

No. Air HQ/24229/171/PP&R-3/3770/D (Pen-C)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,

New Delhi, the 26th October, 1999.

To

The Chief of the Army Staff
The Chief of the Naval Staff
The Chief of the Air Staff
The Director General Ordnance Factories, Calcutta
The Director General Quality Assurance
The Director General Defence Lands & Cantonments
The Director General Armed Forces Medical Services
The Scientific Advisor to the Raksha Mantri.

Subject:- Ex-gratia payments to the families of personnel travelling by service Aircraft on duty and dying as a result of accident to the aircraft.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the letters mentioned below on the above subject and to say that in view of the Ministry of Defence letter No. 20(1)/98/D (Pay/Ser) dated 22.9.98 providing for grant of ex-gratia payment of Rs. 5.00 lakhs each to the families of the Armed Forces personnel who die in harness during the performance of bonafide official duties/due to accidents (including accidents to the service aircraft) in the course of performance of official duties, the said letters dated 26.6.78, 21.3.79, 9.2.83 and 16.5.89, stand superseded with effect from 1.8.97, i.e. the date from which the provisions of the MOD letter No. 20(1)/98/D (Pay/Ser) dated 22.9.98 came into force:-

- (i) Air Hqrs letter No. 24229/171/PP&R3/4930/Pen-C dated 26.6.78.
- (ii) Corrigendum to letter No. 24229/171/PP&R3/4930/Pen-C dated 26.6.78 issued vide No. 24229/171/PP&R3/2020/Pen-C dated 21.3.79.
- (iii) Air Hqrs letter No. 24229/171/PP&R3/3393/Pen-C dated 20.6.81.
- (iv) Corrigendum No. 10(6)/82/917/D (Pen-C) dated 9.2.83.
- (v) Air Hqrs/S-15223/8/3/2/OPS (T&M)/13520/D (Pen-C) dated 16.5.89.

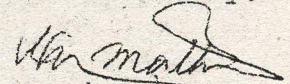
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2. Para 2 of the MOD letter No. Air Hqrs/S-15223/8/3/2/OPS (T&M)/13520/D(Pen-C) dated 16.5.89 which stipulated inadmissibility of ex-gratia award of Rs. one lakh and family gratuity in respect of casualties occurring to Air Force personnel in 'OP Meghdoot', also stands superseded w.e.f. 1.8.97 in view of the MOD letter No. 20(1)/98/D(Pay/Ser), dated 22.9.98 referred to above. The ex-gratia payment admissible in terms of the MOD letter No. 20(1)/98/D(Pay/Ser), dated 22.9.98 will be in addition to the Special Family Pensionary Awards/Liberalised Family pensionary Awards under the Rules.

3. Ex-gratia amount which have already been paid to the parents as per instructions mentioned in the letters referred to in para 1(i) and (ii) above, between 1.8.97 to 22.9.98 will not be recovered. The balance amount, if any, will be paid to the wife/children of the deceased.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division vide their U.O.No.6028/Pen/99 dated 29.9.99.

Yours faithfully,



(N.N.MATHUR)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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The Asstt. Audit Officer, Defence Services, Kanpur.
The Asstt. Audit Officer, Defence Services, Bangalore.
The Controller of Defence Accounts (Pens), Allahabad
The Controller of Defence Accounts, Central Command, Meerut.
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The Controller of Defence Accounts (Officers) Poona.

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