No. 6(1)/99/D(Pension/Services) Government of India/Bharat Sarkar Ministry of Defence/Raksha Mantralaya

New Delhi, dated the 5th October, 1999

To,

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF VTH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION — REVISION OF ENHANCED FAMILY PENSION IN CASE OF PRE-1996 PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS.

The under signed is directed to invite attention to MOD letter No. 6(1)/99/D(Pen/Sers) dated 18th March, 1999 on the above cited subject prescribing procedure for consolidation/revision of enhanced family pension respect of pre-1996 pensioners/family pensioners in view of revision of ordinary family pension under MOD letter No. 1(1)/99/D(Pen/Sers) dated 7th June, 1999. MOD has, however, been receiving references seeking clarifications on the instructions contained in the letter dated 18th March, 1999 regarding revision/consolidation of enhanced family pension and those issued vide MOD letter dated 7th June, 1999. The position in this regard is clarified below:

- i) It is clarified that in cases, where the amount of enhanced family pension calculated as per the procedure outlined in the annexure to the letter dated 18th March, 1999 is less than 50% of the minimum of the revised pay scale approved in terms of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission for the rank held by the pensioner at the time of retirement, the enhanced family pension shall be further stepped up to 50% of the minimum of such revised pay scale, in terms of the provisions of the letter dated 7th June, 1999.
- ii) The amount of enhanced family pension as updated at (i) above will, however, be further restricted to the revised pension of the pensioner as on 1.1.96 determined after taking into account the provisions of the letter dated 7th June, 1999. In other words, the revised enhanced family

pension as on 1.1.96 will be 50% of the minimum of the revised scale of the rank or the revised pension admissible in accordance with the provisions as per AI 51 of 80 as amended from time to time, whichever is lower.

iii) The rate of ordinary family pension having been increased uniformly to 30% of the pay last drawn with effect from 1.1.1996, the revised enhanced family pension shall be restricted to 50% of the pay as provided for in AI 51 of 80, as amended from time to time.

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- iv) Where the pensioner has died prior to 1.1.1996, the restriction on enhanced family pension will be worked out by revising the pension of the deceased pensioner notionally as on 1.1.1996 by taking into consideration the provisions of relevant Pension Regulations and letter mentioned above; and on the basis of his emoluments and qualifying service. This revised enhanced family pension will be restricted to the notional revised pension as on 1.1.96. In no case the total enhanced family pension will be allowed at twice the consolidated/revised normal rate of family pension.
- 2. An illustrative example is given in Annexure.
- The Pension Sanctioning Authorities are requested to take action accordingly for revision of the enhanced family pension with effect from 1.1.1996 wherever applicable.

 This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Division of this Ministry vide their U.O. No.6058/Pen/99 dated 05.10.1999.

and they are jour but

(SUDHAKER SHUKLA)
DIRECTOR(PENSIONS)

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