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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(FFR Division)

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Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, dated 6th October 2009

To

The Chief Secretaries,
All States/Union Territories.
[As per list attached]

Subject:- Fixation of age limit for consideration of claims for Samman pension under the *Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980*.

Sir,

I am directed to say that at present the *Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980*, *per se*, does not prescribe any minimum age for being eligible for Central Samman pension. This has led to situations where minors, even those 12 years of age, have been sanctioned the pension.

2. The question of fixation of minimum age limit for consideration of claims for Samman pension has been carefully considered in the Ministry and it has been decided that henceforth only claimants above 15 years of age at the time of their participation in the freedom movement, would be eligible for sanction of Samman pension. This age stipulation would be condition precedent in all claims to be processed for Central Samman pension in future.

This issues with the approval of the Union Home Minister.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/.

(A.K. Goyal)

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