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Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
D(Pension/Policy)

New Delhi, Dated: 9th April, 2021

To

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

Subject: Streamlining of pension payment procedure- first identification of pensioner for release of pensionary awards reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to provisions contained in Regulations 76(a)(ii) and 76(b)(iii) of Pension Regulations for the Army Part-II(2008) and similar provisions available for Navy & Air Force in their respective Pension Regulations which prescribe that upon receipt of Pension Payment Order etc, the Pension Disbursing Agency (PDA) will make payment of the pensionary benefits only after due identification of the pensioner. The modes of identification of pensioner have been prescribed in Regulation 78 and 80 of PRA Part-II(2008). Government has also authorized PDAs to accept e-life certificates issued by Jeevan Pramaan using biometric verification vide this Ministry's letter No 3(01)/2015-D(Pen/Pol) dated 25.8.2015. Kind attention is drawn to provisions of Para 3 of ibid letter dated 25.8.2015 which prescribes that physical presence is not required to receive first payment of pensionary benefits and that the undertaking for refund/to make good of excess payment and re-employment status after discharge/retirement by retiree, are to be submitted along with pension claim.

2. In order to remove this discrepancy in the rule position regarding requirement of first identification for commencement of pension, it has been decided that life certification of retiring pensioner either physically or otherwise (through biometric or life certificate) is not required for release of Gratuity, Commuted Value of Pension, Ex- gratia payments, monthly pension etc. where the payment is to be disbursed through SPARSH application. However, existing rules relating to annual identification of pensioner after completing twelve months



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