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No. B/39022/AG/PS-4(a&C)/589/C/D(Pen/Sers)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence
New Delhi, the 27th March 2002.

To,
The Chief of the Army Staff,
The Chief of the Air Staff,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Counting of service rendered before attaining the age of 17 years as qualifying service for the purpose of pension/gratuity.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to extend the benefits of counting of service rendered before attaining the age of 17 years from the date of enrolment as qualifying service for purpose of Pension and Gratuity to all similarly situated Army/Air Force personnel in relaxation of the provisions of Regulations 122 of Pension Regulations for the Army 1961 (Part I)/Regulations 111(a) (ii) of the Pension Regulations for the Air Force 1961 (Part-I).

2. Formal amendment to Regulation 122 of PRA 1961 (Part-I) for the Army/Regulations 111(a) (ii) of the Pension Regulations for the Air Force 1961 (Part-I) will be issued in due course.

3. All the past cases would be consolidated by the Army/Air Force Records Office and forwarded to the Pension Sanctioning Authority. The amount will be computed by the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension), Allahabad and intimated to the Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India for issue of necessary sanction for release of amount on Charged Expenditure basis.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of the Ministry vide their U.O. No. 3831/Pen/01 dated 27.12.2001

Yours faithfully,



(S R-Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.