

No.1(1)/99/D(Pen/Services)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence,  
New Delhi,

the 7th June, 1999.

To

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

Subject : Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of the Vth CPC relating to pensionary benefits in respect of Commissioned Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank.

Consequent on issue of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Deptt. of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare OR No.45/10/98-P&PW(A), dated 17.12.1998 regarding modified provisions on grant of pension/family pension in respect of civilians, the undersigned is directed to say that the President is pleased to decide that w.e.f. 1.1.96 pension of all Armed Forces pensioners irrespective of their date of retirement shall not be less than 50% of the minimum pay in the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1996 of the rank, and rank and Group (in case of PBOR) held by the pensioner. However, the existing provisions in the rules governing qualifying service and minimum pension shall continue to be operative. Similarly, w.e.f. 1.1.96 family pension shall not be less than 30% of the minimum pay in the revised scale introduced w.e.f. 1.1.96 of the rank, and rank and group (in case of PBOR) last held by the pensioner/deceased individual. Accordingly, the provisions as contained in this Ministry's letters No.1(6)/98/D(Pen/Sers), dated 3.2.98 (Post 1.1.96 cases), No.1(2)/97/D(Pen/Sers), dated 29.11.97 (pre-1.1.96 cases), No.1(3)/98/D(Pen/Sers), dated 23.5.98 (Pre-1.1.96 Commissioned Officers) and No.1(2)/98/D(Pen/Sers), dated 14.7.98 (Pre-1.1.96 PBOR), shall be treated as modified to the extent indicated above.

2. The revision of pension/ordinary family pension shall be undertaken as follows :-

2.1 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Post & Pre-1.1.96 cases

- (a) Pension shall continue to be calculated at 50% of the average emoluments in all cases and shall be subject to a minimum of Rs.1275/- p.m. and a maximum of upto 50% of the highest pay applicable to Armed Forces personnel but the full pension in no case shall be less than 50% of the minimum of the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.96 for the rank.

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Last held by the Commissioned Officer at the time of his/her retirement. However, such pension shall be reduced pro-rata, where the pensioner has less than the maximum required service for full pension.

- (b) Ordinary family pension so calculated/consolidated under para 8 of this Ministry's letter dated 27.5.98 shall not be less than 30% of the minimum of the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.96 for the rank held by the pensioner/deceased commissioned officer.
- (c) In post 1.1.96 cases, PSAs will revise pension/family pension suo-moto where beneficial to the pensioner. However, in pre-1.1.96 cases, action to revise pension/family pension in terms of these orders, shall be initiated by the concerned PSA where applications have already been received in pursuance of earlier orders issued under this Ministry's letter dated 27.5.1998 regardless of whether their cases have already been finalised or are in the process of finalisation. Those pensioners/family pensioners who have not so far submitted the necessary application, are required to submit application (in duplicate) upto 30.6.99 as per proforma annexed hereto, through usual channel.

2.2 P.B.O.R.

Post and Pre-1.1.96 cases

- (a) The revision of service pension in terms of these modified orders in respect of PBOR retirees will not be beneficial except for the rank of JCOs granted Hon'y. Commission of Lt. and Captain as the service pension is calculated at the maximum of the pay scale including 50% of highest classification allowance, if any, of the rank and group in which paid.
- (b) Ordinary family pension so calculated/consolidated under para 12 of this Ministry's letter dated 14.7.98 shall not be less than 30% of the minimum of the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.96 for the rank and group held by the pensioner/deceased individual at the time of discharge/death. The revision of ordinary family pension in respect of those family pensioners who are in receipt of family pension @ 1275/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.1.96 will not benefit further under these modified orders i.e. where the minimum reckonable emoluments in the revised scale introduced w.e.f. 1.1.96 is Rs.4250/- p.m. or less.

(c) In post 1.1.96 cases revision of pension/ordinary family pension will be undertaken by the PSA concerned on receipt of a nominal roll of affected cases from the Record Office concerned. However, in pre-1.1.96 cases, action to revise pension/family pension in terms of these orders will be initiated by the PSA concerned on receipt of application (in duplicate) through RO concerned in the form annexed hereto. Those pensioners/family pensioners who have not so far submitted the necessary applications to facilitate revision of their pension/family pension and are desirous of availing the benefits under these orders, are required to submit application to their R.O. through P.D.A. concerned latest by 30.6.1999.

3. The grant of enhanced family pension will be regulated in accordance with the provisions of this Ministry's letter No.6(1)/99/D(Pen/Sers), dated 18.3.1999.

4. Where the revised and consolidated pension of pre-1.1.96 pensioners/family pensioners are not beneficial to him/her under these orders and is either equal to or less than existing consolidated pension/family pension under this Ministry's letters dated 24.11.97, 27.5.98 and 14.7.98, as the case may be, his/her pension/family pension will not be revised to the disadvantage of the pensioner. In such cases, pensioner will be informed by the PSA in case of Commissioned Officers and by R.O. in the case of PBOR to this effect directly.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry's vide their GO No. 1136/Pen/99, dated 16.1999.

Yours faithfully,

*Amrit Lal*

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**  
**Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare**

Subject:- Pension payment to Gorkha pensioners in Nepal – position reg.

Under the existing system, the responsibility of pension payment to Gorkha pensioners in Nepal is entrusted to the Embassy of India. Within the Embassy, the Military & Air Attache (M&AA) is entrusted with the task of pension disbursement. Nepal is the only place, where the Army is responsible for pension payment.

(i) **Procedure for pension payment**

Pension Payment Orders(PPOs) for payment of pension and other retirement benefits are received by the Military Pension Branch from the PCDA(P), Allahabad. On receipt of the PPOs, pensioners are identified based on descriptive rolls and discharge certificate and taken on strength. Around one lakh pensioners are borne on the strength of Military Pension Branch.

(ii) **Payment procedure**

The pensioners in Nepal are paid once every three months through the Pension Payment Offices and Seasonal Pension Paying Camps. Pension certificates are collected from the pensioners after due identification. Certificates are placed in their respective Pension Check Registers(PCRs) and Schedules/Vouchers prepared for their entitlements through the Pension Payment Software. The same is endorsed in the PCR and Pension certificates. The vouchers are verified for payment by the Sub Treasury Officers(STOs). Pension certificates and vouchers are returned to the pensioners after identification and verification.

(iii) **Pension Fund**

Pension fund for payment of pension in Nepal is requisitioned from the Ministry of External Affairs by the Chancery based on monthly demands projected by Assistant Military Attache (Pension). Pension money is credited in Nepalese currency. The Chancery then credit the requisite funds to the current account of Military Pension Branch.

At the end of the month, accounts of pension payments are received from PPOs for compilation at Kathmandu by Military Pension Branch. The summary of monthly expenditure is submitted to PCDA(P), Allahabad for further adjustments.

2. The above position is submitted for kind perusal. We have also

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