No. 16(01)/2014-D(Pension/Policy)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence.
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, the 10th April 2015

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

Subject: Minimum Guaranteed Pension for Disability/War injury element as per CSC 2012 recommendation.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry’s letter No. 17(4)2008(1)/D(Pen/Pol)/ Vol-V dated 15th February 2011 issued in implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of 6th CPC, which prescribe minimum guaranteed rate of various casualty pensionary awards for pre-2006 Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Ranks (PBOR).

2. Further, orders were issued as per recommendation of CSC 2012 for determining the minimum guaranteed pension in respect of Pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners. The minimum guaranteed pension has been stepped up to 50% and 30% in respect of Service Pension and Family Pension respectively of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendations of 6th CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band. The question of extending this benefit to disability element in respect of Pre-2006 Armed Forces Pensioners was under consideration of the Government. Now, the President is pleased to decide that the minimum guaranteed Disability/ War Injury Element of Pre-2006 Armed Forces Personnel should be determined with reference to the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendations of 6th CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band, subject to consideration that the rate of disability element/ war injury element of lower rank may not exceed that of higher rank. The Disability/ War Injury Element of Pre-2006 shall be further stepped up as under:-

Disability Pension

3. The disability element revised in terms of Para 2.2 of this Ministry’s letter dated 4.5.2009 as amended from time to time shall not be less than 30% of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendation of 6th CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band corresponding to pre-revised scale held by Armed Forces personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment for 100% disability.

3.1 For disability less than 100%, the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability accepted.

3.2 In cases where permanent disability is not less than 60%, the disability pension (i.e. total of service element revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry’s letter dated 4.5.2009 as amended from time to time plus disability element) shall not be less than 60% of minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendation of 6th CPC instead of minimum of the pay band corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by Armed Forces personnel at the time of retirement / discharge/ invalidment, subject to minimum of Rs.7000/- per month.
Liberalized Disability Pension

4. The disability element revised in terms of Para 2.2 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 as amended from time to time shall not be less than 30% of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendation of 6th CPC instead of minimum of the pay band corresponding to pre-revised scale held by Armed Forces personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment for 100% disability.

4.1 For disability less than 100%, the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability already accepted. However, in no case the revised disability pension (i.e. aggregate of service element revised in terms of Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 as amended from time to time plus disability element) shall be less than 80% of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendation of 6th CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band corresponding to pre-revised scale held by Armed Forces personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment.

War Injury Pension

5. The War Injury element revised in terms of Para 2.3 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 as amended from time to time shall not be less than 100% in case of invalidment and 60% in case of retirement/discharge of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendation of 6th CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band corresponding to pre-revised scale held by Armed Forces personnel at the time of retirement / discharge / invalidment for 100% disability.

6. All Pension Disbursing Agencies (PDAs) handling disbursement of pension to Defence pensioners are hereby authorized to pay revised Disability / War Injury Element in respect of Pre-2006 retired/ discharged/ invalided out pensioners from service, in terms of these orders without calling for any application from the Defence pensioners and without any further authorization from the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs). PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad will issue further implementation instructions while circulating these orders to all the PDAs concerned.

7. This order will take effect from 24th September 2012. There will be no change in the amount of revision of disability element/ war injury element paid during the period 01.01.2006 to 23.09.2012. Therefore, no arrears shall be allowed for this period.

8. All other terms and condition shall remain unchanged.

9. Pension Regulation of all the three services will be amended in due course.

10. This issues with the concurrence of Finance division of this Ministry vide their ID No PC-3 to MF 10(12)2012/FIN/Pen dated 23.03.2015

11. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully

(Prem Parkash)
Under Secretary (Pen/Pol)

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