OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Release/disbursement of arrears of dependent Central Samman Pensioners – reg.

This is in continuation of this Ministry's O.M.s of even number dated 30.12.2015 and 3.3.2016 addressed to all concerned authorities of Swatanrata Sainik Samman Pension regarding amendment in para 6.1.2 of the revised policy guidelines dated 6.8.2014. As per the O.M. dated 30.12.2015 the dependent/spouse of Central freedom fighter is eligible for pension, subject to a uniform income ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- per month or Rs. 2,40,000/- per year irrespective of whether it is from Govt. or a private source (excluding the State Freedom Fighter's pension).

2. A clarification was also issued vide O.M. dated 3.3.3016 and all the banks were directed to review/reconsider all those cases in which pension had been stopped on the grounds of multiple pensions received by the dependent spouse/daughter keeping in view of the above income ceiling and if found eligible, the pension may be released w.e.f. 30.12.2015. As regards the release/disbursement of arrears (from the date of stoppage of pension to the date of start of pension vide O.M. dated 30.12.2015) to the dependent Central Samman pensioners whose pensions have been stopped on the ground of multiple pensions on the instructions of MHA, it was clarified that the decision in this regard will be communicated after consultation with Department of Expenditure.

3. As regards the release/disbursement of arrears, it has now been decided in consultation with Department of Expenditure that the stopped pension of the spouse/daughter may be released from the date it was stopped on the ground of multiple pension subject to the condition that the pensioner fulfils the eligibility condition and also the pensioner gives undertaking in the prescribed proforma as per the O.M. dated 3.3.2016.
4. It is, therefore, requested to issue instructions to all concerned to follow these instructions scrupulously and take undertaking in the prescribed proforma from the dependents of the freedom fighters about amount and his/her source of income at the time of stoppage of pension and if found eligible, arrears may be released from the date his/her pension was stopped on the instructions of MHA.

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3. The Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (CCA), MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
4. The Chief Controller (Pensions), Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi.
5. Dy. Controller General of Accounts, O/o the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, 7th Floor Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Director General (SMU), O/o Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) of India, Pocket-9, New Building, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi-110024.
7. The Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Central Office, Department of Accounts and Expenditure, Mumbai.
8. The AS&FA, MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
9. All Officers of FFR Division, MHA, NDCC-II Building, New Delhi.
10. All processing Sections in FFR Division, MHA, NDCC-II Building, New Delhi.
11. The Pension Disbursement Monitoring Cell (PDMC), MHA, NDCC-II Building, New Delhi.
12. All the Members of the Committee of Eminent Freedom Fighters.
13. The S.O. (IT), MHA, North Block, New Delhi for uploading it on the MHA website.