No.1(3)/2007-D(Pen/Policy) 
Government of India 
Ministry of Defence,

New Delhi, the 25th October, 2007

To

The Chief of the Army Staff
The Chief of the Naval Staff
The Chief of the Air Staff.

Subject : Eligibility of Unmarried Daughters of Armed Forces Personnel for Grant of Family Pension beyond 25 years of Age.

Consequent on issue of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Deptt. Of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare OM NO.1/19/03-P&PW (E) dated 6.9.2007 regarding eligibility of unmarried daughters of Armed Forces Personnel for grant of family pension beyond 25 years of age, the undersigned is directed to say that the President is pleased to decide with effect from 6.9.2007 that unmarried daughters beyond 25 years of age shall also be eligible for family pension at par with the widowed/divorced daughters subject to other conditions being fulfilled. Grant of family pension to unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters shall be payable in order of their date of birth and younger of them will not be eligible for family pension unless the next above her has become ineligible for grant of family pension. The family pension to unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters above the age of 25 years shall be payable only after the other eligible children below the age of 25 years have ceased to be eligible to receive family pension and that there is no disabled child to receive the family pension.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry's vide their UO No.3986/Fin/Pen Def (Fin) dated 24.10.2007

Yours faithfully,

(S.R. Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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2. Vice President's Secretariat
3. Prime Minister's Office
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5. The Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Allahabad
6. Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension Disbursement), New Delhi
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Lok Nayak Bhawan,
Khan Market, New Delhi
Dated: September 2007
6 Sep 2007

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of scope of family Pension to unmarried daughters of Central Government servants/pensioners.

The undersigned is directed to say that as per existing provisions under clauses (ii) and (iii) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 54 of the C.C. S. (Pension) Rules, 1972, read with para 7.2 of this Department's O.M. No. 45/86/97-P&PW (A)-Part I dated the 27th October 1997, son/daughter including widowed/ divorced daughter is eligible for grant of family pension till he/she attains the age of 25 years or up to the date of his/her marriage/remarriage, whichever is earlier subject to income criterion laid down in this Department's O.M. No. 45/51/97-P&PW(E) dated the 5th March 1998 which stipulates that a son/daughter, including widowed/divorced daughter, shall not have an income exceeding Rs. 2550/- per month from employment in Government, the private sector and self employment, etc., to be eligible for family pension. Orders were also issued vide this Department's O.M. No. 45/51/97-P&PW(T)(Vol.I) dated 25th July 2001 regarding eligibility of disabled divorced/widowed daughter for family pension for life subject to conditions mentioned therein. Further, orders were issued for making the widowed/divorced daughter eligible for family pension vide this Department's O.M. of even number dated 25th August, 2004.
2. The Staff Side of National Council (JCM) had raised the issue of extension of scope of family pension to unmarried daughters of the Government servants/Pensioners even after attaining the age of 25 years at par with the widowed/divorced daughters, which has been agreed to in principle. It has, accordingly, been decided that the unmarried daughters beyond 25 years of age shall also be eligible for family pension at par with the widowed/divorced daughters subject to other conditions being fulfilled. Grant of family pension to unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters shall be payable in order of their date of birth and younger of them will not be eligible for family pension unless the next above her has become ineligible for grant of family pension. It is further clarified that family pension to unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters above the age of 25 years shall be payable only after the other eligible children below the age of 25 years have ceased to be eligible to receive family pension and that there is no disabled child to receive the family pension.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their U.O. No. 380/E.V/2006 dated 05.01.2007.

4. These orders, in so far as their applicability relates to the employees of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, are being issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, vide their U.O. No. 56 Audit (Rules)/12-2007 dated 22.05.2007.

(M. P. Singh)
Director

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All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.