To New Delhi, the 17th April, 2012

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

Subject: Expeditious disposal of First Appeal cases relating to grant of disability pension/special family pension.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to MoD letter No. F. No. 7(10)/2008/D(Pen/Appeal) dated 10 Feb 2009 and to state that one of the reason for causing delay(s) in holding Medical Boards at First Appeal stage, is that the individuals do not report to /appear before the Appeal Medical Board despite issue of reminder(s). This results in delay in disposing off the first appeal cases relating to disability pension/special family pension. It has now been decided that if the Appellant at the first appeal stage and subsequent to issue of sanction/ call letter for Appeal Medical Board, fails to present himself for said Appeal Medical Board even after two reminders, or declines to report for the same, then the opinion of the Appellate Committee members will be endorsed on file based on available inputs as per rules/policy guidelines. The decision of Appellate Committee First Appeal thus arrived at will be intimated to the Appellant.

2. The above may be noted for immediate compliance.

3. This issue with the concurrence of Defence (Fin/Pen) vide their UO No. 4257/Fin/Pen/2011.dated 4.11.2011.

Yours faithfully

(Malathi Narayanan)
Under Secretary to Government of India

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