

No. PC to 24(2)05/US(WE)/D(Res)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Deptt of Ex-Servicement Welfare

New Delhi, dated the 7th February, 2006

To

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

**Subject : EX- SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HELATH SCHEME:
EXEMPTION TO WAR DISABLED PENSIONERS FROM PAYMENT OF
CONTRIBUTION**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. PC to 24(2)/05/US (WE)/D(Res) dated 24th Jul, 2005 and to clarify that the sanction of the Government for grant of exemption from payment of ECHS contribution also covers War Disabled Pensioners who have sustained disability under following circumstances specified under Category 'E' of GOI/MOD letter No. 1(2)97/D(PenC) dated 31st Jan, 2001:-

Category 'E'

Disability arising as a result of :-

- (a) enemy action in international war;
 - (b) action during deployment with a peace keeping mission abroad;
 - (c) border skirmishes;
 - (d) during laying or clearance of mines including enemy mines as also minesweeping operation;
 - (e) on account of accidental explosions of mines while laying operationally oriented mine-field or lifting or negotiating minefield laid by the enemy or own forces in operational areas near international borders or the line of control;
 - (f) war like situations, including cases which are attributable to/aggravated by:-
 - (i) extremist acts, exploding mines etc, while on way to an operational area;
 - (ii) battle inoculation training exercises or demonstration with live ammunition;
 - (ii) kidnapping by extremists while on operational duty
 - (g) An act of violence/attack by extremists, anti-social elements, etc. while on operational duty;
 - (h) Action against extremists, antisocial elements, etc. Disability while employed in aid of civil power in quelling, agitation, riots or revolt by demonstrations will be covered under this category
 - (i) Operations specially notified by the Government from time to time.
2. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their U.O. No. 49/PD/06 dated 2.2.06.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-xxx
(V.K. Jain)
Under Secretary (WE)

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