concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their UO No.315/Pen/95 of 1995.

5. Hindi version will follow.

(Based on Department of Pension and PW OM No.1(21)/P&PW/91-E, dated 20th Jan., 1993).

Yours faithfully,


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