

MOST IMMEDIATE

F.No.45/03/2014-FF (P)
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya
Freedom Fighter Division

2nd Floor, NDCC-II Building,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110 001.

Dated: 3rd March, 2016

To

Shri B. Singh,
DGM (GAD),
State Bank of India,
Corporate Centre,
Belapur Railway Station, 4th Floor,
Tower No. 4 Sector -11, CBD Belapur,
Navi Mumbai – 400 614,
Maharashtra.

Subject : Clarification of dependent family pension under the Swatantrata
Sainik Samman Pension 1980 – Review of policy reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to your letter no. GAD/Pension/LKD/1110 dated 3.2.2016 seeking clarification on this Division's O.M. No. 45/03/2014-FF(P) dated 30.12.2015 regarding review of policy relating to eligibility conditions for dependent family pension. Point-wise clarifications from FFR Division against your queries are as follows:-

Point No. 1: *As per the O.M. dated 30.12.2015 the dependent/spouse of Central freedom fighter is eligible for pension, subject to income ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- per month or Rs. 2,40,000/- per year. In this connection, please clarify whether the pension should be released from the date when pension was stopped (retrospective effect) or from the date of O.M. (current pension);*

Comments of FFR Division: *As per the above-mentioned O.M. 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 the above income ceiling and if found eligible, the pension may be released with immediate effect. There is no mention of any retrospective effect in the O.M. dated 30.12.2015. As regards the payment of arrears, the matter is under consideration in consultation with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and decision taken will be communicated to all concerned in due course.*

Point No. 2: *Whether a self-attested certificate by the pensioner himself/herself is a valid document or needs to be certified by any other authority/employer etc. for ascertaining the authenticity of the income certificate.*

Comments of FFR Division: As already prescribed in para 5.2.3 of the Revised Policy Guidelines dated 6.8.2014, all the spouses/daughters have to submit a declaration regarding their employment/independent income as prescribed in Annexure VII of the Guidelines. However, due to the revision of policy as per FFR Division's OM dated 30.12.2014 prescribing the upper income ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- per month or Rs. 2,40,000/- per year, the above-mentioned Annexure-VII of the guidelines has been modified/revamped. The revised Annexure-VII as modified is enclosed.

2. It is once again requested to review/reconsider all those cases in which pension had been stopped on the grounds of multiple pensions received by the dependent spouse/daughter and if found eligible, keeping in view the aforesaid revision as per O.M. dated 30.12.2015 and obtaining declaration as per the revised Annexure-VII of the guidelines, the pension may be released with immediate effect. All the CPPCs are requested to start this exercise on priority basis and bring it to the notice of all its branches with the request to contact the pensioners immediately over phone or by any other communication so that the necessary documents can be obtained from the pensioners immediately. Any delay on the part of the bank will cause undue hardship and inconvenience to the old-aged pensioners. It is expected that the bank will take proactive action and resume the pension in all the deserving cases.



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Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. All the CPPCs of Public Sector Banks.
2. The Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (CCA), MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
3. The Chief Controller (Pensions), Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Trikot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi.

4. 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.
5. The Director General (SMU), O/o Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) of India, Pocket-9, New Building, Deen Dayal Upadhyah Marg, New Delhi-110024.
6. The Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Central Office, Department of Accounts and Expenditure, Mumbai.
7. All Officers of Freedom Fighters' Division, MHA, New Delhi.
8. All processing Sections in Freedom Fighters' Division, MHA
9. The Pension Disbursement Monitoring Cell (PDMC), MHA, New Delhi.
10. All the Members of the Committee of Eminent Freedom Fighters.
11. The S.O. (IT), MHA, New Delhi for uploading it on the MHA website.



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Declaration on Employment/Independent Income
(Please see Para 5.2.3 and 6.1.3 of the Guidelines)

1. I,, spouse/daughter of Freedom Fighter pensioner Late Shri/Smt., PPO No. R/o do hereby certify that :-

(a) I am not employed in Central/State Government or Central/State PSU or local body.

Or

(b) I am not working in a private sector / have my own business/activities.

Or

(c) I am not receiving a pension/salary on account of my job or by virtue of previous employment of the deceased freedom fighter.

Or

(d) I am employed in Central Govt./State Govt./PSU/Local body/Private sector but my earnings from the employment doesn't exceed Rs. 2,40,000/- per annum or Rs. 20,000/- per month.

Or

(e) I am having my own business/activities but my earnings doesn't exceed Rs. 2,40,000/- per annum or Rs. 20,000/- per month.

Or

(f) I am receiving family pension after the death of the freedom fighter other than State freedom fighter pension (own or family) but the amount of pension doesn't exceed Rs. 2,40,000/- per annum or Rs. 20,000/- per month.

2. I undertake that the above said information is true to the best of my knowledge and if there is any change in the above information it shall be duly informed to the drawee Bank within one week.

3. I also undertake that if the above information is found to be false/incorrect, then recovery along with penal interest should be charged and appropriate action be taken against me.

(Please strike out the point whichever is not applicable)

Signature of the pensioner
Name of the pensioner:

Place:

Date:

I hereby confirm that the above declaration is correct.

(Signature of the Tehsildar
or
Revenue Officer Sr. to Tehsildar)

Name:

Designation:

Seal

Place:

Date:

Explanation:

In case of pensioners who are residing outside the country, they have to get the above Certificate signed by the Local Public Notary (instead of Tehsildar) and the same should be forwarded by the Indian Embassy or High Commission to the Banks.