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No. 210392/Pen-C  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, the 26th July 1975

To

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

Subject:- Liberalised pensionary awards for war widows  
and war disabled servicemen.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 200847/Pen-C/71 dated 24th February 1972 on the above subject, and to convey the sanction of the President to regulate the cases of second life award in respect of casualties suffered by JCOs and ORs relating to the operations mentioned therein, as under :-

- (a) If the first recipient of the family pensionary award dies or is disqualified earlier than 7 years (counting from the date of casualty), the award will be continued at the same rate to the parents if still alive, for the balance of 7 years without any reduction.
- (b) After the initial period of seven years, the award to be continued will be at a consolidated rate of Rs. 125/- p.m. in the case of JCOs and Rs. 90/- p.m. in the case of ORs, subject to the provisions of sub para (d) below.
- (c) If the first life award was in favour of the widow and she remarries with a person other than the real brother of her deceased husband, she would get an amount equal to ordinary family pension and the second life award will be sanctioned to a parent if still alive, at the rates mentioned in sub paras (a) and (b) above, depending upon whether the claim had arisen within 7 years or after 7 years of the casualty, subject to the provisions of sub para (d).
- (d) Where the first life award was given to a parent and the widow remarried with a person other than the real brother of her deceased husband, she would get an amount equal to the ordinary family pension and the balance would be left with the original recipient for the benefit of the rest of the family, subject to the condition that in no case the award so continued to the latter will be less than Rs. 125/- in the case of JCOs and Rs. 90/- in the case of ORs. However, if the first life award is less than these respective rates, the amount so continued will be at the same rate as for the first life award.

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(e) With the abolition of the means test the condition regarding reckoning the income of the parents from other permanent sources and the contribution of the living sons, whether willing or unwilling to support and the ability to contribute, stipulated in Reg 230(a), Pension Regulations for the Army, Pt. 1 (1961) (and corresponding Regulations for the Navy and Air Force) will also be abolished in these cases of battle casualties.

(f) When the original recipient dies or becomes disqualified the restriction contained in Regulations 230(e), Pension Regulations for the Army Pt.1 (1961) (and corresponding Regulations for the Navy and Air Force) about the continuance of family pension from the date of application by the second life awardee will be applicable.

(g) Children allowance, if otherwise admissible, will be payable only as per para C(a) of Annexure I of this Ministry's letter number 200847/Pen-C/71 dated 24th Feb. 1972, in cases falling under sub para (b) above.

2. This letter will have effect from 1st Feb. 1972.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance (Defence) vide their u.o. No. 3315-Pen of 1975.

Yours faithfully,

(V.Y. Narayan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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