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D (Pension Grievances)

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**Sub: Special drive for notification of marriage in service records and endorsement of name for grant of family pension in service pension payment order of retired ESMS- regarding**

To avoid hardship to the family, in the event of death of the surviving service pensioner, the Government of India, on 28.10.1987, and the Ministry of Defence, on 30.06.1988, have issued detailed instructions for endorsement of family pension entitlement in the Pension Payment Order of living pensioners. These instructions were also well published and publicized for the benefit of living pensioners and their families.

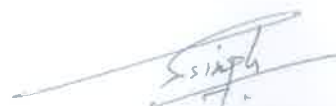
2. However, during the processing of grievances related to grant of family pension to widow/ dependent son/daughter, it has been noticed that in a large number of the delayed cases, the Ex-serviceman concerned had not got Part-II notification in respect of his marriage and his children. In absence of such Part-II notification, name(s) of family members who would be entitled to a family pension after death of ESM, has also not been found notified in his Pension Payment Order. Some of these cases have been found related to pensioners who were retired or were discharged before independence. In most of such cases, it has been noticed that the entitled widow is of a very advanced age and after death of the ESM, the process of getting Part II notification, at that age, itself amounts to an avoidable hardship.

3. In one such case of an ESM requesting for endorsement of name of her wife in his PPO, in the year 2020, it has been noted that he had moved an application, in the year 2005 ten years after his retirement, for Part-II notification of his marriage and birth of his children, which was duly completed. But at that time, neither the concerned Records/ authorities advised nor the ESM applied for notification of name of his wife in his PPO. The ESM has, now, undertaken the exercise, de novo, for getting name of his wife notified in PPO, an exercise which, when done in continuation of Part II notification, would have been smoother and could have taken much less time and would have resulted in much less hardship.

4. It is not out of place to re-iterate that our objective is to facilitate unhindered enjoyment of all entitlements by ESMS and their families and to ensure that they are not put to un-necessary hardship in the process of claiming their entitlements. It is also duty of the concerned Record Offices and PCDA to advise the ESM and their families to take anticipatory actions, including Part-II notification and endorsement of family pensioners name in PPO, in this direction.

5. A need has been felt to undertake a special drive and the KSB is requested to take up the matter with the RSBs to get Part-II notifications, if not done already, of marriage and birth of the children of the ESM, including children with special needs and to guide them to take action for endorsement of name of person, in the PPO, who would be entitled to family pension in the event of his death. The DIAV/DAV/DESA are also requested to pass instruction for similar action to the Records in Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.

This issues with the approval of the Secretary (ESW).



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