

No. 8/02/98-FF (P)
Government of India / Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/ Grih Mantralaya

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1st Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi-110003, dated the 13th October, 2000

To

All Chief Secretaries of State Governments/
UT Administrations

Sub.: Dependent family pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme (SSSP), 1980 to the widows of the deceased freedom fighter pensioner.

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Sir,

I am directed to invited your attention to this Ministry's letter No.8/16/81-FF(P) dated 28th July, 1982 addressed to all the Chief Secretaries of State Government's and Union Territory Administrations (endorsing a copy of all A.Gs) intimating the decision of the Government of India to continue the practice of treating widows of deceased freedom fighters as separate entities for granting them full amount of family pension admissible under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme (SSSP). Now this matter has been reviewed and it has been decided to discontinue it as this practice is not in consonance with the established laws and general principles of family pension as applicable in Government sector on the subject.

2. Therefore in supersession of all earlier order the following procedure/ position would be adopted in all future cases:-

- (i) That is provided in the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme (SSSP), 1980 nor more than one eligible dependent can be granted family pension after the death of the freedom fighter who was in receipt of Samman Pension under the said Scheme.
- (ii) That the claimant of family pension should fulfil the twin conditions of falling into the eligible category of relationship i.e. widow, widower, unmarried daughter, mother or father and their dependence on the deceased freedom fighter. It has to be certified that such a dependent does not have any independent means of livelihood.
- (iii) That the event of availability of more than one eligible dependent the sequence of eligibility, not more than one at a time, will be in the following order:-
 - (1) Widow/widower
 - (2) Unmarried daughter
 - (3) Mother and father

Subject to the instruction issued under the Scheme from time to time.

(iv) That in case the deceased freedom fighter had communicated to this Ministry the nomination of more than one legally wedded wives as dependents, the family pension admissible to one dependent widow would be shared by them equally. Such widow would not be treated as separate entities for grant family pension under the aforesaid scheme.

3. The aforesaid decision takes effect from the date of issue.

4. You are, therefore, requested to issue instructions to all concerned to follow the instructions in pension payment orders under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(RAM PHAL)

DIRECTOR TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

Dated 17.10.2000

No.8/2/98-FF (P)

Copy for information and similar necessary action to:-

1. The Deputy Chief Controller of Accounts (Pension and Misc.). Jam Nagar House, New Delhi.

2. The Deputy Chief Controller of Accounts, C.P.A.O. Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi.

3. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Mar, New Delhi.

It is requested that all Accountant General may be advised to issue necessary instructions to all the Treasury Officers for the change of payment to the future cases of widow of freedom fighter.

4. The Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Department of Accounts and Expenditure (Bombay), Mumbai.

It is requested that necessary instructions may be issued to all the Banks for payment of pension to the future cases of widows of freedom fighters.

5. The Comptroller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi.

6. Chief Controller of Accounts, MHA, New Delhi / Pay and Accounts Officer (Pension and misc.), Ministry of Home Affairs, Block No.10, Gali No.1&2, Jamnagar House, New Delhi – 110011.

7. All Officers of Freedom Fighter's Division/ Litigation.

8. All processing Sections of Freedom Fighter's Division/Litigation I/II

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