No.1(1)/2010/D(Pen/Pol)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
New Delhi, the 15th February, 2011.

To

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

Subject Grant of family pension and gratuity to the families of Forces personnel/pensioners who disappear suddenly and whose whereabouts are not known.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer this Ministry's letter No. 12(16)86/D(Pen/Sers) dated 3rd June 1988 as amended vide letters of even No. dated 20th March 1990, dated 23rd March 1992 and dated 26th August 1993, concerning grant of family pension to the eligible family members of the Armed Forces personnel/pensioners who have suddenly disappeared and whose whereabouts are not known, after one year from the date of lodging FIR or expiry of authorized leave of the Armed Force personnel who has disappeared which ever is later.

2. While considering the demand of Staff Side of the National council(JCM) concerning withdrawal of the mandatory condition of one year prescribed in regard to sanction of family pension to the eligible family member of the civilian Government servant/pensioners, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi vide their OM No 1/28/04-P&PWE (E) dated 2nd July 2010 has decided in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) that the family pension/retirement or death gratuity to the eligible family members of a Government servant/pensioner reported missing and whose whereabouts are not known, may be sanctioned after a period of six months from the date of registration of an FIR with the Police subject to fulfillment of other conditions.


4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their UO No 172/F/P/2011 dated 14.2.11.

Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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