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Dear Raksha Mantri

Sub: Non-payment and Release of 6th Pay Commission arrears to Liberalised & Special Family Pensioners

I have received a joint representation from three aggrieved Veer Naris –War hero widows - regarding the Non-payment and release of 6th Central Pay Commission arrears to Liberalised Family Pension Holders (Veer Naris /War Widows) - pre- 2006 retirees w.e.f. 01.01.2006 to 23.09.2012 (*copy of representation enclosed*).

I believe this matter requires immediate attention since it involves Veer Naris. More so, as they have also not received any response from the Army Veteran's Cell where they had approached with their grievance in September 2015.

Therefore, I request you to kindly look into the matter and expedite the payment of arrears to Liberalized and Special Family Pension holders at the earliest.

Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Shri Manohar Parrikar
Hon'ble Minister of Defence
Government of India
New Delhi

Encl: Joint Representation received from three aggrieved Veer Naris

Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar ji
Honourable Member of Parliament
Rajya Sabha.

Dear Sir,

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Jai Hind!

This has reference to the subject noted above with reference to the non payment and release of arrears of the 6th pay commission to the Liberalised Family Pension (LFP) holder War Widows (Veer Naris), w.e.f 01.01.2006 as per the directions of the Honb'le Supreme Court.

As per the directions of the Honb'le Supreme Court the pension of civilian and defence pension holders were revised at par as per **the sixth pay commission w.e.f. 1st January, 2006**. As per the directions of the court the implementation was to be done within 3 months of the order, however the notification vide no No.38/37/08-P&PW(A), by Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Government of India, was taken out only on the last day i.e on **30th July 2015**.

Consequently the Ministry of Defence also followed with its own notification no. 1(04)/2015/(1)-D(Pen/Pol) dated **3rd September, 2015**. The final order for release of family pension by the PCDA (P) Allahabad was sent to the Pension Disbursing Authorities PDA (banks) vide its **Circular No. 547and 548 Dated: 11.09.2015** and the family pensioners were awarded the arrears w.e.f 01.01. 2006 till 23. 09.2012.

Further circulars number **549, dated 30.09.2015** and number **551 dated 28.12.15** covering JCO/other ranks and disability pension including clarifications were issued.

However for reasons best known to the MOD the Liberalised Family Pensioners (LFP) and the Special Family Pensioners (SFP) have been left out till date. It is pertinent to note that the 6th pay commission arearres w.e.f 24.9.2012 for the pre 2006 retirees (which includes LFP) were also disbursed much later in 2013, vide PCDA (P) circular number **503 dated 17. 01. 2013**. The decision date was 2011, vide MOD letter No. 17(4)/2008(1)/D (Pen/Policy)/-Vol V dated 15th February 2011.

Interestingly this fact that the Liberalised Family holders are not covered under the circulars 547and 548 was highlighted by the PDA (banks) in September.

Immediately this matter was then taken up verbally with the officer in charge of LFP PCDA (P) Allahabad and he apprised that the said matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities. As no notification was released, the DS (Pension) at Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare (ESW) was approached and the section officer commented it is being taken up and as it is inter Ministry "it will take its own time". Local Army veteran cell at the Western Command headquarters was also approached and they feigned ignorance on the matter stating it is for family pensioners.

Consequently on 12.08.2015 an email was sent to the army veterans' cell at Army HQ requesting them to take up the matter but still there has been no revert except that they said "We have referred the matter to the policy section for advice. You will hear on it, in due course." Emails have been attached for your perusal. A reminder was sent on 21st January 2016, But unfortunately till date no response. A few days ago Veterans cell was again contacted telephonically and it was informed that reminders are being sent to MOD every 15 days but no response.

Hence It is with deep regret that we war hero's war widows (veer naris) have to bring to your notice this menial issue, as our representations to the various forum which are for our welfare have not yielded results so far. Ministry of Defence which is responsible for the issue of notification has not yet thought of our category.

We all together request to please use your good offices to kindly take up the matter with concerned authorities at the MOD and also that our voice may be heard by the Honb'le Raksha Mantri. The Raksha Mantri and our Honb'le Prime Minister have at numerous platforms espoused the cause of Veer Naris including the OROP where they are one of the first categories to be looked after. However in this case they have been neglected earlier in 2012 and again it is the last category on the list.

We are grateful to you for being a champion and ever ready to take up the causes of the defence personnel and do hope that you use your good offices to take up the matter at the earliest and with utmost urgency.

We would take this opportunity to give you a brief profile about us

- 1. Mrs Shalini Bhandral, w/o late Maj Vivek Singh Bhandral, SM (21 PARA SF), Martyred in Kargil (29.8.2002) op Parakaram. Awarded Sena Medal (Gallantry) (Posthumous).**
- 2. Mrs Jaya Babbar, w/o Late Maj Inderjit Singh Babbar, KC (14 Medium Regt), martyred in Assam (17.6.2003) in Op RHINO. Awarded Kirti Chakra (Posthumous).**

3. **Mrs Manreet Rana**, w/o Late **Lt Col Amandeep Singh** (18 Engr Regt), martyred in H.P (8.8.2005) in flood rescue and relief op HQ 35 sector.

If you have any questions and need any further clarifications please free to contact us.

With Sanguine hope

Best regards



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Annexures:-

1. *Circular No. 547.*
2. *Circular No. 548.*
3. *Circular No. 503.*
4. *Copy of Email correspondence with Army Veterans Cell.*