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Government of India/ Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Defence/ Raksha Mantralya
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare/Poor Samuh Kalyan Vikhya
New Delhi dated the 2nd May, 2006

To
Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions)
Draupadi Ghat,
Allahabad,

Subject: Improvement in the pension of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR)

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to Para 11 of the Ministry's letter No. 14 (3)/2004-D (Pen/Sers)/Vol-III dated 1.2.2006 issued on the subject mentioned above and to say that the pension tables for revision of pension in terms of the orders issued under this Ministry's letter dated 1.2.2006 as prepared by the office of PCDA(P), Allahabad and vetted by CSDA, New Delhi have been approved by this Ministry in consultation with Defence Finance, enclosed at Appendix-A.

2. Approval of the Government is also hereby accorded to the following:

(i) While preparing the tables, certain anomalies arose where pension of higher ranks PBOR worked out to be less than that of the lower rank. In such cases the shortfall in pension has been made up by protecting the pension of such higher rank by stepping up the pension to the level equal to that of the lower rank.

(ii) Where the revised pension as on 1.1.2006 of a pre 1.1.96 pensioner worked out with increased weightage subject to a maximum of 30 years qualifying service and in terms of the provisions of this Ministry's letter No. 1 (2)/97/D (Pen/Sers) dated 24.11.97 and No. 1 (2)/98/D (Pen/Sers) dated
14.7.98 happens to be more than the revised pension indicated in the relevant columns of pension Tables, the pensioners will get the pension which is more beneficial to him.

(ii) With effect from 1.1.2006, the amount of ad hoc ex-gratia will cease to be paid in respect of pre 1.1.1973 pensioners, since the same has lost its relevance in view of improved pensionary benefits bringing pensionary benefits of pre 1.1.1973 pensioners at par with post 1.1.1996.

(iv) The orders contained in this Ministry's above mentioned letter dated 1.2.2006 will also apply to non combatants (enrolled) (NCs (E)) drawing pension as on 1.1.2006 under the Pension regulations of the three Services as well as pension rules of erstwhile state forces and various orders issued from time to time.

(v) The provisions of these orders, however, do not apply to Commissioned officers and their families and to all the family pensioners of PBOR. These orders also do not apply to UK/HKSRA/KCIOs pensioners and Pakistan/ Burma pensioners.

(vi) The orders regarding increase in the weightage contained in this Ministry's above mentioned letter dated 1.2.2006 do not apply to TA pensioners. However, cases for revision of pension of pre-96 pensioners with reference to maximum of pay scales as on 1.1.1996 will be referred to office at the PCDA (P) Allahabad in the prescribed proforma enclosed at Annexure-A for determining the revised pension taking into account reckonable emoluments, qualifying aggregate embodied service and maximum of the revised pay scales introduced with effect from 1.1.1996.

(vii) No commutation will be admissible on additional amount of pension accruing as a result of revision under these orders. However, the existing amount of pension commuted, if any, would continue to be deducted from the revised pension. In case of service personnel retiring on or after 1.1.2006, the
benefit of commutation will however be admissible on the additional amount of pension as a result of these orders up to the existing limit.

(vii) As a result of these orders, there will be no change in the amount of retirement gratuity already paid to the pensioners.

(ix) Any over payment 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 these orders.

(x) If a pensioner to whom the benefit under these orders accrues has died/dies before receiving the payment on account of arrears with effect from 1.1.2006, the life time arrears (LTA) will be disposed off as per the extant orders contained in Paras 21.1 to 21.4 of this Ministry's letter no. 1 (2)/99/D (Pension) dated 14.7.98.

(xi) Invalid pension/service element of disability pension in respect of PSCCR retirees having less than 15 years qualifying service would also need to be revised in terms of these orders. Specific tables for the purpose have not been prepared for the reason that each of such cases will be unique one as rank, group and qualifying service will differ from case to case and hence no standard tables can be prepared. PDAs will refer such cases to PSAs concerned as per specimen letter enclosed at Annexure A.

Similarly, revision of pension in all War Injury cases irrespective of the qualifying service will also be required to be done by the PSAs concerned for the reason that the crucial information relating to last pay drawn and the maximum terms of engagement to the specific rank for which pension would need to be verified with reference to the original records held by the PSAs. Such cases will also be forwarded by the PDAs to the PSAs concerned in the above prescribed proforma enclosed at Annexure A.

(xii) A progress report on revision of pension by the Public Sector Banks, IOCL Bank Ltd, HDFC Bank Ltd, UTI & Co. Ltd, IDBI Bank Ltd (through their link
Branch), State treasuries, Post Offices and Pension Paying Offices in Nepal will be sent by them to office of the PCDA (P), Allahabad on monthly basis till revision is carried out in all the affected cases, in the statement enclosed at Annexure-B and those by DPDOs to PCDA (P) Allahabad as well as their respective CDAs viz. CDA (PD) Meerut and CDA Chennai.

3. The Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDAs) may be authorized by PCDA(P) to carry out revision of pension with effect from 1.1.2006 in affected cases in the light of these orders without calling for any applications from the pensioners and without any further authorization from concerned Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs) and pay the arrears on account of such revision except in those cases, which are required to be referred to PSAs.

4. The pension revision may be completed by 30.9.2006.

5. Detailed instructions for guidance of the PDAs for implementation of the orders will be issued by PCDA(P) Allahabad separately. Similarly, methodology adopted for preparation of tables alongwith sample calculations for the three lower ranks i.e. Sepoy, Naik and Havildar may also be circulated to the PDA by PCDA(P). If considered necessary to facilitate revision of pension by the PDAs expeditiously.

6. The tables for revision of pension attached at Appendix-A will be circulated by CDA(P) to all concerned including PDAs separately in a time bound manner. They may get the requisite number of hard copies of the tables printed after following laid down procedure. However, efforts should be made to circulate the tables at the earliest. Case for Govt. sanction, if any required for the purpose may be taken up by CGDA with this Ministry immediately.
7. This issues with concurrence of MOD (Finance) vide their U.O. No 772/Fin(PY)/2006 dated 20.3.2006.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Position]

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