

## कार्यालय रक्षा लेखा प्रधान नियंत्रक (पेंशन) OFFICE OF THE PR. CONTROLLER OF DEFENCE ACCOUNTS (PENSIONS) द्रौपदी घाट इलाहाबाद -211014 DRAUPADI GHAT, ALLAHABAD- 211014

Circular No -123

No. G1/C/067/ Vol-XIV/Tech O/o the PCDA (P), Allahabad Dated: 02 /09/2014

To,	
	(All Head of Department under Min. of Defence)

**Sub:** -Eligibility of widowed/divorced daughters for grant of family pension -clarification regarding.

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Of late, it has come to notice that the claims for widowed/divorced daughter for grant of family pension are not being floated in accordance with Min. of PPG& P, Deptt. Of P&PW OM No. 1/13/09-P&PW (E), dt.11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 (copy enclosed).

- 2. In the aforesaid OM dt. 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013, it has been clarified that "the family pension is payable to the children as they are considered to be dependent on the Government servant/pensioner or his/her spouse. A child who is not earning equal to or more than the sum of minimum family pension and dearness relief thereon is considered to be dependent on his/her parents. Therefore, only those children who are dependent and meet other conditions of eligibility for family pension at the time of death of the Government servant or his/her spouse, whichever is later, are eligible for family pension. If two or more children are eligible for family pension at that time, family pension will be payable to each child on his/her turn provided he/she is still eligible for family pension when the turn comes. Similarly, family pension to a widowed/divorced daughter is payable provided she fulfils all eligibility conditions at the time of death/ineligibility of her parents and on the date her turn to receive family pension comes."
- 3. In view of the foregoing you are requested to issue suitable instructions (along with copy of this circular) to all the Head of Offices under your administrative control to ensure that claim on the subject matter are floated in accordance with clarification given in said OM dt. 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

(C.B. Yadav ) ACDA (P)

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**Enclosure**: - As above

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1. The CGDA, Ulan Batar Road Palam, Delhi Cantt-10

2. All Pr. CDA /CDA / C of F&A (Fys)/CDA (Fund)

3. All G.M. Fys.

4. All CE/Nodal CE of various Commands.

(S. P. Pandey) Sr. AO (P)

## No. 1/13/09-P&PW (E) Government of India Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi, the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Eligibility of widowed/divorced daughters for grant of family pension – clarification regarding.

Provision for grant of family pension to a widowed/divorced daughter beyond the age of 25 years has been made vide OM dated 30.08.2004. This provision has been included in clause (iii) of sub-rule 54 (6) of the CCS (Pension), Rules, 1972. For settlement of old cases, it was clarified, vide OM dated 28.04.2011, that the family pension may be granted to eligible widowed/divorced daughters with effect from 30.08.2004, in case the death of the Govt. Servant/pensioner occurred before this date.

- 2. This Department has been receiving communications from various Ministries/Departments seeking clarification regarding eligibility of a daughter who became widowed/divorced after the death of the employee/pensioner.
- 3. As indicated in Rule 54(8) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the turn of unmarried children below 25 years of age comes after the death or remarriage of their mother/father, i.e., the pensioner and his/her spouse. Thereafter, the family pension is payable to the disabled children for life and then to the unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters above the age of 25 years.
- 4. It is clarified that the family pension is payable to the children as they are considered to be dependent on the Government servant/pensioner or his/her spouse. A child who is not earning equal to or more than the sum of minimum family pension and dearness relief thereon is considered to be dependent on his/her parents. Therefore, only those children who are dependent and meet other conditions of eligibility for family pension at the time of death of the Government servant or his/her spouse, whichever is later, are eligible for family pension. If two or more children are eligible for family pension at that time, family pension will be payable to each child on his/her turn provided he/she is still eligible for family pension when the turn comes. Similarly, family pension to a widowed/divorced daughter is payable provided she fulfils all eligibility conditions at the time of death/ineligibility of her parents and on the date her turn to receive family pension comes.
- 5. As regards opening of old cases, a daughter if eligible, as explained in the preceding paragraph, may be granted family pension with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004. The position is illustrated through an example. Shri A, a pensioner, died in 1986. He was survived by his wife, Smt. B, a son Shri C and a daughter, Kumari D, the daughter being the younger. Kumari D married in 1990 and got widowed in 1996. Smt. B died in 2001. Thereafter, Shri C was getting family pension, being disabled, and died in 2003. Thereafter, the family pension was stopped as Kumari D was not eligible for it at that time. She applied for family pension on the basis of O.M., dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004. Since she was a widow and had no independent source of income

at the time of death of her mother and on the date her turn came, she may be granted family pension. The family pension will continue only till she remarries or starts earning her livelihood equal to or more than the sum of minimum family pension and dearness relief thereon.

6. This is only a clarification and the entitlement of widowed/divorced daughters would continue to be determined in terms of O.M., dated 25/30<sup>th</sup> August, 2004, read with O.M., dated 28.4.2011.

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- 1. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India
- 2. O/o The Comptroller & Auditor General of India
- O/o The Controller General of Accounts, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 4. Pensioners' Associations as per list maintained in the Department
- 5. All Officers/Desks