

No.B/38174/AG/PS-5/D(Pen/Pol)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare,
New Delhi

Dated 4th Sept 2009

To

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

Subject: Payment of family pension in case of Burma Defence Pensioners -
regarding.

Sir,

The Burma Defence pensioners/family pensioners are presently being paid Ex-gratia adhoc allowance such that this allowance, which is being paid by the Government of India, plus the existing pension/family pension being paid by the Government of Myanmar taken together is Rs. 3,500/- per month as on 1.1.2006 in terms of this Ministry's letter No.B/38174/PS-5/D(Pen/Pol) dated 3.9.2009. As per existing orders, the Dearness Relief as announced by the Government of India from time to time is also admissible on this amount.

2. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that Government of Myanmar extends family pension subject to the following conditions: -

- a) In the event of death of the Government servant while in service, family pension will be payable to the family for a period of ten years or up to the date on which the deceased Government servant would have attained the age of 65 years, whichever period is earlier, and
- b) In the event of death of the Government servant after retirement, the family pension would be payable for the unexpired period of ten years from the date of retirement or up to the date on which the Government servant would have attained the age of sixty five years whichever period is earlier.

3. Considering the hardship the affected family pensioners would face in case the family pension is discontinued as per the instructions of the Government of Myanmar, Government of India has considered the matter sympathetically. The President is now pleased to decide that the Ex-gratia adhoc allowance would be continued to be paid to the Burma Defence family pensioners by the Government of India even after the period specified in Para 2 above irrespective of the discontinuance of family pension by the Government of Myanmar. This would, however, be subject to overall ceiling as prescribed by this Department from time to time.

4. The extra liability on account of Ex-gratia adhoc allowance to Burma Defence family pensioners by the Government of India after the period prescribed in Para 2 above, will be borne by the Government of India.

5. Policy and procedure regarding payment of Ex-gratia adhoc allowance will continue to be governed by the existing instructions issued in the matter so far.

6. This issues with the concurrence with Finance Division of this Ministry vide their U.O.No.2959/Fin(Pen) dated 3.9.2009.

7. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully



[Harbans Singh]

Director (Pension/Policy)

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