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Circular No. 502

To,

2. All CMDs, Public Sector Banks including IDBI Bank
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4. All Managers, CPPCs
5. Military and Air Attache, Indian Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal
6. The PCDA (WC), Chandigarh
7. The CDA (PD), Meerut
8. The CDA, Chennai
9. The Director of Treasuries, All States.
10. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Delhi Administration, R K Puram and Tis Hazari, New Delhi
11. The Pay and Accounts Office, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai
12. The Post Master Kathua (J&K)
13. The Pr. Pay and Accounts Officer, Adman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair

Subject: Implementation of Government decision on the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries - 2012 on the issues related to Defence Service Personnel and Ex-Servicemen- Enhancement of Ordinary Family Pension in respect of Pre-2006 JCOs/ORs Family Pensioners.

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A copy of Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 1(14)/2012-D (Pen/Pol) dated 17th Jan. 2013 on the above subject is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action which is self explanatory.

2. The above Government letter provides improvement in Ordinary Family Pension.

3. The improvement in ordinary family pension as per the above Government of India,
Ministry of Defence letter is effective from 24th September 2012.

4.1 Applicability-
These orders are applicable to the family pensioners of JCOs/ORs and Hony Commissioned Officers of regular Armed Forces including Defence Security Corps personnel who were discharged/retired prior to 1.1.2006. These orders are also applicable to Families of TA personnel, Non-Combatants (Enrolled) [NCs (E)] of regular Army and Air Force and Ex-state Forces pensioners discharged prior to 01.01.2006.

4.2 Non-Applicability- These orders do not apply to families of UK/HKSRA/KCIOs pensioners, Pakistan and Burma Army pensioners. These orders also do not apply to families of Reservist Pensioners.

5. Revision of ordinary family pension with reference to Pension Tables by Pension Disbursing Agencies

Where JCOs/ORs has rendered qualifying service of 15 years and above and NOKs of JCOs/ORs are in receipt of Ordinary Family Pension, PDAs are required to revise the Family pension on their own as per Tables appended to Ministry of Defence letter enclosed after ascertaining the actual qualifying service, rank and group for which family pensioned from the initial PPO without calling or waiting for any applications from the affected pensioners.

5.2 Ordinary Family pension for NOKs of DSC personnel are not provided under above Ministry’s letter. The Family pension in respect of DSC personnel who are in receipt of family pension for only DSC service are to be revised at the same rates as given for family pensioners of Regular Army. DSC personnel on “clerical duty” and “other duty” are entitled for family pension of regular Army personnel of group “Y” and “Z” respectively. Therefore, the PDAs shall revise rates of Ordinary Family pension for families of DSC personnel as mentioned above.

5.3 However, in case of any doubt or PDAs feel any difficulty, then the case may be referred to PSAs concerned as per specimen given in Annexure- A to Ministry of Defence letter enclosed.

5.4 The initial Pension Payment Order (PPO) or its Corrigendum PPO (Corr PPO) indicates rank, group and qualifying service of the Armed Forces Personnel for which the NOKs have been pensioned. However, if any information regarding qualifying service, rank, group etc., are not available with Pension Disbursing Agencies, such cases may be referred to Pension Sanctioning Authority concerned on the proforma enclosed as Annexure-B to GOI MOD letter. The Pension Sanctioning Authorities concerned will provide the requisite information from the available records within 30
days of the receipt of request from the Pension Disbursing Agencies.

6. **Additional Pension to family pensioners on attaining 80 years of age and above** - The improved ordinary family pension will be basic pension from 24th September 2012 and therefore additional family pension available to old age family pensioners on attaining the relevant age (80 years and above) shall also be revised by PDAs at appropriate percentage of the improved family pension admissible under MOD letter under transmission.

7. **Dearness Relief** - The Pension Disbursing Agencies will pay dearness relief as authorized by Deptt of P& PW, Ministry of Personnel, PG& Pensioners from time to time on improved family pension and additional family pension payable to old age family pensioners treating it as basic pension.

8. **Pensioners in receipt of two pensions** - In case of pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension i.e. one from Armed Forces service and other from any other Deptt/ Ministry etc, family pension for Armed Forces service only should be revised as per the relevant Table.

9. **Cases to be referred to PSA** –

   Family pension in respect of JCOs/ORs of Territorial Army irrespective of their qualifying service and also in death in service cases where Q.S. is less then 15 years would also need to be revised in terms of these orders by Pension Sanctioning Authorities. Specific Table indicating revised rates of family pension for the purpose have not been prepared. PDAs will refer such cases to PSAs concerned as per specimen given in **Annexure- A** to Ministry of Defence letter enclosed for issue of Corr PPO.

10. **Miscellaneous instructions** -

   10.1 No arrears on account of revision of family pension will be admissible for the period prior to 24th September 2012

   10.2 Any overpayment of pension coming to the notice or under process of recovery shall be adjusted in full by the Pension Disbursing Authorities against arrears becoming due on revision of pension on the basis of MOD letter enclosed.

   10.3 A suitable entry regarding revised pension should be made by the PDAs in Check Register/Payment Register/Pension Payment Scroll Register/ Pension Book/Certificate. Where qualifying service for which pensioner was pensioned is not available in PPO and qualifying service as now intimated by PSA or accepted by the
PDA from corroborative document shall be noted prominently for future reference.

10.4 In cases where ordinary family pension has been notified in the PPO of the Ex-servicemen and ordinary family pension has not commenced as the pensioner is alive. The improved rate as now admissible to his/ her spouse may be noted in the PPO of the pensioner check Register/ Payment Register/ Pension Payment scroll Register so that improved rate is paid to family pensioner other required.

10.5. The Govt. has also desired that all the CPPCs of Public sector Banks and paying branches where CPPC has not taken over the work of the payment of the pension including IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank Ltd, HDFC Bank Ltd, AXIS Bank, disbursing pension would render a monthly progress report as per proforma (Annexure-C) prescribed under Ministry’s above quoted letter dated 17th January 2013 to the Group Officer, Audit Section, office of the PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad. All PDAs are therefore, enjoined upon to ensure rendition of the said report. It is also enjoined upon them that all the columns in proforma prescribed by Ministry of Defence must be filled in complete and correct manner before its rendition to the office of the PCDA (P) Allahabad. It is also requested that one soft copy and one more copy of the requisite report, be invariably sent separately along with the pension payment scrolls regarding payment of improved family pension.

10.6 The DPDOs will render the monthly progress report as per Annexure C to the Group Officer, Audit Section, office of the PCDA (P) Allahabad with copy to their respective CsDA i.e. CDA (PD)/CDA (WC) and CDA Chennai as the case may be.

11. Points of doubt, if any, relating to revision of pension under the subject Govt. order may immediately be referred to the concerned PSAs.

12. This circular is also available on this office website www.pcdapension.nic.in

Please acknowledge receipt.

No. Grants/Tech/0167/XII (502)
Dated: 17th January 2013

(Alok Patni)
ACDA (P)
Copy to:

01. The Dy. Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of PPG & P (Deptt. of P & PW), Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
02. Director (Pensions), Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence D (Pen/Sers), Sena Bhawan, Wing ‘A’ New Delhi.
03. Army HQrs AG’s Branch, PS-4(b) DHQ, PO New Delhi – 110011.
04. AHQ GS Branch, TA Directorate, DHQ PO New Delhi – 110011.
05. Naval HQrs, PP & A, DHQ PO New Delhi.
06. DPA, Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi – 11.
08. Sr. Dy. CGDA (AT-II), O/O the CGDA, Ulan Batar Road, Palam Delhi Cantt– 110010.
09. PCDA (Navy) No.-1, Cooperage Road, Mumbai – 400039.
10. PCDA (WC), Chandigarh
11. CDA (AF), West Block-V, R. K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066.
12. CDA, Chennai
13. CDA (PD), Meerut
15. Director of Audit, Defence Service, New Delhi
16. Director MP8(I of R)Integrated HQ of MOD(Army)AG’s Branch, Addl Dte Gen ofMP/MP8(I of R) West Block-III, RK Puram, N-Delhi 110066
17. All Record Offices/Regiment. Corp.
19. Air Force Record, Dhaula Kunwa, Delhi Cantt.
20. All Addl CsDA/Jt. CsDA in Main Office.
21. All GOs in Main Office.
22. The OI/C, G-1(M), AT(ORs)-Tech. & G-1/Civil (Tech.)
23. All SAOs/AOs/AAOs in Grants/Ors Complex.
25. The OI/C, EDP Centre.
26. Defence Pension Liaison Cell.
27. All Sections in Main Office.
29. OIC,G -2 Section
30. OIC, G - 3 Section.
31. OIC, G - 4 Section
32. OI/C O & M Cell
33. OI/C Complaint Cell
34. The OI/C, Reception Centre
35. The OI/C, EDP Centre (Website) For putting on the Website.
36. The OI/C, DPTI Cell
37. Spare

(S C SAROJ)
Account Officer (P)
No. 1 (14)/2012/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,


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Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry’s letter No. 17(4)/2008/(1)/ D(Pen/Policy) dated 11.11.2008 as amended, issued for implementation of Government decision on the recommendations of the Sixth CPC for revision of pension/family pension in respect of pre-2006 Armed Forces pensioners/family pensioners. As per provisions contained in Para 5 of above said letter dated 11.11.2008, with effect from 1.1.2006 revised ordinary family pension of all pre-2006 JCO/OR family pensioners determined in terms of fitment formula laid down in Para 41 therein, shall in no case be lower than thirty percent of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus the Grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which the pensioner had retired/discharged/invalided out/died including Military Service Pay and ‘X’ Group pay, where applicable. Accordingly, rates of minimum guaranteed ordinary family pension for JCO/OR were notified under Annexure-III (Revised) of this Ministry’s letter No 17(3)/2010/D(Pen/Policy) dated 15.11.2010.

2. In order to consider various issues on pension of Armed Forces personnel and Ex-Servicemen, the Government had constituted a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary. The Committee in its Report have recommended that the minimum guaranteed ordinary family pension of pre-2006 JCO/OR family pensioners should be determined with reference to minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendations of Sixth CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band and also a linkage should be established in the rate of the family pension with the pension of JCO/OR.

3. The above recommendation of the Committee has been accepted by the Government and the President is pleased to decide that with effect from 24.09.2012 the minimum guaranteed ordinary family pension in respect of pre-2006 JCO/OR
including honorary Commissioned officers and Non Combatants (Enrolled) of Army, Navy, Air Force, DSC & TA family pensioners shall be determined as thirty percent of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay band as indicated under fitment tables annexed with SAI 1/5/2008 as amended and equivalent instructions for Navy & Air Force, plus the Grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which the pensioner had retired/discharged/invalided out/died including Military Service Pay and ‘X’ Group pay, wherever applicable.

4. The President is also pleased to decide that to establish linkage in the rates of ordinary family pension with pension of JCO/OR, the revised service pension/special pension/invalid pension as the case may be, shall be determined in terms of this Ministry’s letter No 1(13)/2012/D(Pen/Pol) dated 17.01.2013 on national basis taking into consideration the rank, group, length of service and nature of award sanctioned to the deceased JCO/OR pensioner. Similar entitlement should also be determined in cases of JCO/OR died while in service. The rates of enhanced rate and normal rate of Ordinary family pension in respect of pre-2006 JCO/OR family pensioners including honorary Commissioned Officers and Non Combatants (Enrolled), shall be worked out as 100% and 60% respectively of the revised notional pension determined as per above provisions.

4.1 With effect from 24.09.2012, the enhanced rate and normal rate of Ordinary family pension to pre-2006 JCO/OR family pensioners shall be granted on the basis of family pension worked out as per the formulation at Para 4 above or the minimum Guaranteed pension determined as per the provisions contained in Para 3 above, whichever is more beneficial.

5. All other terms and conditions for revision of family pension in respect of pre-2006 Armed Forces family pensioners drawing pension in terms of this Ministry’s above said letter dated 11.11.2008, which are not affected by the provisions of this letter, shall remain unchanged.

6. The actual benefit accrued in terms of these orders shall be payable with effect from 24.09.2012. No arrears on account of revision of family pension shall be admissible for the past period. However, if a family pensioner to whom the benefits under these orders accrues has died / dies before receiving the payment on account of arrears, the life time arrears (LTA) will be disposed off as per the extant orders.

7. The provision of these orders shall not apply to UK/HKSRA/KCIOs pensioners and Pakistan/ Burma pensioners.

METHODODOLOGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

8. All Pension Disbursing Agencies (PDAs) handling disbursement of pension to Defence pensioners are hereby authorized to carry out revision of Ordinary Family pension in respect of pre-2006 JCO/OR family pensioners drawing ordinary family pension as on 24.09.2012 in terms of these orders without calling for any applications.
from the family pensioner and without any further authorization from the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs). Revision of Ordinary Family pension in respect of TA personnel and also in death in service cases where qualifying service is less than 15 years shall, however, be referred to the respective Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSA) on Annexure-A attached to this letter for issue of corrigendum PPO.

9. Keeping in view the above decision and to quicken the process of revision of ordinary family pension, specific tables (total six tables) indicating revised rate of ordinary family pension payable from 24.09.2012 have been prepared for JCO/OR of Regular Army, Navy, Air Force and DSC who were discharged/invalided out/died in service prior to 1.1.2006 and are enclosed as Appendix to this letter. PDAs will revise and pay the ordinary family pension with reference to applicable Table for the rank and group in which the JCO/OR was pensioned with reference to the actual qualifying service as shown in Column-1. In cases where ordinary family pension of an pre-2006 JCO/OR pensioner had not been commenced as the pensioner was alive on 24.09.2012, the rate of revised ordinary family pension shall be payable by the PDAs from the date following the death of the pensioner at appropriate rate.

10. The initial Pension Payment Order (PPO) in respect of JCO/OR, its Corrigendum PPO indicates rank, group and qualifying service for which the individual has been pensioned. These information are available with PDAs as they have revised pension of all such pensioners in the recent past in terms of Government orders issued on the recommendations of Sixth CPC and Cabinet Secretary Committee (2009). In case, however, any information regarding qualifying service, rank, group etc., is not available with Pension Disbursing Agencies, such cases may be referred to PSAs concerned on the proforma enclosed as Annexure-B. The PSAs will provide the requisite information from the available records.

11. An intimation regarding disbursement of revised ordinary family pension shall be sent by the PDAs to the Office of the PCDA(P) Allahabad on monthly basis in the format prescribed as Annexure-C to these orders a copy of which shall also be provided by the PDAs to the pensioners concerned for their information. Those Public Sector Banks who are disbursing Defence pension through Central Pension Processing Centers (CPPC), the monthly progress report may be furnished by the CPPC of the bank directly to the office of the PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad.

12. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their ID No. PC 2/10(12)/2012/FIN/PEN dated 10.01.2013

Hindi version will follow.

Your faithfully

[Signature]

Malathi Narayanan

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:-

As per standard distribution list.
Ministry of Defence letter No.1 (14)/2012-D(Pen/Pol) dated 17.01.2013

(TO BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED BY PENSION DISABURSING AUTHORITY TO THE PENSION SANCTIONING AUTHORITY CONCERNED)

To,

* The Principal CDA (P) Allahabad- 211014

Subject: Improvement of Family Pension of TA Personnel discharged / invalidated out prior to 1.1.2006 including death in service cases of Armed force personnel where qualifying service was less than 15 years.

Sir,

The case is being referred to your office with the following particulars for revision of Family pension.

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SIGNATURE OF PDA
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ANNEXURE-B
(Referred in Para 10)
Ministry of Defence letter No.1 (14)/2012-D (Pens/Poi) dated 17.01.2013
(TO BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED BY PENSION DISABURSING AUTHORITY TO THE
PENSION SANCTIONING AUTHORITY CONCERNED)

To,

*The Principal CDA (P) Allahabad- 211014
*The Principal CDA (Navy), Mumbai- 400039
*The CDA (Air Force) New Delhi- 110066
(* Tick the Addresses)

Subject: Seeking Information in respect of .............................................. for revision of
Ordinary family pension.

Sir,

Following information in r/o above named individual is not available in this office and
the same may be provided for revision of pension:

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Date: -

SIGNATURE OF PDA
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ANNEXURE-C
(Referred in Para 11)

STATEMENT FOR INTIMATION BY THE PENSION DISBURSING AGENCIES TO THE PCDA(P) ALLAHABAD REGARDING REVISION OF PENSION IN TERMS OF MINISTRY OF DEFENCE LETTER NO 1 (14)/2012- D (Pension/Policy) dated 17.01.2013.

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Remarks: In case family pensioner died before receiving arrears indicate date of death and name of recipient of arrears and relationship with pensioner.

Signature of Pension Disbursing Authority

To
1. Office of the PCDA (P)
   Draupadi Ghat
   Allahabad- 211014

2. _________________

(Address of the pensioner)
APPENDIX

TO

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

LETTER NO 1 (14)/2012/D(Pension/Policy)

DATED 17th JANUARY 2013