

New Delhi, the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.

To,  
The Chief of Army Staff,  
The Chief of Air Staff.

Sub : Counting of Service rendered as Artificer Apprentice for the  
purpose of pension/Gratuity.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to MOD, New Delhi letter No. B/39022/AG/PS-4(A&C)/589/C/D(Pen/Sers) dated 27.3.2002 and No. 1034/C/D(Pen/Sers) dated 31.10.2003 in regard to counting of Boy Service rendered before attaining the age of 17 years as qualifying service for the purpose of Pension/Gratuity in respect of Army and Air Force Personnel. These orders do not stipulate for counting of Artificer/Apprentice service for the purpose of Pension/Gratuity in r/o Army and Air Force Personnel similar to the orders contained in MOD letter No. PN/1288/88/CC/C/D(Pen/Sers) dated 17.02.1998 and 08.02.2002 for Navy Personnel. The matter has been reconsidered and it has been decided that the provisions of MOD letters dated 17.02.1998 as amended by 08.02.2002 will mutatis mutandis apply to the Army and Air Force Personnel also.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their UO No. 633/DFA(P) dated 12.5.06.

Yours faithfully,



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