

No.1(11)/2009/D(Pen/Policy)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Deptt. of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2009

To

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

Subject:- Implementation of Government's decision of the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission – Revision of Pension of Pre-2006 Armed Forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners – Payment of additional Pension of 80 years of age and above.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.17(4)/2008/(1)/D(Pen/Policy) dated 11.11.2008 on the above subject as amended vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 11.11.2008, 20.1.2009, 20.6.2009 and 21.5.2009. It has been provided in para 12 of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 that the amount of additional pension would be paid directly by the Pension Disbursing Agency (PDA) without any individual authorization where the date of birth of the pensioner/family pensioner is available in the PPO. In cases where the date of birth/age of pensioner/family pensioner is not available in the PPO/Office Records, the same shall be obtained by the concerned Records Office/Service HQrs from the pensioner/family pensioner. The authenticity of the age declared by the pensioner/family pensioner shall be verified by the concerned Record Office/Service HQrs before submitting the claim to the Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs) concerned for notification of date of birth through the corrigendum PPO.

2. The matter regarding methodology to be adopted for payment of additional pension to old pensioners/family pensioners, in cases where the date of birth is not available in the PPO as well as in the office records of Records Office/Service HQrs has been under consideration in the Ministry and it has decided that:-

i) In case the exact date of birth is not available either in the PPO or in the office records, but an indication regarding the age of pensioner/family pensioner is available in the office records/PPO/Discharge certificate, the additional pension/family pension shall be paid from the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year following the year in which the pensioner/family pensioner has completed the age of 80 years, 85 years, etc. based on PPO/office records/discharge certificate. For example, if the records show that the pensioner/family

pensioner has already completed the age of 80 years / 85 years as on 1st January 2008, he/she shall be allowed additional pension/family pension from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

ii) In case neither the exact date of birth nor the age is available either in the PPO or in the office records, the Pension Disbursing Agency will send an intimation to the pensioner/family pensioner about the non-availability of the information regarding his/her date of birth/age and request him/her to submit four copies of any of the following documents, duly attested by a Gazetted Officer/MLA to the Pension Disbursing Agency:-

- (a) PAN Card
- (b) Matriculation Certificate (containing information regarding date of birth).
- (c) Passport
- (d) ECHS Card
- (e) Driving License (If it contains date of birth)
- (f) Election ID Card

If the pensioner/family pensioner submits a document which contains the information regarding exact date of birth, the additional pension/family pension will be payable from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month in which his date of birth falls, in the manner indicated in this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008.

iii) In case the exact date of birth is not available on the documents submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner but an indication regarding the age of pensioner/family pensioner is available therein, the additional pension/family pension shall be paid from 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year following the year in which the pensioner/family pensioner has completed the age of 80 years, 85 years etc. For example, if the copy of the Election ID Card submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner indicates that his/her age on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 is 80 years, he/she shall be allowed additional pension/family pension from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

3. The Pension Disbursing Agencies will make payment of additional pension/family pension in the above manner, on provisional basis, upto a period of **six months** from the month in which the proof of age/date of birth is submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner. In such cases, the Pension Disbursing Agency will immediately send one copy each of the document submitted by the pensioner/family pensioner to the concerned Record Office/Service HQrs for verification and submission to the concerned PSAs for notification of date of birth through corrigendum PPO. The Pension Disbursing Agencies will make payment of additional pension/family pension beyond a period of **six months** only on receipt of a corrigendum PPO notifying the date of birth through corrigendum PPO.

4. In case the pensioner/family pensioner is unable to submit any of the documents mentioned in para 2 above but claims additional pension based on some other documentary evidence, such cases will be submitted by the PDAs to this Ministry through concerned Records Offices in case of PBOR and through Service Headquarters in case of Commissioned Officers. Based on the authorization made by the Ministry on being satisfied about such claims of the pensioner/family pensioners, the Services

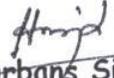
Headquarters/Records Offices concerned, as the case may be, will get notification of age issued from the PSAs concerned through corrigendum PPO to the PDA to this effect. The decision of the Ministry of Defence in this regard will be final.

5. All the Pension Disbursing Agencies are impressed upon to keep in view the above decisions while disposing of the cases of payment of additional pension/family pension. PSAs are, therefore, requested to advise all Pension Disbursing Agencies to take suitable action in accordance with the above instructions/guidelines.

6. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their U.O.No.2722/Fin(Pen)/2009 dated 13.8.2009.

7. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

  
[Harbans Singh]  
Director (Pension/Policy)

Copy to:-

As per standard distribution list