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No.6(1)/99/D(Pen/Sers)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,
New Delhi, dated the 18th March '99

To

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

SUB:Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission-Revision of enhanced family pension in cases of pre-1996 pensioners/family pensioners

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to say that, in pursuance of decision taken by the Government on the recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission, orders regarding consolidated/revision of family pension in the case of pre-1996 pensioners/family pensioners has been issued vide Min of Def letter No. 1(2)/97/D(Pen/Ser) dated 24 Nov 1997, 1(3)/98/D(Pen/Ser) dated 27 May 1998 (in respect of Officers) and 1(2)/98/D(Pen/Ser) dated 14 July 1998 (in respect of Personnel Below Officer Rank). Revision/consolidation of enhanced ordinary family pension admissible for a specified period as per extant rules to the eligible members of the family of a deceased Armed Forces personnel/pensioner shall be made as follows:-

(a) Revision of enhanced consolidated ordinary family pension in accordance with above Government letters will be necessary only in those cases where the individual was in receipt of last pay (notional pay in case of Pre-86 retirees) exceeding Rs.1,500/- p.m. and who had died on or after 01.01.1989 and in respect of whom ordinary family pension at enhanced rate was admissible on or after 01.01.1996. In case of others, ordinary family pension at normal/enhanced rate will be admissible in terms of provision contained in Government letter dated 24 Nov 1997 and accordingly table appended there to could be utilised for updating their normal/enhanced ordinary family pension.

(b) In case of ordinary family pensioners referred to at (a) above, ordinary family pension will be consolidated/revised in terms of the Ministry of Defence letter No. 1(3)/98/D(Pen/Ser) dated 27 May 98 (in respect of Officers) and 1(2)/98/D(Pen/Ser) dated 14 July 1998 (in respect of Personnel Below Officer Rank) subject to provisions of normal rules. The updated normal rate will become applicable from the date the family ceases to be eligible for enhanced rate. The floor ceiling of Rs.1,275/- p.m. will also be applied separately for ordinary family pension as admissible at normal as well as enhanced rate. In no case enhanced ordinary family pension will be allowed at twice the consolidated/revised normal rate of ordinary family pension.

(c) In the case of existing pensioners at (a) above, in whose case the ordinary family pension has not come into operation as pensioners are/were alive on 01.01.1996, the rates of ordinary family pension at enhanced rate wherever applicable and at normal rate will also be updated and consolidated in terms of these orders. The updated rates of ordinary family pension will apply as and when ordinary family pension becomes payable in such cases.

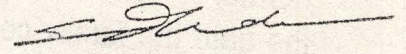
(d) An example regarding calculation of consolidated/ revised enhanced ordinary family pension is given at Annexure.

2. The Government of India has decided to increase the age of retirement of Armed Forces Personnel by two years vide its notification No.25012/2/97-Estt(A) dated 13 May 1998. In pursuance of this decision of the Government and in view of the recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission, the Government of India in partial modification of existing rules had decided that the payment of Ordinary Family Pension at enhanced rates will be payable for seven years or till the Armed Forces Personnel/pensioner would have attained the age of 67 years against the existing provision of 65 years. This will be applicable in cases where the Armed Forces Personnel is to retire under revised age of retirement in pursuance of notification dated 13 May 1998 and similar orders issued by Ministry of Defence on the subject and not where Government servant has already retired as per existing age of retirement or would have retired as per existing age of retirement but for his premature demise.

3. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this

Ministry vide their u.o. No.473/DFA(P)/99 dated 17th March '99.

4. Hindi version of this order will follow.



(SUDHAKER SHUKLA)
Deputy Secretary to Government of India.