Circular No. 479                                          Dated 17.02.2012

To
The O I/C
RO/ PAO

Subject:- Grant of Family Pension to childless widow of Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR)-Clarification.

Reference: - GOI, MOD letter No. 1(6)/2011-D(Pen-Policy) dated 06th January, 2011,
2. Circular No. 421 dated 03.11.2009.

Consequent on the issue of the GOI, MOD letter No. 1(6)/2011-D(Pen-Policy), New Delhi, the 06th January, 2011 and it’s corrigendum letter No. even dated 17th January, 2012 (Copies enclosed), the scheme of Ordinary Family Pension has been modified. Now, childless widow is entitled to Ordinary Family Pension even after her re-marriage. The childless widow of a deceased employee who expired before 01.01.2006 shall also be eligible for family pension irrespective of the fact that the remarriage of the widow had taken place prior to/ on or after 01.01.2006 subject to fulfillment of conditions prescribed in Para-11.3 of GOI, MOD letter dated 12.11.2008 and other conditions.

2. In terms of Para-11.3 of GOI, MOD letter No. 17(4)/2008(2)/D(Pen/Policy) dated 12.11 2008, the childless widow of a deceased Armed Forces Personnel shall continue to be paid family pension even after her re-marriage subject to the condition that the family pension shall cease once her independent income from all other sources becomes equal to or higher than the minimum prescribed family pension in the Central Government. The family pensioner in such cases would be required to give a declaration regarding her income from other sources to the Pension Disbursing Authority every six months.

3. The financial benefits in such cases has, however, been allowed from 01.01.2006.

4. Accordingly, you are requested to prefer claim for re-grant of Ordinary Family Pension to the childless widow on her remarriage on revised Corrigendum LPC-Cum-Data sheet along with an application from the widow of the service personnel in Annexure ‘A’.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sd/-
ACDA (P)

No. Gts/Tech/0113/LXI
Dated: 17.02.2012
Copy to:
1. The Dy. Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of PPG & P (Deprt. of P & PW), Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Director (Pensions), Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence D (Pen/Sers), Sena Bhawan, Wing ‘A’ New Delhi.
3. Army HQrs AG’s Branch, PS-4(b) DHQ, PO New Delhi – 110011.
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25. The OI/C, EDP Centre.
26. Defence Pension Liaison Cell.
27. All Sections in Main Office.
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29. OI/C, G - 4 Section
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Sr. A.O. (P)
Annexure 'A'

CLAIM FOR RESTORATION OF ORDINARY FAMILY PENSION ON REMARRIAGE OF CHILDLESS WIDOW

(To be completed in Triplicate)

1. Army No. (of her first husband)
2. Rank and Group last held
3. Name of deceased service personnel/pensioner
4. Record office
5. Date of death of the service personnel/pensioner
6. PPO No. and year of issue under which OFP was initially sanctioned
7.
   I. Name of widow to whom OFP was initially sanctioned
   II. Date of Birth of widow
8. Date of Remarriage of widow
   I. Name and address of the second husband
   II. Father's name of second husband
   III. Occupation of second husband
   IV. Income per month and source of income of second husband
   V. Date of Birth of second husband
9. Name and address of Pension Disbursing Authority.
   (In case of Bank, SB/A/C No. and in case of other PDA TS/HO No.)
10. Whether payment of Ordinary Family Pension has been stopped by the PDA on re-marriage.
    (Attach a certificate from the PDA regarding stoppage of payment of Ordinary Family Pension on re-marriage showing actual date of stoppage.)
11. Name of Claimant in Full
13. Income per month and source of income
    (Income certificate from competent authority must be attached)
14. Details of children from wed-lock of deceased solider/pensioner (if any)
    (An affidavit to the effect that she has no children from the Wed locks of deceased soldier)
15. Name and address of pension disbursing authority
    (Paying bank branch with SB A/C No. Treasury /DPDO/ PAO & Link Branch)
    from the ordinary family pension is desired.)
16. Address of the re-married widow
17. Identification marks
18. Thumb & finger impression

Signature of the Claimant

Name & Address of witnesses:

1. ____________________________  2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________  4. ____________________________

Attestation
Certified that to the best of my knowledge & belief the above particulars in respect of
Shri __________________________ are correct.

Station: ____________________________ ZSWO/Any Competent Authority
Dated: ____________________________

Counter Signed

Station: ____________________________ Record Officer
Dated: ____________________________
No. 1(6)/2011-D(Pen-Policy)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, the 6th Jan., 2011.

To

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

Subject: Grant of family pension to childless widow of Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) - Clarification - regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 17(4)2008(2)/D(Pen/Policy) dated 12.11.2008, issued for implementation of Government decisions on the recommendations of 6th CPC for revision provisions regulating Pension/Gratuity/Commutation of Pension/ Family Pension etc. for the Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) retired or died in harness on or after 1.1.2006.

2. As per provisions contained in Para 11.3 of this Ministry's above said letter dated 12.11.2008, the childless widow of a deceased Armed Forces personnel shall continue to be paid family pension even after her remarriage subject to the condition that the family pension shall cease once her independent income from all sources becomes equal to or higher than the minimum prescribed family pension in the Central Government.

3. Consequent upon receipt of certain references from various quarters seeking clarification regarding applicability of above mentioned provisions in cases where death of an employee took place prior to 1.1.2006 and childless widow of the deceased employees got remarried before/on or after 1.1.2006, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi vide their OM NO 1/4/2011-P&PW(E) dated 1st April, 2011 has decided in consultation with Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) that the childless widow of a deceased employee who expired before 1.1.2006, shall also be eligible for family pension irrespective of the fact that the remarriage of the widow had taken place prior to/on or after 1.1.2006 subject to fulfillment of other conditions. The financial benefits in such cases has, however, been allowed from 1.1.2006.

4. The matter has been examined in this Ministry and it has been decided that the provisions of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi above said OM dated 1st April, 2011 shall mutatis mutandis apply to the Armed Forces Personnel.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance division of this Ministry vide their UO No 55/Fin/Pen dated 4/01/12.

Hindi version will follow.

(Signed)

Malathi Narayanan
Under Secretary to Govt. of India

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No. 1(6)/2011-D(Pen-Policy)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, the 17th Jan., 2012.

To
The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Grant of family pension to childless widow of Armed Forces Officers and Personnel
Below Officer Rank(PBOR) - Clarification - regarding.

Sir,

This Ministry's letter of even number dated 6th Jan., 2011 is amended as follow:-

For : New Delhi, the 6th Jan., 2011
Read : New Delhi the 6th Jan., 2012

2. All other entries remain unchanged.

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(Malathi Narayanan)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India

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