No. 02 (03)/2010-D(Pen/Policy)

Government of India

Ministry of Defence,

Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare,

New Delhi,

Dated 17th January, 2013

To

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

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of Committee on the issues related to Defence Service Personnel and Ex-Servicemen, 2012 - Grant of family pension for life to handicapped children of Armed Forces Personnel.

Sir,

The under signed is directed to refer to the provisions contained in this Ministry's letter No A/49601/AG/PS-4 (e)/3363/B/D(Pen/Ser) dated 27.8.1987 last modified vide this Ministry's letter No 906/A/D(Pen/Ser)/05 dated 13.8.2008, which provides that the son or daughter of an Armed Forces Personnel who is suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or is physically crippled or disabled so as to render him or her unable to earn a living even after attaining the age of twenty five years is eligible for lifelong family pension. Such disabled son or daughter, however, becomes ineligible for Family Pension on his /her getting married or when he / she starts earning his / her livelihood.

2. A Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary was constituted by the Government to consider various issues on pension of Armed Forces personnel and Ex-Servicemen, who have recommended for continuance of family pension to mentally/physically challenged children who drew, are drawing or may draw family pension even after their marriage. The above recommendation of the Committee has been accepted by the Government and the President is pleased to decide that the son or daughter of an Armed Forces Personnel who is suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or is physically crippled or disabled so as to render him or her unable to earn livelihood,

granted family pension for life even after his / her marriage subject to fulfillment of other prescribed conditions as hithertofore.

- 3. These orders shall take effect from 24^{th} September 2012 and shall also cover past cases. The financial benefit in past cases shall, however, be granted from 24^{th} September 2012 only.
- 4. Pension Regulations of the three Services shall be amended in due course.
- 5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their I D No. PC 1/10(12)/2012/FIN/PEN dated 10.01.2013

Hindi version will follow.

Your faithfully

(Malathi Narayanan)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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