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Government of India,

Ministry of Defence,

New Delhi, the 26th August, 1998

To

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

SUBJECT:- RECOMMENDATION OF V CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION ON GRANT OF ORDINARY FAMILY PENSION TO PARENTS, SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare Resolution No.45/86/97-P&PW(A) dated 30th September, 1997 and para No.13.2 of this Ministry's letter No.1(6)/98/D(Pension/Services) dated 03 Feb 98, vide which it has been stated that the definition of family for the purpose of ordinary family pension shall also include (i) parents who were wholly dependent on the Armed Forces Personnel when he/she was alive provided the deceased Armed Forces Personnel had left behind neither a widow nor a child and (ii) widowed/divorced daughter in respect of whom dependency/income criterion will be clarified separately.

2. It has now been decided by the Government that the income criteria in respect of parents and widowed/divorced daughters will be that their earning is not more than Rs.2550/- per month. The parents will get ordinary family pension at 30% of basic pay of the deceased Armed Forces Personnel subject to a minimum of Rs.1275/- per month. They also will have to produce an annual certificate to the effect that their earning is not more than Rs.2550/- per month. Further the ordinary family pension to the widowed/divorced daughter will be admissible till she attains the age of 25 years or upto the date of her re-marriage, whichever is earlier.

3. It has also been decided by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of the Vth Central Pay Commission and in partial modification of this ministry's letter No.A/49601/AG/PS(e)/438/B/D(Pen/Ser) dated 22nd Jul 1994 that the ordinary family pension in

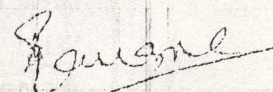
respect of sons/daughters (including widowed/divorced daughters) be admissible subject to the condition that the payment should be discontinued/not admissible when the eligible son/daughter starts earning a sum of Rs. 2550/- per month from employment in government, the private sector, self employment, etc. It is further clarified that the ordinary family pension to the sons/daughters will be admissible till he/she attains 25 years of age and in the case of daughters (including widowed/divorced daughters) till the date of her marriage/re-marriage, whichever is earlier. There is, however, no change in the provisions about admissibility of ordinary family pension in respect of sons/daughters suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or who is physically crippled or disabled as mentioned in this Ministry's letter No.A/49601/AG/PS4(e)/438/B/D(Pen/Sers) dated 22nd July 1994.

4. Admissibility of ordinary family pension to parents and widowed/divorced daughter will be effective from 1.1.1998 subject to fulfilment of other usual conditions. The cases where ordinary family pensions has already been granted to sons/daughters after 1.1.1998, before issue/implementation of this letter without imposition of earning condition need not be reopened.

5. Pensions Regulations of three services will be amended in due course.

6. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Division of this Ministry vide their UO No.1326/Pen/98 dated 17.08.1998

7. Hindi version will follow.


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